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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 10, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 10, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 10, 2005 were 8.52 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 5 2005	Nov 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,510	31,494	*31,215	31,535	31,711	31,525
AR	28,826	30,760	*30,903	30,960	31,284	31,147
DE	3,820	3,484	3,797	3,995	4,017	4,047
FL	1,374	1,374	1,364	1,364	1,374	1,364
GA	32,339	32,315	32,511	34,393	33,839	34,019
KY	*6,751	*7,021	6,853	6,973	6,599	7,123
LA	3,834	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	8,820	8,842	8,787	8,952	8,885	8,889
MS	18,412	18,059	*18,659	18,484	18,704	18,661
NC	17,452	18,060	18,409	18,918	17,807	18,456
OK	6,322	6,606	6,676	6,679	*6,675	6,636
PA	3,903	4,272	4,285	4,008	*4,036	4,200
SC	4,691	4,937	4,658	5,060	5,097	5,089
TX	*15,137	*14,894	*15,180	*14,914	*15,159	15,160
VA	6,511	6,374	6,377	6,388	6,378	6,393
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,551	18,049	18,121	18,043	*17,687	17,024
19 State Total	*206,253	*210,677	*211,931	*214,802	*213,388	213,869
Previous Year Total	200,982	207,845	208,330	210,096	208,114	209,584
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	102	103	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 5 2005	Nov 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,125	20,224	19,606	20,419	21,090	21,533
AR	22,153	21,300	22,501	22,459	*24,197	24,594
DE	4,912	5,960	4,697	5,897	5,068	5,750
FL	1,646	1,542	1,640	1,644	1,719	1,573
GA	25,791	25,770	24,600	26,195	26,756	27,776
KY	5,393	4,998	5,563	*5,834	*5,749	5,856
LA	3,920	3,694	3,852	3,507	4,235	3,828
MD	5,933	4,781	5,443	5,148	5,456	5,192
MS	14,936	16,223	14,960	16,395	15,850	16,707
NC	14,433	14,798	14,999	14,144	14,963	15,180
OK	5,542	5,396	4,539	4,942	*5,101	5,181
PA	3,036	2,767	2,911	3,021	*3,023	3,007
SC	4,243	4,273	4,085	4,509	3,865	3,114
TX	*12,355	*11,140	*11,521	*12,759	*12,610	12,840
VA	4,859	4,976	5,083	5,173	5,342	4,946
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,013	17,199	17,427	17,071	*16,690	16,504
19 State Total	*165,290	*165,041	*163,427	*169,117	*171,714	173,581
Previous Year Total	161,494	161,853	162,518	165,545	170,790	171,447
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	102	101	101

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