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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 17, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 17, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 17, 2005 were 8.69 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 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,494	31,215	*31,614	31,711	31,525	31,563
AR	30,760	30,903	30,960	31,284	31,147	31,368
DE	3,484	3,797	3,995	4,017	4,047	4,068
FL	1,374	1,364	1,364	1,374	1,364	1,362
GA	32,315	32,511	34,393	33,839	*34,179	34,470
KY	7,021	*6,888	*6,959	6,599	7,123	6,972
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	8,842	*8,942	8,952	8,885	*8,974	9,013
MS	18,059	18,659	18,484	18,704	18,661	18,463
NC	18,060	*18,282	*18,879	17,807	*18,368	19,031
OK	6,606	6,676	6,679	6,675	*6,676	6,621
PA	4,272	4,285	4,008	4,036	*4,182	4,152
SC	4,937	4,658	5,060	5,097	5,089	5,273
TX	14,894	15,180	*15,156	15,159	15,160	15,143
VA	6,374	6,377	6,388	6,378	6,393	6,359
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,049	18,121	18,043	*17,696	*17,270	17,904
19 State Total	210,677	*211,994	*215,070	*213,397	*214,294	215,898
Previous Year Total	207,845	208,330	210,096	208,114	209,584	211,111
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	103	102	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,224	19,606	20,419	21,090	21,533	21,693
AR	21,300	22,501	22,459	24,197	*24,197	24,418
DE	5,960	4,697	5,897	5,068	*5,625	5,854
FL	1,542	1,640	1,644	1,719	1,573	1,473
GA	25,770	24,600	26,195	26,756	*26,557	27,601
KY	4,998	5,563	5,834	5,749	*5,871	5,867
LA	3,694	3,852	3,507	4,235	3,828	4,057
MD	4,781	5,443	5,148	5,456	*5,443	5,626
MS	16,223	14,960	16,395	15,850	16,707	16,535
NC	14,798	14,999	14,144	14,963	*15,209	15,310
OK	5,396	4,539	4,942	5,101	5,181	4,656
PA	2,767	2,911	3,021	3,023	*2,992	2,984
SC	4,273	4,085	4,509	3,865	3,114	4,579
TX	11,140	11,521	12,759	12,610	12,840	12,808
VA	4,976	5,083	5,173	5,342	*4,876	5,398
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,199	17,427	17,071	*16,689	*16,473	16,953
19 State Total	165,041	163,427	169,117	*171,713	*172,019	175,812
Previous Year Total	161,853	162,518	165,545	170,790	171,447	172,727
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	101	100	102

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