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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 24, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 24, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 24, 2005 were 8.87 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 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,215	31,614	*31,665	*31,594	*31,568	31,317
AR	30,903	30,960	31,284	31,147	31,368	31,406
DE	3,797	3,995	4,017	4,047	4,068	4,068
FL	1,364	1,364	1,374	1,364	1,362	1,358
GA	32,511	34,393	33,839	34,179	34,470	33,817
KY	6,888	*6,906	6,599	*7,171	*7,096	6,906
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	8,942	8,952	8,885	8,974	9,013	9,013
MS	18,659	18,484	18,704	18,661	18,463	18,492
NC	18,282	18,879	*18,964	18,368	*18,997	18,841
OK	6,676	6,679	6,675	6,676	*6,661	6,621
PA	4,285	4,008	*3,994	4,182	4,152	3,989
SC	*5,044	5,060	5,097	5,089	5,273	4,945
TX	15,180	15,156	15,159	15,160	15,143	15,157
VA	6,377	6,388	6,378	6,393	6,359	6,373
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,121	*18,113	*17,419	*17,393	*17,926	17,797
19 State Total	*212,380	*215,087	*214,189	*214,534	*216,055	214,236
Previous Year Total	208,330	210,096	208,114	209,584	211,111	209,901
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	102	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,606	20,419	*21,096	*21,565	*22,002	21,361
AR	22,501	22,459	24,197	*24,596	24,418	24,990
DE	4,697	5,897	5,068	5,625	5,854	5,738
FL	1,640	1,644	1,719	1,573	1,473	1,593
GA	24,600	26,195	26,756	26,557	27,601	26,858
KY	5,563	5,834	5,749	5,871	*5,931	5,603
LA	3,852	3,507	4,235	3,828	4,057	4,252
MD	5,443	5,148	5,456	5,443	5,626	5,912
MS	14,960	16,395	15,850	16,707	16,535	16,668
NC	14,999	*13,967	14,963	15,209	*15,583	15,407
OK	4,539	4,942	5,101	5,181	4,656	5,071
PA	2,911	3,021	3,023	2,992	2,984	3,214
SC	4,085	4,509	3,865	*4,051	4,579	4,732
TX	11,521	12,759	12,610	12,840	12,808	12,795
VA	5,083	5,173	5,342	4,876	5,398	5,286
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,077	17,071	*16,821	*16,398	*16,862	15,602
19 State Total	*163,077	*168,940	*171,851	*173,312	*176,367	175,082
Previous Year Total	162,518	165,545	170,790	171,447	172,727	171,547
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	101	101	102	102

* Revised