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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 31, 2005. This was up 3 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 31, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 31, 2005 were 9.04 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 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,614	*31,585	*31,394	31,568	*31,311	31,112
AR	30,960	*31,101	31,147	31,368	31,406	31,300
DE	3,995	4,017	4,047	4,068	4,068	3,964
FL	1,364	1,374	*1,389	1,362	1,358	1,373
GA	34,393	33,839	*33,390	34,470	*33,881	34,522
KY	6,906	*6,605	7,171	7,096	*7,022	7,032
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	8,952	8,885	8,974	9,013	9,013	8,963
MS	18,484	18,704	18,661	18,463	18,492	18,659
NC	18,879	18,964	*18,116	18,997	18,841	18,768
OK	6,679	6,675	6,676	6,661	6,621	6,511
PA	4,008	3,994	*4,157	*3,814	*3,812	3,978
SC	*5,200	5,097	5,089	5,273	4,945	5,146
TX	15,156	15,159	15,160	15,143	15,157	15,200
VA	6,388	6,378	6,393	6,359	6,373	6,390
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,113	17,419	17,393	17,926	*16,812	17,468
19 State Total	*215,227	*213,932	*213,293	*215,717	*213,248	214,522
Previous Year Total	210,096	208,114	209,584	211,111	209,901	208,842
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,419	21,096	21,565	22,002	*21,411	21,178
AR	22,459	24,197	24,596	24,418	*24,802	24,881
DE	5,897	5,068	5,625	5,854	5,738	5,619
FL	1,644	1,719	1,573	1,473	1,593	1,562
GA	26,195	26,756	26,557	27,601	*27,293	26,660
KY	5,834	5,749	5,871	5,931	*5,771	5,601
LA	3,507	4,235	3,828	4,057	4,252	3,563
MD	5,148	5,456	5,443	5,626	5,912	5,512
MS	16,395	15,850	16,707	16,535	16,668	16,663
NC	13,967	14,963	15,209	15,583	15,407	15,061
OK	4,942	5,101	5,181	4,656	5,071	5,165
PA	3,021	*3,099	*3,003	*2,853	*2,781	3,057
SC	*4,670	3,865	4,051	4,579	4,732	4,708
TX	12,759	12,610	12,840	12,808	12,795	12,924
VA	5,173	5,342	4,876	5,398	*6,082	5,160
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,071	16,821	16,398	16,862	*15,619	16,397
19 State Total	*169,101	*171,927	*173,323	*176,236	*175,927	173,711
Previous Year Total	165,545	170,790	171,447	172,727	171,547	172,249
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	102	103	101

* Revised