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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 7, 2006. 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 7, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,585	31,394	*31,637	31,311	*31,099	31,596
AR	31,101	31,147	31,368	31,406	31,300	31,308
DE	4,017	4,047	4,068	*4,073	*3,969	3,945
FL	1,374	1,389	1,362	1,358	1,373	1,379
GA	33,839	33,390	34,470	33,881	34,522	34,148
KY	6,605	*6,996	*7,129	7,022	7,032	7,041
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	*8,970	8,974	9,013	*8,989	*8,951	8,873
MS	18,704	18,661	18,463	18,492	18,659	18,597
NC	18,964	18,116	*18,992	18,841	18,768	18,970
OK	6,675	6,676	6,661	6,621	*6,673	6,684
PA	3,994	4,157	3,814	*3,731	*3,941	3,922
SC	5,097	5,089	5,273	4,945	5,146	5,239
TX	15,159	15,160	*15,144	*15,159	*15,202	15,125
VA	6,378	6,393	6,359	6,373	6,390	6,379
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,497	*17,466	*17,737	*16,896	*16,974	17,197
19 State Total	*214,095	*213,191	*215,626	*213,234	*214,135	214,539
Previous Year Total	208,114	209,584	211,111	209,901	208,842	210,232
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	103	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 3 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,096	21,565	22,002	21,411	*21,114	21,671
AR	24,197	24,596	24,418	24,802	*24,817	23,997
DE	5,068	5,625	5,854	*5,460	*5,545	6,131
FL	1,719	1,573	1,473	1,593	1,562	1,533
GA	26,756	26,557	27,601	27,293	26,660	27,775
KY	5,749	5,871	5,931	5,771	*5,529	6,238
LA	4,235	3,828	4,057	4,252	3,563	4,140
MD	5,456	5,443	5,626	*5,424	*5,565	4,901
MS	15,850	16,707	16,535	16,668	16,663	16,528
NC	14,963	15,209	15,583	15,407	15,061	15,440
OK	5,101	5,181	4,656	5,071	5,165	5,399
PA	3,099	3,003	2,853	*2,813	*3,105	2,822
SC	3,865	4,051	4,579	4,732	4,708	4,197
TX	12,610	12,840	*12,874	*12,796	12,924	12,739
VA	5,342	4,876	5,398	6,082	5,160	5,339
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,920	*16,499	*16,913	*15,687	*16,464	16,539
19 State Total	*172,026	*173,424	*176,353	*175,262	*173,605	175,389
Previous Year Total	170,790	171,447	172,727	171,547	172,249	173,466
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	102	101	101

* Revised