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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 14, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 14, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 14, 2006 were 347 million, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,394	31,637	*31,182	31,099	31,596	31,689
AR	31,147	31,368	*31,267	31,300	31,308	31,096
DE	4,047	4,068	4,073	3,969	3,945	3,970
FL	1,389	1,362	*1,343	1,373	1,379	1,343
GA	33,390	34,470	33,881	34,522	*34,046	33,720
KY	6,996	7,129	7,022	7,032	7,041	7,267
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	8,974	9,013	8,989	8,951	8,873	8,933
MS	18,661	18,463	18,492	18,659	18,597	18,583
NC	18,116	18,992	*18,610	18,768	*18,962	17,949
OK	6,676	6,661	6,621	6,673	6,684	6,587
PA	*4,118	*3,791	*3,701	*3,899	*3,704	3,941
SC	5,089	5,273	4,945	5,146	5,239	5,202
TX	15,160	15,144	15,159	15,202	15,125	15,132
VA	6,393	6,359	6,373	6,390	*6,418	6,437
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,466	17,737	*16,386	16,974	*17,187	17,060
19 State Total	*213,152	*215,603	*212,180	*214,093	*214,240	213,045
Previous Year Total	209,584	211,111	209,901	208,842	210,232	209,544
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	103	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,565	22,002	21,411	21,114	21,671	20,893
AR	24,596	24,418	24,802	24,817	23,997	24,842
DE	5,625	5,854	5,460	5,545	6,131	5,909
FL	1,573	1,473	*1,495	*1,457	*1,587	1,526
GA	26,557	27,601	27,293	26,660	*27,421	27,276
KY	5,871	5,931	5,771	5,529	6,238	5,873
LA	3,828	4,057	4,252	3,563	4,140	3,733
MD	5,443	5,626	5,424	5,565	4,901	5,354
MS	16,707	16,535	16,668	16,663	16,528	16,456
NC	15,209	15,583	15,407	15,061	*15,434	14,915
OK	5,181	4,656	5,071	5,165	5,399	4,783
PA	*2,980	*2,835	*2,771	*3,087	*2,788	2,809
SC	4,051	4,579	4,732	4,708	4,197	4,752
TX	12,840	12,874	12,796	12,924	12,739	12,828
VA	4,876	5,398	6,082	5,160	*5,418	4,785
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,499	16,913	15,687	16,464	*16,492	15,575
19 State Total	*173,401	*176,335	*175,122	*173,482	*175,081	172,309
Previous Year Total	171,447	172,727	171,547	172,249	173,466	173,733
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	101	101	99

* Revised