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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 21, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 21, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 21, 2006 were 522 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,637	31,182	*31,045	*31,486	31,689	31,526
AR	31,368	31,267	31,300	31,308	31,096	31,440
DE	4,068	4,073	3,969	3,945	3,970	3,781
FL	1,362	1,343	1,373	1,379	1,343	1,349
GA	34,470	33,881	34,522	34,046	*34,046	35,051
KY	7,129	*6,982	7,032	7,041	*7,266	7,466
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,135
MD	9,013	8,989	8,951	8,873	8,933	8,942
MS	18,463	18,492	18,659	18,597	18,583	18,704
NC	18,992	18,610	*18,997	18,962	17,949	18,214
OK	6,661	6,621	6,673	*6,557	*6,565	6,800
PA	3,791	3,701	*3,799	*3,729	*3,915	3,924
SC	5,273	4,945	5,146	5,239	5,202	5,250
TX	15,144	15,159	15,202	15,125	15,132	15,014
VA	6,359	6,373	6,390	6,418	6,437	6,385
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,737	16,386	16,974	17,187	*17,072	17,458
19 State Total	215,603	*212,140	*214,168	*214,028	*213,334	215,439
Previous Year Total	211,111	209,901	208,842	210,232	209,544	211,673
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	102	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 17 2005	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,002	21,411	21,114	*21,682	*20,882	20,990
AR	24,418	24,802	24,817	*23,982	*24,844	24,776
DE	5,854	5,460	5,545	6,131	5,909	5,365
FL	1,473	1,495	1,457	1,587	1,526	1,429
GA	27,601	27,293	26,660	27,421	*27,421	27,998
KY	5,931	5,771	5,529	6,238	*5,754	5,628
LA	4,057	4,252	3,563	4,140	3,733	3,843
MD	5,626	5,424	5,565	4,901	5,354	5,632
MS	16,535	16,668	16,663	16,528	*16,645	16,502
NC	15,583	15,407	15,061	15,434	14,915	15,715
OK	4,656	5,071	5,165	*5,398	*4,784	5,262
PA	2,835	2,771	3,087	*2,857	*2,873	2,903
SC	4,579	4,732	4,708	4,197	4,752	4,001
TX	12,874	12,796	12,924	12,739	12,828	12,803
VA	5,398	6,082	5,160	5,418	4,785	5,213
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,913	15,687	16,464	16,492	*16,059	16,212
19 State Total	176,335	175,122	173,482	*175,145	*173,064	174,272
Previous Year Total	172,727	171,547	172,249	173,466	173,733	172,679
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	101	100	101

* Revised