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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 28, 2006. This was up slightly 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 28, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 28, 2006 were 697 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 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,182	31,045	31,486	31,689	31,526	30,946
AR	31,267	31,300	31,308	*31,120	*31,443	31,327
DE	4,073	3,969	3,945	3,970	3,781	3,814
FL	1,343	1,373	*1,354	1,343	1,349	1,344
GA	33,881	34,522	34,046	34,046	35,051	34,410
KY	6,982	*6,951	7,041	7,266	7,466	7,296
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,135	4,136
MD	8,989	8,951	8,873	8,933	8,942	8,912
MS	18,492	18,659	18,597	18,583	18,704	18,447
NC	18,610	18,997	*18,716	17,949	18,214	18,140
OK	6,621	6,673	6,557	6,565	*6,690	6,675
PA	3,701	3,799	3,729	3,915	*3,945	3,794
SC	4,945	5,146	5,239	5,202	5,250	5,367
TX	15,159	15,202	15,125	15,132	15,014	15,203
VA	6,373	6,390	6,418	6,437	6,385	6,156
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,386	16,974	*17,129	17,072	17,458	17,157
19 State Total	212,140	*214,087	*213,699	*213,358	*215,353	213,124
Previous Year Total	209,901	208,842	210,232	209,544	211,673	212,630
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	102	102	102	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 24 2005	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,411	21,114	21,682	20,882	20,990	21,440
AR	24,802	24,817	*24,022	*24,910	*24,773	24,595
DE	5,460	5,545	6,131	5,909	5,365	6,245
FL	1,495	1,457	1,587	1,526	1,429	1,500
GA	27,293	26,660	27,421	27,421	27,998	27,040
KY	5,771	5,529	6,238	5,754	*5,682	5,774
LA	4,252	3,563	4,140	3,733	3,843	3,936
MD	5,424	5,565	4,901	5,354	5,632	4,931
MS	16,668	16,663	16,528	16,645	16,502	16,511
NC	15,407	15,061	15,434	14,915	15,715	15,465
OK	5,071	5,165	5,398	4,784	5,262	5,447
PA	2,771	3,087	2,857	2,873	*2,893	2,885
SC	4,732	4,708	*4,178	4,752	4,001	4,390
TX	12,796	12,924	12,739	12,828	12,803	12,935
VA	6,082	5,160	5,418	4,785	5,213	4,990
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,687	16,464	16,492	16,059	16,212	16,337
19 State Total	175,122	173,482	*175,166	*173,130	*174,313	174,421
Previous Year Total	171,547	172,249	173,466	173,733	172,679	171,340
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	100	101	102

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