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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 4, 2006. This was down 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 4, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 4, 2006 were 871 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 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006	Feb 4 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,045	31,486	31,689	31,526	30,946	31,605
AR	31,300	31,308	*31,150	31,443	31,327	31,442
DE	3,969	3,945	3,970	3,781	*3,981	3,700
FL	1,373	1,354	1,343	1,349	1,344	1,344
GA	34,522	34,046	34,046	35,051	*34,382	34,048
KY	6,951	*6,983	*7,262	7,466	*7,358	7,154
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,135	4,136	4,136
MD	8,951	8,873	8,933	8,942	8,912	8,874
MS	18,659	18,597	18,583	18,704	18,447	18,188
NC	18,997	18,716	*18,442	18,214	18,140	18,640
OK	6,673	6,557	6,565	6,690	*6,760	6,602
PA	3,799	3,729	3,915	*3,983	*3,971	3,789
SC	5,146	5,239	5,202	5,250	5,367	5,194
TX	*15,203	*15,126	*15,166	*15,048	*15,237	14,632
VA	6,390	6,418	6,437	6,385	6,156	6,246
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,961	*17,118	*17,048	*17,444	*17,201	17,516
19 State Total	*214,075	*213,631	*213,887	*215,411	*213,665	213,110
Previous Year Total	208,842	210,232	209,544	211,673	212,630	213,234
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	100	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 31 2005	Jan 7 2006	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006	Feb 4 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,114	21,682	20,882	20,990	21,440	21,731
AR	24,817	24,022	24,910	24,773	24,595	25,000
DE	5,545	6,131	5,909	5,365	*5,908	5,511
FL	1,457	1,587	1,526	1,429	*1,631	1,641
GA	26,660	27,421	27,421	27,998	*27,047	27,321
KY	5,529	6,238	5,754	*5,620	*5,815	6,147
LA	3,563	4,140	3,733	3,843	*3,937	3,977
MD	5,565	4,901	5,354	5,632	4,931	5,618
MS	16,663	16,528	16,645	16,502	16,511	16,617
NC	15,061	15,434	14,915	15,715	15,465	14,630
OK	5,165	5,398	4,784	5,262	5,447	4,452
PA	3,087	2,857	2,873	*2,958	*2,949	2,875
SC	4,708	4,178	4,752	4,001	4,390	4,570
TX	12,924	12,739	*12,829	*12,804	*12,936	13,067
VA	5,160	5,418	4,785	5,213	4,990	5,222
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,464	*16,485	*16,049	*16,206	*16,546	15,456
19 State Total	173,482	*175,159	*173,121	*174,311	*174,538	173,835
Previous Year Total	172,249	173,466	173,733	172,679	171,340	172,928
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	100	101	102	101

* Revised