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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 18, 2006. This was up 1 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 18, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 18, 2006 were 1.22 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,689	31,411	*31,025	31,605	31,668	31,713
AR	31,150	31,473	31,327	31,442	30,728	31,127
DE	3,970	3,781	3,981	3,700	3,700	3,987
FL	1,343	1,369	*1,359	1,344	1,343	1,354
GA	*33,848	35,051	34,382	33,575	*33,661	34,154
KY	7,262	*7,467	7,358	7,154	7,440	7,210
LA	4,136	4,135	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,166
MD	8,933	8,942	8,912	8,888	*8,622	8,901
MS	18,583	18,704	18,447	18,188	18,082	18,108
NC	18,442	18,272	*18,351	18,640	*19,063	19,438
OK	6,565	6,690	6,760	6,566	*6,665	6,799
PA	3,915	3,983	3,971	*3,721	*4,145	3,711
SC	5,202	5,250	5,367	5,194	5,345	5,369
TX	15,166	15,048	15,237	14,632	15,121	15,147
VA	6,437	6,385	6,156	6,246	6,360	6,296
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,048	17,444	17,239	18,074	*17,464	17,854
19 State Total	*213,689	*215,405	*214,008	*213,105	*213,543	215,334
Previous Year Total	209,544	211,673	212,630	213,234	213,830	213,897
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	100	100	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 14 2006	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,782	20,890	21,340	21,631	21,412	20,803
AR	24,910	24,773	24,597	25,961	*25,383	23,786
DE	5,909	5,365	5,908	5,088	*5,268	5,874
FL	1,526	1,429	1,631	1,641	1,843	1,496
GA	*27,320	27,998	27,061	27,312	*27,662	28,117
KY	5,754	5,620	5,815	6,147	*6,354	6,037
LA	3,733	3,843	3,937	3,977	3,950	4,229
MD	5,354	5,632	5,267	5,667	*6,021	4,960
MS	16,645	16,502	16,511	16,617	16,244	16,547
NC	14,915	15,715	15,465	14,630	*14,471	14,951
OK	4,784	5,262	5,447	*4,467	*4,781	5,948
PA	2,873	2,958	2,949	*2,921	*2,858	2,997
SC	4,752	4,001	4,390	4,570	*5,239	4,562
TX	12,829	12,804	12,936	13,067	13,002	13,151
VA	4,785	5,213	4,990	5,222	4,913	4,996
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,049	16,205	16,490	15,498	*16,496	15,918
19 State Total	*172,920	174,210	174,734	*174,416	*175,897	174,372
Previous Year Total	173,733	172,679	171,340	172,928	175,504	175,869
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	102	101	100	99

* Revised