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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 25, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 25, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 25, 2006 were 1.39 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,411	31,025	*31,655	31,668	31,713	31,868
AR	31,473	31,327	31,442	30,728	31,127	31,122
DE	3,781	3,981	3,700	*3,713	3,987	3,920
FL	1,369	1,359	*1,374	1,343	1,354	1,373
GA	35,051	*34,455	*33,622	*33,762	*34,226	34,816
KY	7,467	*7,432	*7,205	7,440	7,210	7,062
LA	4,135	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,166	4,166
MD	8,942	8,912	8,888	8,622	8,901	8,871
MS	18,704	18,447	18,188	18,082	18,108	18,392
NC	18,272	18,351	*18,431	19,063	19,438	19,225
OK	6,690	6,760	6,566	6,665	*6,759	6,617
PA	3,983	3,971	3,721	*4,063	*3,333	4,174
SC	5,250	5,367	5,194	5,345	5,369	5,339
TX	15,048	15,237	14,632	15,121	15,147	15,197
VA	6,385	6,156	6,246	6,360	6,296	6,410
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,443	17,239	*17,550	17,464	*17,987	18,189
19 State Total	*215,404	*214,155	*212,550	*213,575	*215,121	216,741
Previous Year Total	211,673	212,630	213,234	213,830	213,897	213,989
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	100	100	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 21 2006	Jan 28 2006	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,890	21,340	21,631	21,412	20,803	21,468
AR	24,773	24,597	25,961	25,383	23,786	23,832
DE	5,365	5,908	5,088	*5,267	5,874	5,648
FL	1,429	1,631	1,641	1,843	1,496	1,498
GA	27,998	27,061	27,312	27,662	*28,147	27,124
KY	5,620	5,815	6,147	6,354	*6,063	5,858
LA	3,843	3,937	3,977	3,950	4,229	4,174
MD	5,632	5,267	5,667	*6,022	4,960	5,022
MS	16,502	16,511	16,617	16,244	16,547	16,428
NC	15,715	15,465	14,630	14,471	14,951	15,241
OK	5,262	5,447	4,467	4,781	5,948	5,392
PA	2,958	2,949	2,921	*2,936	*2,989	2,787
SC	4,001	4,390	4,570	5,239	4,562	4,338
TX	12,804	12,936	13,067	13,002	13,151	12,625
VA	5,213	4,990	*5,260	*4,952	4,996	5,182
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,205	16,490	15,498	*16,498	*15,907	16,391
19 State Total	174,210	174,734	*174,454	*176,016	*174,409	173,008
Previous Year Total	172,679	171,340	172,928	175,504	175,869	176,799
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	100	99	98

* Revised