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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 March 4, 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 March 4, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 4, 2006 were 1.57 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 28 2006	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,025	*31,501	*31,697	*31,752	*31,907	31,895
AR	31,327	31,442	*30,591	31,127	*30,994	30,868
DE	3,981	3,700	3,713	3,987	3,920	3,872
FL	1,359	1,374	*1,368	1,354	1,373	1,364
GA	34,455	33,622	*33,992	34,226	34,816	34,827
KY	7,432	7,205	*6,003	*7,191	*7,619	7,237
LA	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,166	4,166	4,088
MD	8,912	8,888	8,622	8,901	8,871	8,977
MS	18,447	18,188	*18,323	18,108	18,392	18,439
NC	18,351	18,431	*18,738	19,438	*19,223	18,986
OK	6,760	6,566	6,665	6,759	6,617	6,713
PA	3,971	3,721	4,063	3,333	*4,214	3,874
SC	5,367	5,194	5,345	5,369	5,339	5,444
TX	*15,233	*14,628	*15,117	*15,144	*15,189	15,266
VA	6,156	6,246	6,360	6,296	6,410	6,577
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,235	*17,969	*17,768	*18,210	*18,207	18,394
19 State Total	*214,147	*212,811	*212,501	*215,361	*217,257	216,821
Previous Year Total	212,630	213,234	213,830	213,897	213,989	214,750
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	99	101	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 28 2006	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,340	21,631	*21,416	*20,851	*21,339	21,298
AR	24,597	25,961	25,383	23,786	*23,863	24,141
DE	5,908	5,088	5,267	5,874	5,648	5,207
FL	1,631	1,641	1,843	1,496	1,498	1,494
GA	27,061	27,312	27,662	*28,038	*27,106	27,572
KY	*5,836	*6,168	*6,370	*6,097	*5,839	4,992
LA	3,937	3,977	3,950	4,229	4,174	3,806
MD	5,267	5,667	6,022	4,960	5,022	5,194
MS	16,511	16,617	16,244	16,547	16,428	16,541
NC	15,465	14,630	14,471	14,951	*15,346	15,346
OK	5,447	4,467	4,781	5,948	*5,391	5,241
PA	2,949	2,921	2,936	2,989	*2,732	2,862
SC	4,390	4,570	5,239	4,562	4,338	5,152
TX	12,936	*13,063	*12,999	*13,148	*12,622	12,920
VA	4,990	5,260	4,952	4,996	*5,092	5,235
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,490	15,498	*16,486	*15,909	*16,606	16,748
19 State Total	*174,755	*174,471	*176,021	*174,381	*173,044	173,749
Previous Year Total	171,340	172,928	175,504	175,869	176,799	176,267
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	100	99	98	99

* Revised