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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 11, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 11, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 11, 2006 were 1.74 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,501	*31,872	*31,815	31,907	31,895	31,866
AR	31,442	30,591	*31,038	30,994	30,868	31,164
DE	3,700	3,713	3,987	3,920	3,872	3,742
FL	1,374	1,368	1,354	1,373	1,364	1,369
GA	33,622	33,992	34,226	34,816	34,827	34,980
KY	7,205	*5,943	7,191	*7,143	*7,130	7,094
LA	4,136	4,136	4,166	4,166	4,088	4,136
MD	8,888	8,622	8,901	8,871	8,977	8,980
MS	18,188	18,323	18,108	18,392	18,439	18,439
NC	18,431	18,738	*19,355	19,223	18,986	18,911
OK	6,566	6,665	6,759	6,617	*6,633	6,602
PA	3,721	4,063	3,333	4,214	*3,919	3,880
SC	5,194	5,345	5,369	5,339	5,444	5,425
TX	14,628	15,117	15,144	15,189	15,266	15,184
VA	6,246	6,360	6,296	6,410	6,577	6,644
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,968	17,768	18,210	*18,202	*18,361	18,208
19 State Total	*212,810	*212,616	*215,252	*216,776	*216,646	216,624
Previous Year Total	213,234	213,830	213,897	213,989	214,750	213,629
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	101	101	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 4 2006	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,631	21,416	20,851	21,339	21,298	21,563
AR	25,961	25,383	23,786	23,863	24,141	23,758
DE	5,088	5,267	5,874	5,648	5,207	6,049
FL	1,641	1,843	1,496	1,498	1,494	1,451
GA	27,312	27,662	28,038	*27,129	*27,560	28,059
KY	6,168	6,370	6,097	*5,913	*4,925	5,987
LA	3,977	3,950	4,229	4,174	3,806	4,048
MD	5,667	6,022	4,960	5,022	5,194	4,949
MS	16,617	16,244	16,547	16,428	16,541	16,272
NC	14,630	14,471	14,951	15,346	15,346	15,523
OK	4,467	4,781	5,948	5,391	*5,242	5,206
PA	2,921	2,936	2,989	2,732	*2,874	2,573
SC	4,570	5,239	4,562	4,338	5,152	4,611
TX	13,063	12,999	13,148	12,622	12,920	12,885
VA	5,260	4,952	4,996	5,092	5,235	5,110
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,498	16,486	15,909	*16,607	*16,756	17,319
19 State Total	174,471	176,021	174,381	*173,142	*173,691	175,363
Previous Year Total	172,928	175,504	175,869	176,799	176,267	176,772
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	99	98	99	99

* Revised