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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