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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 18, 2006. This was up slightly 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 Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 18, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 18, 2006 were 1.92 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 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,872	31,815	*31,810	31,895	31,866	31,929
AR	30,591	31,038	*30,903	30,868	31,164	30,561
DE	3,713	3,987	3,920	3,872	3,742	3,781
FL	1,368	1,354	1,373	1,364	1,369	1,365
GA	33,992	34,226	34,816	34,827	34,980	34,004
KY	5,943	*7,120	7,143	7,130	*7,154	6,763
LA	4,136	4,166	4,166	4,088	4,136	4,136
MD	8,622	8,901	8,871	8,977	8,980	8,964
MS	18,323	18,108	18,392	18,439	18,439	18,326
NC	18,738	19,355	*19,477	18,986	*18,945	18,564
OK	6,665	6,759	6,617	6,633	*6,657	6,510
PA	4,063	3,333	4,214	*3,947	*4,076	3,984
SC	5,345	5,369	5,339	5,444	5,425	5,171
TX	15,117	15,144	15,189	15,266	15,184	15,180
VA	6,360	6,296	6,410	6,577	6,644	6,607
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,768	18,210	18,202	18,361	*18,192	17,878
19 State Total	212,616	*215,181	*216,842	*216,674	*216,953	213,723
Previous Year Total	213,830	213,897	213,989	214,750	213,629	213,135
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	101	101	102	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,416	20,851	21,339	21,298	*21,608	22,003
AR	25,383	23,786	23,863	24,141	*23,761	25,107
DE	5,267	5,874	5,648	5,207	6,049	5,319
FL	1,843	1,496	1,498	1,494	1,451	1,541
GA	27,662	28,038	27,129	27,560	*28,060	27,986
KY	6,370	6,097	5,913	4,925	*6,435	5,812
LA	3,950	4,229	4,174	3,806	4,048	3,830
MD	6,022	4,960	5,022	5,194	4,949	5,091
MS	16,244	16,547	16,428	16,541	16,272	16,514
NC	14,471	14,951	15,346	15,346	*15,577	15,845
OK	4,781	5,948	5,391	5,242	*5,205	4,185
PA	2,936	2,989	2,732	*2,844	*2,591	2,946
SC	5,239	4,562	4,338	5,152	4,611	4,721
TX	12,999	13,148	12,622	12,920	12,885	13,071
VA	4,952	4,996	5,092	5,235	5,110	5,646
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,486	15,909	16,607	16,756	*16,832	17,461
19 State Total	176,021	174,381	173,142	*173,661	*175,444	177,078
Previous Year Total	175,504	175,869	176,799	176,267	176,772	176,235
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	99	99	100

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