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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 25, 2006. This was down 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 25, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 25, 2006 were 2.10 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,815	31,810	31,895	31,866	31,929	31,790
AR	31,038	*31,029	30,868	31,164	30,561	30,151
DE	3,987	3,920	3,872	3,742	3,781	3,781
FL	1,354	1,373	1,364	1,369	1,365	1,364
GA	34,226	34,816	34,827	34,980	34,004	35,187
KY	7,120	*7,129	*7,162	7,154	6,763	7,124
LA	4,166	4,166	4,088	4,136	4,136	3,756
MD	8,901	8,871	8,977	8,980	8,964	8,628
MS	18,108	18,392	18,439	18,439	18,326	18,528
NC	19,355	19,477	*19,219	18,945	*18,603	18,043
OK	6,759	6,617	6,633	6,657	6,510	6,659
PA	3,333	4,214	3,947	*4,118	*4,052	3,746
SC	5,369	5,339	5,444	5,425	5,171	5,382
TX	15,144	15,189	15,266	15,184	15,180	13,455
VA	6,296	6,410	6,577	6,644	6,607	6,561
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,210	18,202	18,361	*17,942	*17,863	17,987
19 State Total	215,181	*216,954	*216,939	*216,745	*213,815	212,142
Previous Year Total	213,897	213,989	214,750	213,629	213,135	212,819
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101	100	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,851	21,339	21,298	21,608	22,003	21,700
AR	23,786	23,863	24,141	23,761	25,107	25,275
DE	5,874	5,648	5,207	6,049	5,319	5,126
FL	1,496	1,498	1,494	1,451	1,541	1,486
GA	28,038	27,129	27,560	28,060	27,986	28,989
KY	6,097	5,913	4,925	6,435	*5,815	5,741
LA	4,229	4,174	3,806	4,048	3,830	3,831
MD	4,960	5,022	5,194	4,949	5,091	5,700
MS	16,547	16,428	16,541	16,272	16,514	16,428
NC	14,951	15,346	15,346	15,577	*15,839	15,323
OK	5,948	5,391	5,242	5,205	4,185	5,095
PA	2,989	2,732	2,844	*2,730	*2,986	2,936
SC	4,562	4,338	5,152	4,611	4,721	4,846
TX	13,148	12,622	12,920	12,885	13,071	13,101
VA	4,996	5,092	5,235	5,110	5,646	5,098
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,909	16,607	16,756	*17,033	*17,668	16,443
19 State Total	174,381	173,142	173,661	*175,784	*177,322	177,118
Previous Year Total	175,869	176,799	176,267	176,772	176,235	176,843
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	99	101	100

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