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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 1, 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 April 1, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 1, 2006 were 2.28 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 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,810	31,895	*31,827	*31,629	31,790	30,962
AR	31,029	30,868	*31,376	30,561	30,151	30,034
DE	3,920	3,872	3,742	3,781	*3,620	3,519
FL	1,373	1,364	1,369	1,365	1,364	1,366
GA	34,816	34,827	34,980	34,004	*34,822	35,004
KY	7,129	7,162	7,154	6,763	7,124	7,239
LA	4,166	4,088	4,136	4,136	3,756	4,058
MD	8,871	8,977	8,980	8,964	*8,632	8,870
MS	18,392	18,439	18,439	18,326	18,528	18,393
NC	19,477	19,219	*18,936	18,603	18,043	18,727
OK	6,617	6,633	6,657	*6,698	6,659	6,408
PA	4,214	3,947	4,118	4,052	3,746	4,102
SC	5,339	5,444	5,425	5,171	5,382	5,027
TX	15,189	15,266	15,184	15,180	13,455	15,062
VA	6,410	6,577	6,644	6,607	6,561	6,563
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,202	18,361	17,942	17,863	*17,972	18,100
19 State Total	216,954	216,939	*216,909	*213,703	*211,605	213,434
Previous Year Total	213,989	214,750	213,629	213,135	212,819	212,425
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	100	99	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,339	21,298	21,608	*22,039	21,700	21,923
AR	23,863	24,141	23,761	*25,114	*25,367	24,248
DE	5,648	5,207	6,049	5,319	*6,002	6,235
FL	1,498	1,494	1,451	1,541	*1,536	1,471
GA	27,129	27,560	28,060	27,986	*28,573	27,947
KY	5,913	4,925	6,435	5,815	5,741	6,047
LA	4,174	3,806	4,048	3,830	3,831	4,149
MD	5,022	5,194	4,949	5,091	*4,852	4,820
MS	16,428	16,541	16,272	16,514	16,428	16,490
NC	15,346	15,346	15,577	15,839	15,323	15,597
OK	5,391	5,242	5,205	*4,186	5,095	5,319
PA	2,732	2,844	2,730	2,986	2,936	3,118
SC	4,338	5,152	4,611	4,721	*4,849	4,497
TX	12,622	12,920	12,885	13,071	13,101	13,055
VA	5,092	5,235	5,110	5,646	5,098	4,916
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,607	16,756	17,033	17,668	*16,452	17,527
19 State Total	173,142	173,661	175,784	*177,366	*176,884	177,359
Previous Year Total	176,799	176,267	176,772	176,235	176,843	176,671
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	101	100	100

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