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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 8, 2006. This was down 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 Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 8, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 8, 2006 were 2.45 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,895	31,827	31,629	31,790	*30,836	31,655
AR	30,868	31,376	30,561	30,151	30,034	30,926
DE	3,872	3,742	3,781	3,620	3,519	3,583
FL	1,364	1,369	*1,344	1,364	1,366	1,344
GA	34,827	34,980	34,004	34,822	35,004	34,747
KY	7,162	*6,984	6,763	7,124	*7,354	7,393
LA	4,088	4,136	4,136	3,756	4,058	4,136
MD	8,977	8,980	8,964	8,632	8,870	8,924
MS	18,439	18,439	18,326	18,528	18,393	18,285
NC	19,219	18,936	*18,366	18,043	*18,684	18,633
OK	6,633	6,657	6,698	6,659	*6,367	6,666
PA	3,947	4,118	4,052	*3,755	*4,144	4,039
SC	5,444	5,425	5,171	5,382	5,027	5,120
TX	*15,269	*15,187	*15,192	*13,466	*15,074	15,073
VA	6,577	6,644	6,607	6,561	6,563	6,503
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,370	*17,968	*17,870	*17,785	*18,283	18,319
19 State Total	*216,951	*216,768	*213,464	*211,438	*213,576	215,346
Previous Year Total	214,750	213,629	213,135	212,819	212,425	217,024
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	100	99	101	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,298	21,608	22,039	21,700	*21,925	21,530
AR	24,141	23,761	25,114	25,367	*24,238	24,090
DE	5,207	6,049	5,319	6,002	6,235	5,680
FL	1,494	1,451	1,541	1,536	1,471	1,304
GA	27,560	28,060	27,986	28,573	27,947	26,653
KY	4,925	6,435	5,815	5,741	*5,954	5,540
LA	3,806	4,048	3,830	3,831	4,149	3,912
MD	5,194	4,949	5,091	4,852	4,820	5,414
MS	16,541	16,272	16,514	16,428	16,490	16,414
NC	15,346	15,577	15,839	15,323	*15,606	15,030
OK	5,242	5,205	4,186	5,095	5,319	5,313
PA	2,844	2,730	2,986	*2,965	*3,101	3,098
SC	5,152	4,611	4,721	4,849	4,497	4,339
TX	*12,922	*12,888	*13,073	*13,103	*13,058	12,971
VA	5,235	5,110	5,646	5,098	4,916	4,916
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,756	*17,047	*17,690	*16,549	*17,518	17,043
19 State Total	*173,663	*175,801	*177,390	*177,012	*177,244	173,247
Previous Year Total	176,267	176,772	176,235	176,843	176,671	176,774
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	101	100	100	98

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