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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 15, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 15, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 15, 2006 were 2.62 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 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,827	31,629	*31,906	*30,835	*31,781	31,147
AR	31,376	30,561	*29,754	30,034	*31,066	30,364
DE	3,742	3,781	3,620	3,519	3,583	3,466
FL	1,369	1,344	1,364	1,366	1,344	1,344
GA	34,980	34,004	34,822	35,004	34,747	35,257
KY	6,984	*6,715	*7,160	*7,262	*7,436	7,339
LA	4,136	4,136	3,756	4,058	4,136	4,136
MD	8,980	8,964	8,632	8,870	8,924	8,842
MS	18,439	18,326	18,528	18,393	18,285	18,004
NC	18,936	18,366	*18,010	18,684	18,633	18,619
OK	6,657	6,698	6,659	6,367	6,666	6,650
PA	4,118	*4,191	*3,809	*4,186	*4,271	4,349
SC	5,425	5,171	5,382	5,027	5,120	4,959
TX	15,187	15,192	13,466	15,074	15,073	15,059
VA	6,644	6,607	6,561	6,563	6,503	6,552
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,968	17,870	17,785	18,283	*18,328	18,167
19 State Total	216,768	*213,555	*211,214	*213,525	*215,896	214,254
Previous Year Total	213,658	213,175	213,028	212,503	217,115	215,452
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	99	100	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,608	22,039	21,700	*21,811	*21,367	21,426
AR	23,761	25,114	25,367	24,238	24,090	22,954
DE	6,049	5,319	6,002	6,235	5,680	4,681
FL	1,451	1,541	1,536	1,471	1,304	1,531
GA	28,060	27,986	*28,485	*27,909	*26,625	27,919
KY	6,435	5,815	*5,862	*6,011	*5,640	6,263
LA	4,048	3,830	3,831	4,149	3,912	3,811
MD	4,949	5,091	4,852	4,820	5,414	5,560
MS	16,272	16,514	16,428	16,490	16,414	16,394
NC	15,577	15,839	15,323	15,606	15,030	14,815
OK	5,205	4,186	5,095	5,319	5,313	5,683
PA	2,730	*2,992	*2,913	*2,963	*2,980	2,668
SC	4,611	4,721	4,849	4,497	*5,378	4,582
TX	12,888	13,073	13,103	13,058	12,971	11,458
VA	5,110	5,646	5,098	4,916	4,916	5,462
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,047	17,690	16,549	17,518	*17,037	16,611
19 State Total	175,801	*177,396	*176,993	*177,011	*174,071	171,818
Previous Year Total	176,904	177,582	178,178	177,165	176,158	176,765
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	100	99	97

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