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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 22, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 22, 2006 were 2.80 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 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,629	31,906	30,835	31,781	31,147	30,175
AR	30,561	29,754	30,034	31,066	30,364	30,234
DE	3,781	3,620	3,519	3,583	3,466	3,726
FL	1,344	1,364	1,366	1,344	1,344	1,352
GA	34,004	34,822	35,004	34,747	35,257	34,747
KY	6,715	7,160	7,262	7,436	7,339	7,004
LA	4,136	3,756	4,058	4,136	4,136	4,000
MD	8,964	8,632	8,870	8,924	*8,844	8,824
MS	18,326	18,528	18,393	18,285	18,004	18,172
NC	18,366	18,010	*18,678	18,633	*18,573	19,093
OK	6,698	6,659	6,367	6,666	6,650	6,614
PA	4,191	3,809	4,186	*4,276	*4,351	4,011
SC	5,171	5,382	5,027	5,120	4,959	5,205
TX	15,192	13,466	15,074	15,073	15,059	14,984
VA	6,607	6,561	6,563	6,503	6,552	6,445
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,870	17,785	*18,015	18,328	*18,244	18,037
19 State Total	213,555	211,214	*213,251	*215,901	*214,289	212,623
Previous Year Total	213,175	213,028	212,503	217,115	215,452	215,123
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	99	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,039	21,700	21,811	21,367	*21,403	20,806
AR	25,114	25,367	24,238	24,090	*23,131	23,462
DE	5,319	6,002	6,235	5,680	*4,918	4,638
FL	1,541	1,536	1,471	1,304	1,531	1,428
GA	27,986	28,485	27,909	26,625	27,919	29,050
KY	5,815	5,862	6,011	5,640	6,263	6,260
LA	3,830	3,831	4,149	3,912	3,811	4,139
MD	5,091	4,852	4,820	5,414	*5,347	5,910
MS	16,514	16,428	16,490	16,414	16,394	16,394
NC	15,839	15,323	15,606	15,030	*14,787	15,281
OK	4,186	5,095	5,319	5,313	5,683	4,877
PA	2,992	2,913	2,963	*2,961	*2,690	2,899
SC	4,721	4,849	4,497	5,378	4,582	4,286
TX	13,073	13,103	13,058	12,971	11,458	12,810
VA	5,646	5,098	4,916	4,916	5,462	5,375
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,690	16,549	*17,500	*16,966	*16,598	16,791
19 State Total	177,396	176,993	*176,993	*173,981	*171,977	174,406
Previous Year Total	177,582	178,178	177,165	176,158	176,765	175,439
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	99	97	99

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