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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 29, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 29, 2006 were 2.97 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,906	30,835	*31,814	31,147	30,175	31,584
AR	29,754	30,034	*30,647	30,364	30,234	29,461
DE	3,620	*3,635	3,583	3,466	3,726	3,580
FL	1,364	1,366	*1,389	1,344	1,352	1,364
GA	34,822	35,004	34,747	35,257	34,747	34,425
KY	7,160	*7,300	7,436	7,339	7,004	7,133
LA	3,756	4,058	4,136	4,136	4,000	3,970
MD	8,632	8,870	8,924	8,844	8,824	8,859
MS	18,528	18,393	18,285	18,004	18,172	17,788
NC	18,010	18,678	*18,397	18,573	*19,078	18,744
OK	*6,498	6,367	6,666	*6,771	*6,603	6,497
PA	3,809	4,186	4,276	4,351	*4,034	3,790
SC	5,382	5,027	5,120	4,959	5,205	5,395
TX	13,466	15,074	15,073	15,059	14,984	13,444
VA	6,561	6,563	6,503	*6,553	*6,443	6,501
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,785	18,015	18,328	18,244	18,037	17,095
19 State Total	*211,053	*213,405	*215,324	*214,411	*212,618	209,630
Previous Year Total	213,028	212,503	217,115	215,452	215,123	214,687
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	100	99	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 25 2006	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,700	21,811	21,367	21,403	20,806	21,350
AR	*25,370	24,238	24,090	*23,110	*23,469	24,234
DE	6,002	6,235	5,680	4,918	*4,740	4,996
FL	1,536	1,471	1,304	1,531	1,428	1,522
GA	28,485	27,909	26,625	27,919	29,050	28,904
KY	5,862	6,011	5,640	6,263	*6,280	6,217
LA	3,831	4,149	3,912	3,811	4,139	3,914
MD	4,852	4,820	5,414	5,347	*5,901	5,670
MS	16,428	16,490	16,414	16,394	16,394	16,413
NC	15,323	15,606	15,030	14,787	*15,272	15,098
OK	5,095	5,319	5,313	5,683	4,877	5,143
PA	2,913	2,963	2,961	2,690	*2,913	3,051
SC	4,849	4,497	5,378	4,582	4,286	4,703
TX	13,103	13,058	12,971	11,458	12,810	12,872
VA	5,098	4,916	4,916	5,462	5,375	5,123
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,549	17,500	16,966	16,598	16,791	17,408
19 State Total	*176,996	176,993	173,981	*171,956	*174,531	176,618
Previous Year Total	178,178	177,165	176,158	176,765	175,439	180,017
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	97	99	98

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