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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 6, 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 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 6, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 6, 2006 were 3.15 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					
	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*30,971	31,814	*31,187	30,175	31,584	31,056
AR	30,034	30,647	*30,536	30,234	29,461	30,270
DE	3,635	3,583	3,466	3,726	3,580	3,574
FL	1,366	1,389	*1,374	1,352	1,364	1,361
GA	35,004	*35,091	35,257	34,747	34,425	34,689
KY	*7,400	7,436	*7,377	*7,082	*7,227	7,275
LA	4,058	4,136	4,136	4,000	3,970	3,874
MD	8,870	8,924	8,844	8,824	8,859	8,811
MS	18,393	18,285	*18,113	18,172	17,788	18,408
NC	18,678	18,397	*18,636	19,078	18,744	18,645
OK	6,367	6,666	6,771	6,603	*6,648	6,597
PA	4,186	4,276	4,351	*4,022	*3,819	4,136
SC	5,027	5,120	4,959	5,205	5,395	5,298
TX	15,074	*15,074	*15,044	*14,969	*13,428	14,952
VA	6,563	6,503	6,553	6,443	6,501	6,475
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,089	*18,389	*18,269	*18,057	*17,114	16,645
19 State Total	*213,715	*215,730	*214,873	*212,689	*209,907	212,066
Previous Year Total	212,503	217,115	215,452	215,123	214,687	215,071
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	99	100	99	98	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 1 2006	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,811	21,367	21,403	20,806	21,350	21,484
AR	24,238	24,090	23,110	23,469	24,234	24,595
DE	6,235	5,680	4,918	4,740	4,996	5,506
FL	1,471	1,304	1,531	*1,494	*1,619	1,435
GA	27,909	26,625	*27,863	*29,045	*28,888	28,784
KY	6,011	5,640	*6,301	*6,387	*6,249	6,328
LA	4,149	3,912	3,811	4,139	3,914	4,035
MD	4,820	5,414	5,347	5,901	5,670	5,021
MS	16,490	16,414	16,394	16,394	16,413	16,100
NC	15,606	15,030	14,787	15,272	15,098	14,776
OK	5,319	5,313	5,683	4,877	5,143	4,862
PA	2,963	2,961	2,690	*2,891	*3,039	3,055
SC	4,497	5,378	4,582	4,286	4,703	5,118
TX	13,058	12,971	11,458	12,810	12,872	12,795
VA	4,916	4,916	5,462	5,375	5,123	5,136
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,500	*16,970	*16,619	*16,835	*17,480	17,208
19 State Total	176,993	*173,985	*171,959	*174,721	*176,791	176,238
Previous Year Total	177,165	176,158	176,765	175,439	180,017	179,021
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	97	100	98	98

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