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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 May 13, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 13, 2006 were 3.32 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 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,814	31,187	30,175	31,584	*31,087	31,471
AR	30,647	30,536	30,234	29,461	30,270	30,039
DE	3,583	3,466	3,726	3,580	*3,586	3,542
FL	1,389	1,374	*1,384	1,364	1,361	1,378
GA	35,091	35,257	34,747	34,425	*34,530	34,709
KY	7,436	7,377	7,082	7,227	7,275	7,214
LA	4,136	4,136	4,000	3,970	3,874	3,923
MD	8,924	8,844	8,824	8,859	*8,842	8,876
MS	18,285	18,113	18,172	17,788	18,408	18,385
NC	18,397	18,636	*18,638	18,744	*18,426	18,994
OK	6,666	6,771	6,603	6,648	*6,395	6,104
PA	4,276	4,351	4,022	*3,785	*4,094	4,202
SC	5,120	4,959	5,205	5,395	5,298	5,336
TX	15,074	15,044	14,969	13,428	14,952	14,842
VA	6,503	6,553	6,443	6,501	*6,460	6,472
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,389	18,269	18,057	17,114	*16,685	18,023
19 State Total	215,730	214,873	*212,281	*209,873	*211,543	213,510
Previous Year Total	217,115	215,452	215,123	214,687	215,071	215,969
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	98	98	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 8 2006	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,367	21,403	20,806	21,350	*21,507	20,897
AR	24,090	23,110	23,469	24,234	24,595	25,172
DE	5,680	4,918	4,740	4,996	*5,137	5,940
FL	1,304	1,531	1,494	1,619	1,435	1,324
GA	26,625	27,863	29,045	28,888	*28,916	28,312
KY	5,640	*6,291	6,387	6,249	6,328	5,990
LA	3,912	3,811	4,139	3,914	4,035	3,782
MD	5,414	5,347	5,901	5,670	*5,201	4,484
MS	16,414	16,394	16,394	16,413	16,100	15,743
NC	15,030	14,787	15,272	15,098	*14,787	15,193
OK	5,313	5,683	4,877	5,143	4,862	4,087
PA	2,961	2,690	2,891	*3,023	*2,981	3,052
SC	5,378	4,582	4,286	4,703	5,118	5,080
TX	12,971	11,458	12,810	12,872	12,795	12,778
VA	*4,917	*5,463	5,375	5,123	*5,140	5,112
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,970	16,619	16,835	17,480	*17,213	17,224
19 State Total	*173,986	*171,950	174,721	*176,775	*176,150	174,170
Previous Year Total	176,158	176,765	175,439	180,017	179,021	178,354
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	97	100	98	98	98

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