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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 20, 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 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 20, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 20, 2006 were 3.50 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 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006	May 20 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,187	30,175	*31,540	31,087	31,471	31,644
AR	30,536	30,234	*29,530	30,270	*30,190	30,301
DE	3,466	3,726	3,580	3,586	3,542	3,661
FL	1,374	1,384	*1,384	1,361	1,378	922
GA	35,257	34,747	34,425	34,530	*34,679	34,584
KY	7,377	*7,169	7,227	7,275	*7,289	7,209
LA	4,136	4,000	3,970	3,874	3,923	3,923
MD	8,844	8,824	8,859	8,842	8,876	8,955
MS	18,113	18,172	17,788	18,408	18,385	17,679
NC	18,636	18,638	*19,200	18,426	18,994	18,845
OK	6,771	6,603	6,648	6,395	6,104	6,478
PA	4,351	*3,922	*3,819	*4,093	*4,013	4,122
SC	4,959	5,205	5,395	5,298	5,336	5,309
TX	15,044	14,969	13,428	14,952	14,842	14,903
VA	6,553	6,443	6,501	6,460	6,472	6,475
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,269	18,057	17,114	16,685	18,023	17,925
19 State Total	214,873	*212,268	*210,408	*211,542	*213,517	212,935
Previous Year Total	215,452	215,123	214,687	215,071	215,969	216,555
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	98	99	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 15 2006	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006	May 20 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,403	20,806	21,350	21,507	*20,470	21,550
AR	23,110	23,469	24,234	*24,610	*25,233	24,056
DE	4,918	4,740	4,996	5,137	5,940	5,119
FL	1,531	1,494	1,619	1,435	1,324	1,319
GA	27,863	29,045	28,888	28,916	*28,863	28,687
KY	6,291	6,387	6,249	6,328	*6,564	6,367
LA	3,811	4,139	3,914	4,035	3,782	3,767
MD	5,347	5,901	5,670	5,201	4,484	4,979
MS	16,394	16,394	16,413	16,100	15,743	15,414
NC	14,787	15,272	15,098	14,787	15,193	15,522
OK	5,683	4,877	5,143	4,862	*4,194	5,296
PA	2,690	*2,865	*2,966	*2,919	*2,959	2,601
SC	4,582	4,286	4,703	5,118	*4,592	4,701
TX	11,458	12,810	12,872	12,795	12,778	11,459
VA	5,463	5,375	5,123	5,140	5,112	5,792
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,619	16,835	17,480	17,213	*17,221	15,901
19 State Total	171,950	*174,695	*176,718	*176,103	*174,452	172,530
Previous Year Total	176,765	175,439	180,017	179,021	178,354	177,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	100	98	98	98	97

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