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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 May 27, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 27, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 27, 2006 were 3.67 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 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006	May 20 2006	May 27 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,175	*31,579	*30,781	31,471	31,644	31,567
AR	30,234	29,530	30,270	30,190	30,301	30,428
DE	3,726	3,580	3,586	3,542	3,661	3,646
FL	1,384	1,384	*1,381	1,378	922	1,392
GA	34,747	34,425	*34,181	*34,704	34,584	35,119
KY	7,169	*7,217	*7,326	7,289	*7,201	7,257
LA	4,000	3,970	3,874	3,923	3,923	3,923
MD	8,824	8,859	8,842	8,876	8,955	8,544
MS	18,172	17,788	18,408	18,385	17,679	17,694
NC	18,638	19,200	*18,380	18,994	*18,805	18,627
OK	6,603	6,648	6,395	6,104	*6,276	6,478
PA	3,922	3,819	4,093	4,013	4,122	4,058
SC	5,205	5,395	5,298	5,336	5,309	5,385
TX	14,969	13,428	14,952	14,842	14,903	14,884
VA	6,443	6,501	6,460	6,472	6,475	6,460
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,057	*17,113	*17,685	*18,021	17,925	17,870
19 State Total	212,268	*210,436	*211,912	*213,540	*212,685	213,332
Previous Year Total	215,123	214,687	215,071	215,969	216,555	215,660
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	99	98	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 22 2006	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006	May 20 2006	May 27 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,806	21,350	21,507	*20,897	21,550	21,209
AR	23,469	24,234	24,610	25,233	*24,060	24,546
DE	4,740	4,996	5,137	5,940	5,119	6,005
FL	1,494	1,619	1,435	1,324	*1,372	1,452
GA	29,045	28,888	28,916	28,863	*28,669	28,636
KY	6,387	6,249	*6,314	*6,388	*6,388	6,332
LA	4,139	3,914	4,035	3,782	3,767	3,619
MD	5,901	5,670	5,201	4,484	4,979	4,553
MS	16,394	16,413	16,100	15,743	15,414	16,241
NC	15,272	15,098	14,787	15,193	*15,513	15,158
OK	4,877	5,143	4,862	4,194	5,296	4,781
PA	2,865	2,966	2,919	2,959	2,601	2,968
SC	4,286	4,703	5,118	4,592	4,701	3,929
TX	12,810	12,872	12,795	12,778	11,459	12,832
VA	5,375	5,123	5,140	5,112	5,792	5,296
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,835	17,480	17,213	*16,220	*15,073	16,037
19 State Total	174,695	176,718	*176,089	*173,702	*171,753	173,594
Previous Year Total	175,439	180,017	179,021	178,354	177,385	178,099
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	98	97	97	97

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