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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 June 3, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 3, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through June 3, 2006 were 3.84 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 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006	May 20 2006	May 27 2006	Jun 3 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,579	30,781	31,471	31,644	*31,605	31,618
AR	29,530	30,270	*29,750	30,301	30,428	30,051
DE	3,580	3,586	3,542	3,661	3,646	3,887
FL	1,384	1,381	*1,328	922	1,392	1,346
GA	34,425	34,181	34,704	34,584	35,119	34,838
KY	7,217	7,326	7,289	7,201	*7,174	7,129
LA	3,970	3,874	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923
MD	8,859	8,842	8,876	8,955	8,544	8,893
MS	17,788	18,408	18,385	17,679	17,694	17,901
NC	19,200	18,380	*18,925	18,805	*18,635	18,618
OK	6,648	6,395	*6,404	6,276	6,478	6,517
PA	3,819	4,093	4,013	*4,114	*4,087	4,016
SC	5,395	5,298	5,336	5,309	5,385	5,392
TX	13,428	14,952	14,842	14,903	14,884	14,923
VA	6,501	6,460	6,472	6,475	6,460	6,369
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,113	17,685	18,021	17,925	*17,857	17,676
19 State Total	210,436	211,912	*213,281	*212,677	*213,311	213,097
Previous Year Total	214,687	215,071	215,969	216,555	215,660	215,857
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	98	99	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 29 2006	May 6 2006	May 13 2006	May 20 2006	May 27 2006	Jun 3 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,350	21,507	20,897	21,550	*21,203	21,932
AR	24,234	24,610	25,233	24,060	24,546	22,812
DE	4,996	5,137	5,940	5,119	6,005	5,317
FL	1,619	1,435	1,324	1,372	1,452	1,403
GA	28,888	28,916	28,863	28,669	28,636	28,165
KY	6,249	6,314	6,388	6,388	*6,013	6,293
LA	3,914	4,035	3,782	3,767	3,619	4,189
MD	5,670	5,201	4,484	4,979	4,553	5,261
MS	16,413	16,100	15,743	15,414	16,241	16,204
NC	15,098	14,787	15,193	15,513	*15,357	15,699
OK	5,143	4,862	*4,087	5,296	4,781	5,102
PA	2,966	2,919	2,959	*2,624	*2,960	2,940
SC	4,703	5,118	4,592	4,701	3,929	4,993
TX	12,872	12,795	12,778	11,459	12,832	12,760
VA	5,123	5,140	5,112	5,792	*5,206	5,202
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,480	17,213	16,220	15,073	*16,024	17,101
19 State Total	176,718	176,089	*173,595	*171,776	*173,357	175,373
Previous Year Total	180,017	179,021	178,354	177,385	178,099	178,299
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	97	97	97	98

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