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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 5, 2006. This was down slightly 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 5, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 5, 2006 were 5.41 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					
	Jul 1 2006	Jul 8 2006	Jul 15 2006	Jul 22 2006	Jul 29 2006	Aug 5 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,865	31,361	32,033	32,037	*32,037	31,846
AR	29,397	29,697	*30,003	30,127	30,146	29,934
DE	3,765	3,887	3,969	3,824	3,825	4,081
FL	1,369	1,344	1,344	1,364	1,344	1,344
GA	34,920	34,205	35,020	34,858	34,468	34,912
KY	6,927	*7,023	7,264	7,175	7,337	7,300
LA	3,923	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,952
MD	8,959	8,934	8,942	8,855	8,859	8,831
MS	17,038	17,947	17,916	17,720	17,914	17,864
NC	17,973	18,170	*18,643	18,416	*18,405	18,124
OK	6,307	6,118	6,252	6,494	6,434	6,566
PA	3,920	4,088	4,085	*4,229	*4,246	3,976
SC	5,454	5,161	5,455	5,385	5,259	5,288
TX	13,099	14,819	*14,821	*14,616	*14,777	14,820
VA	6,084	6,318	6,382	6,353	6,323	6,279
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,321	17,604	17,528	18,280	*18,266	17,316
19 State Total	208,321	*210,630	*213,611	*213,687	*213,594	212,433
Previous Year Total	209,473	212,303	214,405	215,913	214,171	213,068
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	99	100	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 1 2006	Jul 8 2006	Jul 15 2006	Jul 22 2006	Jul 29 2006	Aug 5 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,099	21,003	20,659	*21,992	*20,820	21,928
AR	24,123	22,993	24,378	*22,880	*23,200	24,384
DE	4,883	4,703	5,916	5,971	5,158	5,193
FL	1,641	1,546	1,487	1,390	1,388	1,534
GA	28,484	28,875	28,322	28,429	28,099	28,767
KY	6,203	5,986	5,836	5,868	*5,768	6,027
LA	3,830	3,570	3,578	3,916	3,630	3,962
MD	6,098	6,795	5,977	5,699	6,283	5,995
MS	15,885	15,408	15,776	15,166	15,924	15,990
NC	15,302	14,735	15,641	15,060	*14,929	15,565
OK	4,943	5,176	4,527	5,481	5,049	4,029
PA	3,029	2,945	2,958	*2,870	*2,841	3,114
SC	4,870	5,067	4,130	4,754	4,217	4,394
TX	12,863	12,673	*12,801	*11,070	12,596	12,577
VA	5,248	5,485	5,503	5,198	5,669	5,141
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,047	16,575	16,578	15,780	*16,981	16,822
19 State Total	175,548	173,535	*174,067	*171,524	*172,552	175,422
Previous Year Total	178,732	176,964	175,429	172,892	175,277	177,097
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	99	99	98	99

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