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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 12, 2006. This was up 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 12, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 12, 2006 were 5.58 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 8 2006 | Jul 15 2006 | Jul 22 2006 | Jul 29 2006 | Aug 5 2006 | Aug 12 2006 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 31,361 | 32,033 | 32,037 | 32,037 | 31,846 | 31,738 |
| AR | 29,697 | 30,003 | *29,980 | 30,146 | 29,934 | 30,200 |
| DE | 3,887 | 3,969 | 3,824 | *4,075 | *4,110 | 4,112 |
| FL | 1,344 | 1,344 | 1,364 | 1,344 | 1,344 | 1,344 |
| GA | 34,205 | 35,020 | 34,858 | 34,468 | *34,988 | 34,513 |
| KY | 7,023 | 7,264 | 7,175 | 7,337 | *7,382 | 7,260 |
| LA | 3,954 | 3,954 | 3,954 | 3,954 | 3,952 | 3,954 |
| MD | 8,934 | 8,942 | 8,855 | *8,867 | 8,831 | 8,797 |
| MS | 17,947 | 17,916 | *17,947 | 17,914 | 17,864 | 17,693 |
| NC | 18,170 | 18,643 | *18,380 | 18,405 | 18,124 | 18,406 |
| OK | *6,320 | 6,252 | 6,494 | *6,698 | *6,420 | 6,633 |
| PA | 4,088 | 4,085 | 4,229 | 4,246 | *3,962 | 3,984 |
| SC | 5,161 | 5,455 | 5,385 | 5,259 | 5,288 | 5,311 |
| TX | 14,819 | 14,821 | *14,769 | 14,777 | 14,820 | 14,758 |
| VA | 6,318 | 6,382 | 6,353 | 6,323 | 6,279 | 6,326 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *17,625 | *17,523 | *18,275 | *18,261 | *17,368 | 17,953 |
| 19 State Total | *210,853 | *213,606 | *213,879 | *214,111 | *212,512 | 212,982 |
| Previous Year Total | 212,303 | 214,405 | 215,913 | 214,171 | 213,068 | 210,010 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 99 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 101 |

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Jul 8 2006 | Jul 15 2006 | Jul 22 2006 | Jul 29 2006 | Aug 5 2006 | Aug 12 2006 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,003 | 20,659 | 21,992 | 20,820 | 21,928 | 21,798 |
| AR | 22,993 | 24,378 | 22,880 | *23,224 | *24,382 | 22,938 |
| DE | 4,703 | 5,916 | 5,971 | *5,242 | *5,116 | 4,662 |
| FL | 1,546 | 1,487 | 1,390 | 1,388 | 1,534 | 1,410 |
| GA | 28,875 | 28,322 | 28,429 | 28,099 | *28,525 | 29,009 |
| KY | 5,986 | 5,836 | 5,868 | 5,768 | *6,082 | 6,029 |
| LA | 3,570 | 3,578 | 3,916 | 3,630 | 3,962 | 3,668 |
| MD | 6,795 | 5,977 | 5,699 | *6,154 | *6,062 | 6,454 |
| MS | 15,408 | 15,776 | 15,166 | 15,924 | 15,990 | 15,975 |
| NC | 14,735 | 15,641 | 15,060 | 14,929 | 15,565 | 15,320 |
| OK | 5,176 | 4,527 | 5,481 | *5,047 | 4,029 | 5,873 |
| PA | 2,945 | 2,958 | 2,870 | 2,841 | *3,063 | 3,061 |
| SC | 5,067 | 4,130 | 4,754 | 4,217 | *4,643 | 4,182 |
| TX | 12,673 | 12,801 | 11,070 | 12,596 | 12,577 | 12,411 |
| VA | 5,485 | 5,503 | 5,198 | 5,669 | *5,143 | 4,775 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *16,541 | *16,560 | *15,752 | *16,993 | *16,602 | 16,960 |
| 19 State Total | *173,501 | *174,049 | *171,496 | *172,541 | *175,203 | 174,525 |
| Previous Year Total | 176,964 | 175,429 | 172,892 | 175,277 | 177,097 | 177,045 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 98 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 99 |

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