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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 19, 2006. This was up 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 19, 2006 were 5.76 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 15 2006	Jul 22 2006	Jul 29 2006	Aug 5 2006	Aug 12 2006	Aug 19 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,033	32,037	32,037	31,846	31,738	31,873
AR	30,003	29,980	*30,096	29,934	30,200	30,346
DE	3,969	3,824	4,075	4,110	4,112	4,008
FL	1,344	1,364	*1,364	1,344	1,344	1,353
GA	35,020	34,858	34,468	34,988	34,513	35,047
KY	*7,275	*7,189	*7,456	7,382	*7,253	7,195
LA	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,952	3,954	3,954
MD	8,942	8,855	8,867	8,831	8,797	8,862
MS	17,916	17,947	17,914	17,864	17,693	17,628
NC	18,643	18,380	*18,397	18,124	18,406	18,350
OK	6,252	6,494	6,698	6,420	6,633	6,264
PA	4,085	4,229	4,246	3,962	3,984	4,104
SC	5,455	5,385	5,259	5,288	*5,328	5,261
TX	14,821	14,769	14,777	14,820	14,758	14,794
VA	6,382	6,353	6,323	6,279	6,326	5,917
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,523	18,275	*18,319	17,368	*17,985	18,093
19 State Total	*213,617	*213,893	*214,250	212,512	*213,024	213,049
Previous Year Total	214,405	215,913	214,171	213,068	210,010	212,244
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	100	101	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 15 2006	Jul 22 2006	Jul 29 2006	Aug 5 2006	Aug 12 2006	Aug 19 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,659	21,992	20,820	21,928	21,798	22,310
AR	24,378	22,880	23,224	24,382	22,938	23,662
DE	5,916	5,971	5,242	5,116	4,662	5,331
FL	1,487	1,390	1,388	1,534	1,410	1,510
GA	28,322	28,429	28,099	28,525	*29,068	27,811
KY	*5,633	*5,760	*5,892	*6,004	*5,741	6,173
LA	3,578	3,916	3,630	3,962	3,668	3,629
MD	5,977	5,699	6,154	6,062	6,454	5,844
MS	15,776	15,166	15,924	15,990	15,975	15,894
NC	15,641	15,060	14,929	15,565	*15,198	15,464
OK	4,527	5,481	5,047	4,029	5,873	5,239
PA	2,958	2,870	2,841	3,063	*3,042	3,067
SC	4,130	4,754	4,217	4,643	*4,304	4,417
TX	12,801	11,070	12,596	12,577	12,411	12,390
VA	5,503	5,198	5,669	5,143	4,775	4,995
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,560	15,752	16,993	16,602	*17,033	16,727
19 State Total	*173,846	*171,388	*172,665	*175,125	*174,350	174,463
Previous Year Total	175,429	172,892	175,277	177,097	177,045	176,063
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	98	99

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