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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 26, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 26, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 26, 2006 were 5.93 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 22 2006	Jul 29 2006	Aug 5 2006	Aug 12 2006	Aug 19 2006	Aug 26 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,037	32,037	*31,885	31,738	31,873	31,580
AR	29,980	30,096	*30,155	30,200	30,346	30,429
DE	3,824	4,075	4,110	4,112	4,008	3,824
FL	1,364	1,364	*1,389	1,344	1,353	1,364
GA	34,858	34,468	34,988	34,513	35,047	35,145
KY	7,189	*7,607	7,382	7,253	7,195	7,165
LA	3,954	3,954	3,952	3,954	3,954	3,954
MD	8,855	8,867	8,831	8,797	8,862	8,766
MS	17,947	17,914	17,864	17,693	17,628	17,700
NC	18,380	18,397	*18,046	18,406	18,350	18,417
OK	6,494	*6,555	*6,620	*6,432	6,264	6,456
PA	4,229	4,246	3,962	3,984	4,104	4,086
SC	5,385	5,259	5,288	5,328	5,261	5,291
TX	14,769	14,777	14,820	14,758	14,794	14,852
VA	6,353	6,323	6,279	6,326	5,917	5,917
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,275	*18,250	*17,883	*18,148	18,093	18,234
19 State Total	213,893	*214,189	*213,454	*212,986	213,049	213,180
Previous Year Total	215,913	214,171	213,068	210,010	212,244	212,598
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	101	100	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 22 2006	Jul 29 2006	Aug 5 2006	Aug 12 2006	Aug 19 2006	Aug 26 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,992	20,820	21,928	21,798	22,310	21,902
AR	22,880	23,224	24,382	*22,941	*23,635	23,946
DE	5,971	5,242	5,116	4,662	5,331	4,449
FL	1,390	1,388	1,534	1,410	1,510	1,516
GA	28,429	28,099	28,525	29,068	27,811	28,275
KY	5,760	5,892	6,004	5,741	*6,231	5,967
LA	3,916	3,630	3,962	3,668	3,629	3,923
MD	5,699	6,154	6,062	6,454	5,844	6,621
MS	15,166	15,924	15,990	15,975	15,894	16,028
NC	15,060	14,929	15,565	15,198	15,464	15,036
OK	5,481	5,047	4,029	*5,874	*5,238	4,523
PA	2,870	2,841	3,063	3,042	*2,970	2,735
SC	4,754	4,217	4,643	4,304	4,417	4,707
TX	11,070	12,596	12,577	12,411	12,390	12,523
VA	5,198	5,669	5,143	4,775	4,995	4,929
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,774	*17,035	*16,606	*17,035	16,727	17,108
19 State Total	*171,410	*172,707	*175,129	*174,356	*174,396	174,188
Previous Year Total	172,892	175,277	177,097	177,045	176,063	174,673
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	98	99	100

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