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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 9, 2006. This was down 2 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 9, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 9, 2006 were 6.28 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					
	Aug 5 2006	Aug 12 2006	Aug 19 2006	Aug 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,885	31,683	31,873	*31,601	32,017	30,109
AR	30,155	30,238	30,346	30,429	29,829	29,573
DE	4,110	4,112	4,008	3,824	*3,762	3,831
FL	1,389	1,371	*1,373	1,364	1,364	1,371
GA	34,988	34,513	35,047	35,145	*35,696	33,239
KY	7,533	*7,222	7,195	*6,775	*7,252	7,038
LA	3,952	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,771
MD	8,831	8,797	8,862	8,766	*8,871	8,589
MS	17,864	17,693	17,628	17,700	16,990	17,075
NC	18,046	18,273	*18,361	18,333	17,337	17,722
OK	6,620	6,344	6,264	6,456	*6,342	6,554
PA	3,962	3,984	4,104	4,086	*4,126	3,931
SC	5,288	5,328	5,261	5,291	4,842	4,925
TX	*14,823	*14,761	*14,796	*14,855	*14,978	14,646
VA	6,279	6,326	5,917	5,917	6,169	6,185
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,800	*18,063	*18,069	*18,246	*17,247	16,725
19 State Total	*213,525	*212,662	*213,058	*212,742	*210,776	205,284
Previous Year Total	213,068	210,010	212,244	212,598	210,692	209,112
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	100	100	100	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 5 2006	Aug 12 2006	Aug 19 2006	Aug 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,928	21,798	22,310	*21,883	21,308	21,729
AR	24,382	22,941	23,635	23,946	*23,586	23,883
DE	5,116	4,662	5,331	4,449	*5,319	4,855
FL	1,534	1,410	1,510	1,400	1,449	1,541
GA	28,525	29,068	28,133	*28,305	*28,440	28,086
KY	6,004	5,741	6,231	*6,268	*6,430	6,152
LA	3,962	3,668	3,629	3,923	3,901	3,751
MD	6,062	6,454	5,844	6,621	*5,652	5,891
MS	15,990	15,975	15,894	16,028	15,885	15,792
NC	15,565	15,198	15,464	15,151	15,421	14,802
OK	4,029	6,149	*5,453	4,523	5,021	5,056
PA	3,063	3,042	2,970	2,735	*2,858	2,897
SC	4,643	4,304	4,417	4,707	4,342	4,957
TX	*12,579	*12,414	*12,392	*12,526	*12,537	12,682
VA	5,143	4,775	4,995	4,929	4,834	4,823
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,631	*17,057	*16,672	*16,728	*16,047	16,306
19 State Total	*175,156	*174,656	*174,880	*174,122	*173,030	173,203
Previous Year Total	177,097	177,045	176,063	174,673	169,752	172,881
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	100	102	100

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