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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 16, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 16, 2006 were 6.45 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 12 2006	Aug 19 2006	Aug 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,683	31,873	*31,659	32,017	30,109	31,245
AR	30,238	30,346	30,429	29,829	29,573	28,333
DE	4,112	4,008	3,824	3,762	3,831	3,862
FL	1,371	1,373	1,364	1,364	1,371	1,367
GA	34,513	35,047	35,145	35,696	*33,224	33,443
KY	7,222	7,195	*7,243	7,252	*7,032	6,686
LA	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,771	3,802
MD	8,797	8,862	8,766	8,871	8,589	8,126
MS	17,693	17,628	*17,352	16,990	17,075	17,065
NC	18,273	18,361	*18,407	17,337	17,722	17,788
OK	6,344	6,264	6,456	6,342	6,554	6,234
PA	3,984	4,104	4,086	4,126	*3,948	3,681
SC	5,328	5,261	5,291	4,842	4,925	5,305
TX	14,761	14,796	14,855	14,978	14,646	14,084
VA	6,326	5,917	*6,282	6,169	6,185	6,194
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,063	18,069	18,246	17,247	*16,727	16,722
19 State Total	212,662	213,058	*213,359	210,776	*205,282	203,937
Previous Year Total	210,010	212,244	212,598	210,692	209,112	202,351
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	100	100	98	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 12 2006	Aug 19 2006	Aug 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,798	22,310	*21,735	*21,050	*21,755	20,867
AR	22,941	23,635	23,946	23,586	*24,146	22,920
DE	4,662	5,331	4,449	5,319	4,855	5,007
FL	1,410	1,510	1,400	1,449	1,541	1,429
GA	29,068	28,133	*28,300	*28,574	*27,995	28,566
KY	5,741	6,231	6,268	6,430	*6,160	6,402
LA	3,668	3,629	3,923	3,901	3,751	3,527
MD	6,454	5,844	6,621	5,652	5,891	6,018
MS	15,975	15,894	16,028	15,885	15,792	15,621
NC	15,198	15,464	15,151	15,421	14,802	15,245
OK	6,149	5,453	4,523	5,021	*4,897	5,623
PA	3,042	2,970	*2,779	*2,840	*2,864	2,852
SC	4,304	4,417	4,707	4,342	4,957	5,224
TX	12,414	12,392	12,526	12,537	12,682	12,714
VA	4,775	4,995	*4,938	4,834	4,823	4,784
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,057	16,672	16,728	16,047	*16,215	17,140
19 State Total	174,656	174,880	*174,022	*172,888	*173,126	173,939
Previous Year Total	177,045	176,063	174,673	169,752	172,881	174,088
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	102	100	100

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