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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 23, 2006. This was down 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 23, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 23, 2006 were 6.62 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 19 2006	Aug 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,873	31,659	32,017	30,109	31,245	31,499
AR	30,346	30,429	*29,959	29,573	28,333	29,266
DE	4,008	3,824	3,762	3,831	3,862	3,863
FL	1,373	1,364	1,364	1,371	1,367	1,367
GA	35,047	35,145	35,696	33,224	*33,379	33,756
KY	*7,203	7,243	7,252	7,032	6,686	7,418
LA	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,771	3,802	3,728
MD	8,862	8,766	8,871	8,589	8,126	8,391
MS	17,628	17,352	16,990	17,075	17,065	16,491
NC	18,361	18,407	*17,544	17,722	17,788	18,451
OK	6,264	6,456	*6,392	6,554	6,234	6,454
PA	4,104	4,086	4,126	*3,976	3,681	3,990
SC	5,261	5,291	4,842	4,925	*5,317	5,281
TX	14,796	14,855	14,978	14,646	14,084	14,006
VA	5,917	6,282	6,169	6,185	6,194	6,155
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,179	*18,336	*17,344	*16,776	*15,954	16,043
19 State Total	*213,176	*213,449	*211,260	*205,359	*203,117	206,159
Previous Year Total	212,244	212,598	210,692	209,112	202,351	207,247
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	98	100	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 19 2006	Aug 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,310	21,735	21,050	21,755	*20,865	21,319
AR	23,635	23,946	23,586	24,146	22,920	24,019
DE	5,331	4,449	5,319	4,855	5,007	4,517
FL	1,510	1,400	1,449	1,541	1,429	1,454
GA	28,133	28,300	28,574	27,995	*28,562	29,912
KY	6,231	6,268	6,430	*6,161	6,402	6,189
LA	3,629	3,923	3,901	3,751	3,527	3,870
MD	5,844	6,621	5,652	5,891	6,018	6,009
MS	15,894	16,028	15,885	15,792	15,621	15,203
NC	15,464	15,151	15,421	14,802	15,245	14,071
OK	5,453	4,523	5,021	4,897	5,623	4,543
PA	2,970	2,779	2,840	*2,806	2,852	2,943
SC	4,417	4,707	4,342	4,957	*5,242	4,580
TX	12,392	12,526	12,537	12,682	12,714	12,585
VA	4,995	4,938	4,834	4,823	4,784	5,162
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,672	16,728	*16,127	*16,282	*17,153	16,161
19 State Total	174,880	174,022	*172,968	*173,136	*173,964	172,537
Previous Year Total	176,063	174,673	169,752	172,881	174,088	171,921
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	102	100	100	100

* Revised