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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 30, 2006. This was down 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 were 6.79 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 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,659	*32,110	*29,980	31,245	31,499	30,687
AR	30,429	*29,985	29,573	28,333	29,266	29,001
DE	3,824	3,762	3,831	3,862	*3,798	3,865
FL	1,364	1,364	1,371	1,367	1,367	1,369
GA	35,145	35,696	33,224	33,379	*34,325	33,617
KY	*7,241	*7,215	*7,076	*6,788	*7,472	6,963
LA	3,954	3,954	3,771	3,802	3,728	3,954
MD	8,766	8,871	*8,590	8,126	*8,694	8,713
MS	17,352	16,990	*16,727	17,065	16,491	16,201
NC	18,407	17,544	*17,365	17,788	18,451	17,999
OK	6,456	6,392	6,554	6,234	6,454	6,162
PA	*3,794	*4,094	*3,791	*3,567	*4,119	3,994
SC	5,291	*5,315	4,925	5,317	5,281	5,511
TX	14,855	14,978	14,646	14,084	14,006	14,237
VA	6,282	6,169	6,185	6,194	6,155	5,674
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,336	17,344	16,776	15,954	*16,036	16,434
19 State Total	*213,155	*211,783	*204,385	*203,105	*207,142	204,381
Previous Year Total	212,598	210,692	209,112	202,351	207,247	204,691
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	98	100	100	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 26 2006	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,735	21,050	21,755	20,865	21,319	19,442
AR	23,946	23,586	*24,147	*22,926	*24,013	23,720
DE	4,449	5,319	*4,825	5,007	*4,757	5,084
FL	1,400	1,449	1,541	1,429	1,454	1,582
GA	28,300	28,574	27,995	28,562	*29,988	27,609
KY	*5,927	6,430	6,161	*6,383	*6,187	5,913
LA	3,923	3,901	3,751	3,527	3,870	3,523
MD	6,621	5,652	*5,941	6,018	*5,593	5,559
MS	16,028	15,885	15,792	15,621	15,203	15,193
NC	15,151	15,421	14,802	15,245	14,071	14,725
OK	4,523	5,021	4,897	5,623	4,543	4,866
PA	*2,775	*2,780	*2,797	*2,763	*2,935	2,806
SC	4,707	4,342	4,957	5,242	*4,484	4,012
TX	12,526	12,537	12,682	12,714	12,585	12,470
VA	4,938	4,834	4,823	4,784	5,162	4,812
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,728	16,127	16,282	17,153	*16,126	15,807
19 State Total	*173,677	*172,908	*173,148	*173,862	*172,290	167,123
Previous Year Total	174,673	169,752	172,881	174,088	171,921	170,757
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	102	100	100	100	98

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