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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 7, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 7, 2006 were 6.96 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					
	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,110	*29,844	*31,067	31,499	*30,520	30,414
AR	29,985	29,573	28,333	29,266	*28,990	27,263
DE	3,762	3,831	*3,784	3,798	3,865	3,697
FL	1,364	1,371	*1,383	1,367	1,369	1,374
GA	35,696	33,224	*33,101	34,325	*33,748	34,923
KY	7,215	7,076	6,788	*7,605	*7,026	7,375
LA	3,954	3,771	3,802	3,728	3,954	3,675
MD	8,871	8,590	8,126	8,694	8,713	8,879
MS	16,990	16,727	17,065	16,491	16,201	17,064
NC	17,544	17,365	*17,708	18,451	*18,090	17,135
OK	6,392	6,554	6,234	6,454	6,162	6,579
PA	4,094	3,791	3,567	*4,255	*4,119	3,924
SC	5,315	4,925	5,317	5,281	*5,519	5,484
TX	*14,979	14,646	*14,083	*14,004	*14,235	14,913
VA	6,169	6,185	6,194	6,155	5,674	6,398
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,344	*16,824	*15,990	*16,072	*16,519	16,659
19 State Total	*211,784	*204,297	*202,542	*207,445	*204,704	205,756
Previous Year Total	210,692	209,112	202,351	207,247	204,691	209,968
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	98	100	100	100	98

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 2 2006	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,050	21,755	20,865	21,319	*19,528	20,784
AR	23,586	24,147	22,926	24,013	23,720	21,850
DE	5,319	4,825	*5,018	4,757	5,084	4,321
FL	1,449	1,541	1,429	1,454	1,582	1,245
GA	28,574	27,995	28,562	29,988	*27,746	26,954
KY	6,430	6,161	6,383	*6,416	*5,723	5,703
LA	3,901	3,751	3,527	3,870	3,523	3,651
MD	5,652	5,941	*5,999	5,593	5,559	5,306
MS	15,885	15,792	15,621	15,203	15,193	15,702
NC	15,421	14,802	15,245	14,071	*14,804	14,743
OK	5,021	4,897	5,623	4,543	4,866	5,115
PA	2,780	2,797	2,763	2,935	*2,788	2,658
SC	4,342	4,957	5,242	4,484	*3,839	4,421
TX	12,537	*12,683	*12,715	12,585	*12,471	11,863
VA	4,834	4,823	4,784	5,162	*4,762	5,541
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,127	16,282	17,153	16,126	*16,222	15,222
19 State Total	172,908	*173,149	*173,855	*172,519	*167,410	165,079
Previous Year Total	169,752	172,881	174,088	171,921	170,757	165,328
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	100	100	98	100

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