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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 21, 2006. This was down 3 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 21, 2006 were 7.29 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 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,067	31,433	*29,609	30,200	29,668	29,440
AR	28,333	29,266	*28,174	27,263	28,049	27,323
DE	3,784	3,798	3,865	3,697	*3,683	3,605
FL	1,383	1,367	1,369	1,374	1,374	1,372
GA	33,101	34,325	33,748	34,923	34,766	32,557
KY	6,723	7,645	*7,086	7,535	6,764	7,462
LA	3,802	3,954	3,954	3,399	3,802	3,678
MD	8,126	8,694	8,713	8,879	8,362	8,445
MS	17,065	16,491	16,201	17,064	16,934	16,094
NC	17,708	18,391	*18,437	17,135	*17,507	18,039
OK	6,234	6,454	6,162	6,579	6,455	6,232
PA	3,567	4,255	4,119	*4,069	*3,875	3,922
SC	5,317	5,281	*5,249	5,484	4,951	5,481
TX	14,083	14,004	14,235	14,913	14,525	12,536
VA	6,194	6,155	5,674	6,398	6,186	5,782
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,962	16,045	*16,496	*16,627	*16,848	14,968
19 State Total	202,449	207,558	*203,091	*205,539	*203,749	196,936
Previous Year Total	202,351	207,247	204,691	209,968	202,542	202,413
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	98	101	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,865	21,319	19,528	20,748	20,797	19,963
AR	22,926	24,013	23,720	21,851	*24,163	23,550
DE	5,018	4,757	5,084	4,321	*3,961	4,760
FL	1,429	1,454	1,582	*1,281	1,426	1,449
GA	28,562	29,988	27,746	*26,968	*27,565	27,084
KY	6,383	6,416	5,723	5,630	*6,094	5,669
LA	3,527	3,884	3,523	3,664	3,733	3,470
MD	5,999	5,593	5,559	5,306	*6,809	6,523
MS	15,621	15,203	15,193	15,702	15,237	14,477
NC	15,245	14,071	14,804	14,743	*15,191	15,277
OK	5,623	4,543	4,866	5,115	*4,020	4,411
PA	2,763	2,935	2,788	*2,490	*3,065	3,025
SC	5,242	4,484	3,839	4,421	*4,256	4,271
TX	12,715	12,585	12,471	11,863	11,857	11,990
VA	4,784	5,162	4,762	5,541	4,734	4,222
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,142	16,030	16,125	15,220	*15,458	15,077
19 State Total	173,844	172,437	167,313	*164,864	*168,366	165,218
Previous Year Total	174,088	171,921	170,757	165,328	168,732	166,512
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	98	100	100	99

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