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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 28, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 28, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 28, 2006 were 7.46 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 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006	Oct 28 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,433	29,609	*29,882	29,668	29,440	28,109
AR	29,266	28,174	27,263	28,049	27,323	27,264
DE	3,798	3,865	3,697	3,683	*3,732	3,398
FL	1,367	1,369	*1,365	1,374	1,372	1,364
GA	34,325	33,748	34,923	*34,506	*32,782	32,551
KY	7,645	*7,184	7,535	*6,188	*6,878	7,408
LA	3,954	3,954	*3,678	3,802	3,678	3,618
MD	8,694	8,713	8,879	8,362	8,445	8,411
MS	16,491	16,201	*17,321	16,934	16,094	14,391
NC	18,391	18,437	*17,235	17,507	18,039	18,400
OK	6,454	6,162	6,579	6,455	6,232	6,465
PA	4,255	4,119	4,069	*3,834	*3,783	3,802
SC	5,281	*5,257	5,484	4,951	5,481	5,198
TX	14,004	14,235	14,913	14,525	12,536	12,612
VA	6,155	5,674	6,398	6,186	5,782	5,744
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,045	16,496	*16,623	16,848	*14,940	15,633
19 State Total	207,558	*203,197	*205,844	*202,872	*196,537	194,368
Previous Year Total	207,247	204,691	209,968	202,542	202,413	199,322
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	100	97	98

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006	Oct 28 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,319	19,528	20,748	20,797	19,963	20,098
AR	24,013	23,720	21,851	24,163	23,550	22,506
DE	4,757	5,084	4,321	3,961	*4,809	5,057
FL	1,454	1,582	1,281	1,426	1,449	1,389
GA	29,988	27,746	26,968	27,565	*27,415	28,790
KY	6,416	5,723	5,630	*5,976	*5,469	5,553
LA	3,884	3,523	3,664	3,733	3,470	3,107
MD	5,593	5,559	5,306	6,809	*6,446	5,932
MS	15,203	15,193	15,702	15,237	14,477	15,205
NC	14,071	14,804	14,743	15,191	15,277	14,299
OK	4,543	4,866	5,115	4,020	4,411	4,706
PA	2,935	2,788	2,490	*3,054	*2,912	3,007
SC	4,484	3,839	4,421	4,256	4,271	4,463
TX	12,585	12,471	11,863	11,857	11,990	12,608
VA	5,162	4,762	5,541	4,734	4,222	4,926
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,030	16,125	15,220	*15,416	*15,187	16,214
19 State Total	172,437	167,313	164,864	*168,195	*165,318	167,860
Previous Year Total	171,921	170,757	165,328	168,732	166,512	170,277
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	100	100	99	99

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