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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 4, 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 4, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 4, 2006 were 7.62 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					
	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006	Oct 28 2006	Nov 4 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,609	29,882	29,668	29,440	*28,161	28,814
AR	28,174	27,263	28,049	*27,158	27,264	27,732
DE	3,865	3,697	3,683	3,732	3,398	3,761
FL	1,369	1,365	1,374	1,372	1,364	1,367
GA	33,748	34,923	*35,094	32,782	32,551	32,062
KY	7,184	*7,549	6,188	6,878	7,408	7,355
LA	3,954	3,678	3,802	3,678	3,618	3,802
MD	8,713	8,879	8,362	8,445	8,411	8,685
MS	16,201	17,321	*17,034	16,094	14,391	17,123
NC	18,437	17,235	*17,363	18,039	18,400	18,412
OK	6,162	6,579	6,455	6,232	*6,385	6,070
PA	4,119	4,069	3,834	*3,737	*3,726	3,920
SC	5,257	5,484	4,951	5,481	5,198	4,763
TX	*14,236	*14,914	*14,513	*12,525	*12,600	13,900
VA	5,674	6,398	6,186	5,782	5,744	5,328
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,496	16,623	16,848	14,940	*15,802	17,130
19 State Total	*203,198	*205,859	*203,404	*196,315	*194,421	200,224
Previous Year Total	204,691	209,968	202,542	202,413	199,322	206,422
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	100	97	98	97

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006	Oct 28 2006	Nov 4 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,528	20,748	20,797	19,963	*20,097	19,558
AR	23,720	21,851	*23,862	*23,702	22,506	22,516
DE	5,084	4,321	3,961	4,809	5,057	4,877
FL	1,582	1,281	1,426	1,449	1,389	1,428
GA	27,746	26,968	27,565	27,415	28,790	28,419
KY	5,723	5,630	5,976	5,469	*6,222	5,584
LA	3,523	3,664	3,733	3,470	3,107	3,907
MD	5,559	5,306	6,809	6,446	5,932	5,728
MS	15,193	15,702	15,237	14,477	15,205	15,375
NC	14,804	14,743	15,191	15,277	14,299	14,066
OK	4,866	5,115	*4,251	*4,211	4,706	4,426
PA	2,788	2,490	3,054	*2,864	*2,952	2,819
SC	3,839	4,421	4,256	4,271	4,463	4,630
TX	12,471	*11,864	*11,858	*11,991	*12,609	12,323
VA	4,762	5,541	4,734	4,222	4,926	4,697
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,125	15,220	15,416	15,187	*15,542	15,102
19 State Total	167,313	*164,865	*168,126	*165,223	*167,802	165,455
Previous Year Total	170,757	165,328	168,732	166,512	170,277	165,230
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	100	99	99	100

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