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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 18, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 18, 2006. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 18, 2006 were 7.94 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					
	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006	Oct 28 2006	Nov 4 2006	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,586	30,217	*26,736	28,874	*30,879	29,562
AR	28,049	*27,581	27,264	*27,218	*29,669	29,543
DE	3,683	3,732	3,402	3,761	3,690	3,686
FL	1,374	1,372	1,364	1,367	1,354	1,359
GA	35,094	32,473	32,551	32,062	*34,004	33,664
KY	6,418	*6,666	7,314	6,582	*7,186	7,193
LA	3,802	3,802	*3,742	3,802	3,742	3,712
MD	8,362	8,445	8,411	8,685	8,295	8,616
MS	17,034	16,094	14,391	17,123	16,921	17,599
NC	17,363	17,758	*18,182	18,412	18,428	18,531
OK	6,455	6,232	6,385	6,070	*6,202	6,412
PA	3,814	3,721	3,388	*3,595	*3,911	3,758
SC	4,951	5,481	*5,052	4,763	5,460	5,487
TX	14,513	12,525	12,600	13,900	13,684	14,040
VA	6,186	5,782	5,744	5,328	*6,255	6,277
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,848	14,889	*16,171	*17,082	*17,861	18,138
19 State Total	203,532	*196,770	*192,697	*198,624	*207,541	207,577
Previous Year Total	202,542	202,413	199,322	206,422	210,900	212,945
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	97	97	96	98	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 14 2006	Oct 21 2006	Oct 28 2006	Nov 4 2006	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,797	19,923	20,125	19,657	*19,635	17,292
AR	23,862	23,702	*22,474	*22,444	*20,938	21,767
DE	3,961	4,809	4,965	5,301	5,773	4,583
FL	1,426	1,449	1,389	1,428	1,400	1,209
GA	27,565	27,415	28,785	28,334	*26,793	26,485
KY	5,976	5,469	6,126	5,576	*5,421	6,336
LA	3,733	3,470	3,107	3,907	3,950	3,365
MD	6,809	6,446	6,031	5,612	4,676	5,617
MS	15,237	14,477	15,205	15,375	14,645	12,830
NC	15,191	15,277	14,299	14,066	15,056	14,632
OK	4,251	4,211	4,706	4,498	*5,020	4,289
PA	2,977	2,856	2,882	*2,782	*2,633	2,630
SC	4,256	4,271	4,463	4,630	4,315	4,340
TX	11,858	11,991	12,609	12,323	10,630	10,662
VA	4,734	4,222	5,039	4,697	4,382	4,808
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,416	15,122	15,475	*15,067	*14,902	15,142
19 State Total	168,049	165,110	*167,680	*165,697	*160,169	155,987
Previous Year Total	168,732	166,512	170,277	165,230	165,141	162,967
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	100	97	96

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