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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 25, 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 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 25, 2006. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 25, 2006 were 8.10 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 21 2006	Oct 28 2006	Nov 4 2006	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,217	26,736	*28,406	30,879	29,562	29,777
AR	27,581	27,264	*27,780	29,669	*29,771	29,433
DE	3,732	3,402	3,761	3,690	*3,830	3,837
FL	1,372	1,364	1,367	1,354	1,359	1,356
GA	32,473	32,551	32,062	34,004	*33,827	34,780
KY	*6,732	*7,468	*6,586	7,186	*7,537	7,572
LA	3,802	3,742	3,802	3,742	3,712	3,712
MD	8,445	8,411	8,685	8,295	8,616	8,609
MS	16,094	14,391	17,123	16,921	17,599	18,123
NC	17,758	18,182	*18,290	18,428	*18,563	18,235
OK	6,232	6,385	6,070	6,202	*6,573	6,403
PA	3,721	3,388	3,595	*3,897	*3,999	3,809
SC	5,481	5,052	4,763	5,460	5,487	5,384
TX	12,525	12,600	*13,673	13,684	14,040	14,326
VA	5,782	5,744	5,328	6,255	6,277	6,223
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*14,865	*16,147	*17,076	17,861	*18,152	17,913
19 State Total	*196,812	*192,827	*198,367	*207,527	*208,904	209,492
Previous Year Total	202,413	199,322	206,422	210,900	212,945	215,393
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	97	96	98	98	97

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 21 2006	Oct 28 2006	Nov 4 2006	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,923	20,125	19,657	*19,638	17,292	18,768
AR	23,702	22,474	22,444	20,938	*21,612	21,931
DE	4,809	4,965	*5,241	5,773	*4,182	5,070
FL	1,449	1,389	1,428	1,400	1,209	1,439
GA	27,415	28,785	28,334	26,793	*26,482	26,483
KY	5,469	6,126	5,576	*5,934	*6,503	5,218
LA	3,470	3,107	3,907	3,950	3,365	3,768
MD	6,446	6,031	*5,511	4,676	*6,012	5,972
MS	14,477	15,205	15,375	14,645	12,830	15,453
NC	15,277	14,299	14,066	15,056	*14,682	15,428
OK	4,211	4,706	4,498	5,020	*4,820	3,948
PA	2,856	2,882	2,782	*2,606	*2,589	2,680
SC	4,271	4,463	4,630	4,315	4,340	3,966
TX	11,991	12,609	12,323	10,630	10,662	11,603
VA	4,222	5,039	4,697	4,382	4,808	4,057
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,123	15,475	*15,066	*14,688	*15,136	16,181
19 State Total	*165,111	167,680	*165,535	*160,444	*156,524	161,965
Previous Year Total	166,512	170,277	165,230	165,141	162,967	169,218
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	100	97	96	96

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