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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 2, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 2, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 2, 2006 were 8.27 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 28 2006	Nov 4 2006	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006	Dec 2 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,736	28,406	*30,929	*29,563	*29,775	31,207
AR	27,264	27,780	29,669	29,771	29,433	29,594
DE	3,402	3,761	3,690	3,830	3,837	3,943
FL	1,364	1,367	*1,369	1,359	1,356	1,164
GA	32,551	32,062	*34,165	33,827	34,780	35,298
KY	7,468	6,586	7,186	7,537	*7,565	7,432
LA	3,742	3,802	3,742	3,712	3,712	3,712
MD	8,411	8,685	8,295	8,616	8,609	8,530
MS	14,391	17,123	16,921	17,599	18,123	17,007
NC	18,182	18,290	*18,493	18,563	*18,296	18,605
OK	6,385	6,070	6,202	6,573	6,403	6,449
PA	3,388	3,595	3,897	3,999	*3,891	3,773
SC	5,052	4,763	5,460	5,487	5,384	5,574
TX	12,600	13,673	13,684	14,040	14,326	14,309
VA	5,744	5,328	6,255	6,277	6,223	6,253
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,116	*17,043	*17,936	*17,898	*17,650	17,912
19 State Total	*192,796	*198,334	*207,893	*208,651	*209,363	210,762
Previous Year Total	199,322	206,422	210,900	212,945	215,393	214,156
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	99	98	97	98

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 28 2006	Nov 4 2006	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006	Dec 2 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,125	19,657	19,638	*17,285	*18,660	20,820
AR	22,474	22,444	20,938	21,612	21,931	23,607
DE	4,965	5,241	5,773	4,182	5,070	4,955
FL	1,389	1,428	1,400	1,209	1,439	1,194
GA	28,785	28,334	26,793	26,482	26,483	26,515
KY	6,126	5,576	5,934	6,503	*5,366	5,691
LA	3,107	3,907	3,950	3,365	3,768	3,445
MD	6,031	5,511	4,676	6,012	5,972	5,331
MS	15,205	15,375	14,645	12,830	15,453	15,302
NC	14,299	14,066	15,056	14,682	*15,437	15,586
OK	4,706	4,498	5,020	4,820	3,948	4,805
PA	2,882	2,782	2,606	2,589	*2,671	2,877
SC	4,463	4,630	4,315	4,340	3,966	4,998
TX	12,609	12,323	10,630	10,662	11,603	11,667
VA	5,039	4,697	4,382	4,808	4,057	5,014
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,475	*15,044	*14,665	*15,114	*16,268	16,487
19 State Total	167,680	*165,513	*160,421	*156,495	*162,092	168,294
Previous Year Total	170,277	165,230	165,141	162,967	169,218	171,991
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	97	96	96	98

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