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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 23, 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 23, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 23, 2006 were 8.78 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					
	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006	Dec 2 2006	Dec 9 2006	Dec 16 2006	Dec 23 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,348	30,220	*31,091	30,593	30,327	30,098
AR	29,771	*29,644	*29,765	28,614	29,789	28,911
DE	3,830	3,837	3,943	3,963	3,913	3,572
FL	1,354	1,336	*1,264	1,356	1,353	1,342
GA	34,926	35,216	35,298	34,244	35,819	34,923
KY	7,646	*7,505	7,472	6,698	7,465	7,154
LA	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,742	3,742
MD	8,616	8,609	8,495	8,482	8,531	8,603
MS	17,599	18,123	17,007	17,147	17,960	18,321
NC	18,810	18,540	*18,825	18,660	19,039	18,688
OK	6,573	6,403	6,449	6,447	6,177	5,994
PA	3,999	4,124	4,023	*3,901	*4,002	4,076
SC	5,487	5,384	5,574	5,471	5,530	5,205
TX	14,328	14,326	14,309	14,080	14,138	14,112
VA	6,277	6,223	6,399	5,959	6,075	6,234
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,919	*17,985	17,606	17,863	*17,701	17,764
19 State Total	211,195	*211,187	*211,232	*207,190	*211,561	208,739
Previous Year Total	212,945	215,393	214,156	213,249	215,686	212,232
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	97	98	98

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006	Dec 2 2006	Dec 9 2006	Dec 16 2006	Dec 23 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	17,285	18,602	20,721	19,686	*20,225	20,926
AR	21,612	21,931	23,607	23,250	*23,904	23,789
DE	4,182	5,070	4,941	5,287	4,366	4,126
FL	1,209	1,439	1,194	1,484	1,685	1,575
GA	26,482	26,483	26,515	28,138	28,590	28,316
KY	6,503	5,366	5,717	6,174	5,922	6,327
LA	3,365	3,768	3,445	3,635	3,606	3,816
MD	6,012	5,972	5,340	5,761	6,675	6,220
MS	12,830	15,453	15,302	15,762	16,075	15,228
NC	14,682	15,437	15,586	15,496	15,454	15,445
OK	4,820	3,948	4,805	5,424	4,180	4,648
PA	2,589	2,828	2,846	*2,915	*2,949	2,974
SC	4,340	3,966	4,998	4,578	4,521	5,006
TX	10,666	11,606	11,670	12,142	12,085	12,052
VA	4,808	4,057	5,017	4,776	5,186	5,238
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,114	16,268	16,374	*16,980	*17,119	16,361
19 State Total	156,499	162,194	168,078	*171,488	*172,542	172,047
Previous Year Total	162,967	169,218	171,991	173,392	175,810	174,733
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	96	98	99	98	98

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