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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 30, 2006. This was down 1 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 30, 2006 were 8.95 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 25 2006	Dec 2 2006	Dec 9 2006	Dec 16 2006	Dec 23 2006	Dec 30 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,220	*31,149	30,593	30,327	*30,372	30,508
AR	29,644	*29,786	28,614	29,789	*28,933	29,531
DE	3,837	3,943	3,963	3,913	3,572	3,963
FL	1,336	1,264	*1,344	1,353	1,342	1,342
GA	35,216	35,793	*34,499	35,819	*34,664	35,205
KY	7,505	*7,899	*6,454	7,465	*7,263	7,310
LA	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,742	3,742	3,649
MD	8,609	8,495	8,482	8,531	*8,498	8,531
MS	18,123	17,007	17,147	17,960	*18,374	18,439
NC	18,540	18,825	*18,555	19,039	18,688	18,224
OK	6,403	6,449	6,447	6,177	*6,483	6,386
PA	4,124	4,023	3,901	4,002	*3,920	4,053
SC	5,384	5,574	5,471	5,530	*5,230	5,610
TX	14,326	14,309	14,080	14,138	14,112	14,233
VA	6,223	6,399	5,959	6,075	*6,164	6,238
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,985	17,606	17,863	*17,890	*17,839	17,878
19 State Total	211,187	*212,233	*207,084	*211,750	*209,196	211,100
Previous Year Total	215,393	214,156	213,249	215,686	212,232	214,172
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	97	98	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 25 2006	Dec 2 2006	Dec 9 2006	Dec 16 2006	Dec 23 2006	Dec 30 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,602	20,721	19,686	20,225	*20,903	20,412
AR	21,931	23,607	23,250	23,904	*23,869	22,870
DE	5,070	4,941	5,287	4,366	*4,914	4,260
FL	1,439	1,194	1,484	1,685	*1,517	1,401
GA	26,483	26,515	28,138	28,590	*29,066	28,025
KY	5,366	5,717	6,174	5,922	*6,331	5,220
LA	3,768	3,445	3,635	3,606	3,816	3,420
MD	5,972	5,340	5,761	6,675	*5,944	6,617
MS	15,453	15,302	15,762	16,075	*15,238	15,312
NC	15,437	15,586	15,496	15,454	15,445	15,442
OK	3,948	4,805	5,424	4,180	*4,754	5,288
PA	2,828	2,846	2,915	2,949	*2,982	2,767
SC	3,966	4,998	4,578	4,521	*4,561	4,475
TX	11,606	11,670	12,142	12,085	12,052	11,789
VA	4,057	5,017	4,776	5,186	*5,275	4,407
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,268	16,374	16,980	*17,102	*16,635	16,594
19 State Total	162,194	168,078	171,488	*172,525	*173,302	168,299
Previous Year Total	169,218	171,991	173,392	175,810	174,733	173,580
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	98	99	98	99	97

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