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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 10, 2007. 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 10, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 10, 2007 were 1.72 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					
	Feb 3 2007	Feb 10 2007	Feb 17 2007	Feb 24 2007	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,397	30,853	30,912	30,731	30,944	30,166
AR	27,525	27,822	27,995	27,872	28,089	28,267
DE	3,852	3,995	3,993	3,994	4,021	4,047
FL	1,369	1,363	1,362	1,365	1,366	1,364
GA	35,107	35,263	35,777	35,637	35,732	35,527
KY	7,765	*7,758	7,592	7,607	7,666	7,706
LA	3,711	3,740	3,833	3,802	3,786	3,833
MD	8,078	8,781	8,822	8,743	8,958	9,019
MS	18,816	19,044	19,195	19,044	19,135	19,149
NC	18,566	18,430	*19,102	18,708	19,624	19,538
OK	6,553	6,472	6,526	6,542	6,684	6,486
PA	3,929	*3,352	*4,104	*3,890	*4,007	3,911
SC	5,493	5,308	5,499	5,452	*5,624	5,383
TX	14,455	14,627	*14,576	14,639	14,639	14,935
VA	6,177	6,146	6,116	6,179	*6,168	6,203
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,824	*19,500	*19,527	*20,164	*20,238	19,681
19 State Total	*211,617	*212,454	*214,931	*214,369	*216,681	215,215
Previous Year Total	212,810	212,616	215,181	216,954	216,951	216,768
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	99	100	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 3 2007	Feb 10 2007	Feb 17 2007	Feb 24 2007	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,315	19,693	20,150	20,504	20,640	20,491
AR	24,410	23,244	24,192	23,169	22,890	22,932
DE	5,550	4,576	5,643	4,190	4,407	3,826
FL	1,745	1,559	1,595	1,592	1,736	1,406
GA	27,628	28,359	28,819	28,793	*28,851	28,804
KY	*6,446	*6,669	*6,212	*6,034	*5,828	6,561
LA	3,410	3,548	3,597	3,592	3,890	3,454
MD	5,124	5,946	5,185	5,778	5,890	7,029
MS	16,089	16,442	16,907	16,956	17,131	17,352
NC	15,314	14,914	15,834	15,494	15,638	15,852
OK	4,381	4,814	4,667	5,252	5,100	5,417
PA	2,908	2,865	*2,705	*2,824	*2,618	2,968
SC	5,508	5,260	4,165	4,303	*4,200	4,792
TX	12,157	11,828	11,552	11,967	12,182	12,228
VA	4,900	4,985	4,725	5,011	*5,122	4,819
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,068	*16,096	*15,661	*17,170	*17,421	16,813
19 State Total	*171,953	*170,798	*171,609	*172,629	*173,544	174,744
Previous Year Total	174,471	176,021	174,381	173,142	173,663	175,801
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	97	98	100	100	99

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