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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 17, 2007. This was up 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 17, 2007. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 17, 2007 were 1.90 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 10 2007	Feb 17 2007	Feb 24 2007	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,853	30,912	*30,904	30,944	30,166	30,707
AR	27,822	27,995	27,872	28,089	*28,240	28,016
DE	3,995	3,993	3,994	4,021	4,047	4,043
FL	1,363	1,362	1,365	1,366	1,364	1,364
GA	35,263	35,777	35,637	35,732	35,527	34,527
KY	*7,599	*7,388	*7,365	7,666	*7,755	7,528
LA	3,740	3,833	3,802	3,786	3,833	3,893
MD	8,781	8,822	8,743	8,958	9,019	8,975
MS	19,044	19,195	19,044	19,135	19,149	19,281
NC	18,430	19,102	*19,003	19,624	19,538	19,305
OK	6,472	6,526	6,542	6,684	*6,603	6,689
PA	3,352	4,104	3,890	*3,999	*3,943	3,834
SC	5,308	5,499	5,452	5,624	5,383	5,479
TX	14,627	14,576	14,639	14,639	14,935	15,169
VA	6,146	6,116	6,179	6,168	6,203	6,246
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,500	*19,545	20,164	20,238	*19,981	19,912
19 State Total	*212,295	*214,745	*214,595	*216,673	*215,686	214,968
Previous Year Total	212,616	215,181	216,954	216,951	216,768	213,555
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	100	100	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 10 2007	Feb 17 2007	Feb 24 2007	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,693	20,150	20,504	20,640	20,491	20,132
AR	23,244	24,192	23,169	22,890	*23,452	22,410
DE	4,576	5,643	4,190	4,407	3,826	4,693
FL	1,559	1,595	1,592	1,736	1,406	1,440
GA	28,359	28,819	28,793	28,851	*28,817	28,436
KY	6,669	6,212	6,034	*5,733	*6,390	6,228
LA	3,548	3,597	3,592	3,890	3,454	3,998
MD	5,946	5,185	5,778	5,890	7,029	5,929
MS	16,442	16,907	16,956	17,131	*17,289	17,397
NC	14,914	15,834	15,494	15,638	15,852	15,472
OK	4,814	4,667	5,252	5,100	*5,061	5,574
PA	2,865	2,705	2,824	*2,602	*2,946	2,910
SC	5,260	4,165	4,303	4,200	4,792	5,242
TX	11,828	11,552	11,967	12,182	12,228	12,275
VA	4,985	4,725	5,011	5,122	4,819	4,901
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,096	15,661	17,170	17,421	*16,741	16,708
19 State Total	170,798	171,609	172,629	*173,433	*174,593	173,745
Previous Year Total	176,021	174,381	173,142	173,663	175,801	177,396
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	100	100	99	98

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