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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 24, 2007. This was up 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 24, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 24, 2007 were 2.07 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 17 2007	Feb 24 2007	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,912	30,904	*30,794	30,166	30,707	31,078
AR	27,995	27,872	28,089	28,240	28,016	27,095
DE	3,993	3,994	4,021	4,047	4,043	4,047
FL	1,362	1,365	1,366	1,364	1,364	1,365
GA	35,777	35,637	35,732	35,527	*34,875	35,870
KY	7,388	*7,390	*7,518	7,755	*7,497	7,597
LA	3,833	3,802	3,786	3,833	3,893	3,909
MD	8,822	8,743	8,958	9,019	8,975	8,952
MS	19,195	19,044	19,135	19,149	19,281	19,193
NC	19,102	19,003	*19,485	19,538	19,305	19,326
OK	6,526	6,542	6,684	6,603	6,689	6,690
PA	4,104	3,890	3,999	*4,005	*3,845	3,733
SC	5,499	5,452	5,624	5,383	5,479	5,422
TX	14,576	14,639	14,639	14,935	15,169	15,105
VA	6,116	6,179	6,168	6,203	6,246	6,399
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,550	*20,203	*20,243	*19,992	*20,024	19,631
19 State Total	*214,750	*214,659	*216,241	*215,759	*215,408	215,412
Previous Year Total	215,181	216,954	216,951	216,768	213,555	211,053
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	100	101	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 17 2007	Feb 24 2007	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,150	20,504	20,640	20,491	20,132	20,427
AR	24,192	23,169	22,890	23,452	22,410	24,627
DE	5,643	4,190	4,407	3,826	4,693	5,861
FL	1,595	1,592	1,736	1,406	1,440	1,419
GA	28,819	28,793	28,851	28,817	*28,389	29,186
KY	6,212	6,034	5,733	6,390	*6,545	6,094
LA	3,597	3,592	3,890	3,454	3,998	3,739
MD	5,185	5,778	5,890	7,029	5,929	5,572
MS	16,907	16,956	17,131	17,289	17,397	17,043
NC	15,834	15,494	15,638	15,852	15,472	15,867
OK	4,667	5,252	5,100	5,061	5,574	4,548
PA	2,705	2,824	2,602	*2,909	*2,874	2,861
SC	4,165	4,303	4,200	4,792	*5,206	4,823
TX	11,552	11,967	12,182	12,228	12,275	12,302
VA	4,725	5,011	5,122	4,819	4,901	4,593
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,663	*17,175	*17,425	*16,608	*16,941	16,510
19 State Total	*171,611	*172,634	*173,437	*174,423	*174,176	175,472
Previous Year Total	174,381	173,142	173,663	175,801	177,396	176,996
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	100	99	98	99

* Revised