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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 14, 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 14, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through April 14, 2007 were 2.60 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					
	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*30,094	*30,576	*30,995	31,304	*31,722	31,354
AR	*28,240	*28,079	*27,393	27,991	*28,374	28,586
DE	4,047	4,043	4,047	4,039	*4,107	4,160
FL	1,364	1,364	*1,377	1,364	1,362	1,372
GA	35,527	*35,450	35,870	35,361	36,164	36,373
KY	*7,556	*7,350	*7,602	7,569	7,405	7,373
LA	3,833	3,893	*3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	9,019	8,975	8,952	8,985	*9,011	9,050
MS	19,149	19,281	19,193	18,936	18,998	19,104
NC	*19,400	*19,207	*19,292	*18,341	19,407	19,705
OK	*6,603	6,689	6,690	*6,474	*6,650	6,771
PA	*4,005	*3,929	*3,799	*3,871	3,959	3,949
SC	5,383	5,479	5,422	5,388	5,554	5,378
TX	14,935	*15,075	*15,104	*15,015	14,963	15,007
VA	6,203	6,246	6,399	6,495	6,451	6,529
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,034	*20,052	*19,688	*20,019	*20,151	20,221
19 State Total	*215,392	*215,688	*215,747	*215,076	*218,202	218,856
Previous Year Total	216,749	213,637	211,079	213,785	215,794	214,981
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	102	101	101	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,491	20,132	*20,496	20,197	*20,400	20,571
AR	*23,452	22,410	24,627	*24,337	*24,608	24,406
DE	3,826	4,693	*5,768	4,449	*5,115	5,220
FL	1,406	1,440	*1,319	1,450	1,458	1,597
GA	*28,955	*28,527	*29,218	28,940	29,038	29,254
KY	*6,410	*6,471	*6,420	*6,353	*6,186	5,283
LA	3,454	3,998	*3,756	3,655	3,738	3,795
MD	7,029	5,929	*5,663	6,778	*5,952	6,300
MS	*17,289	17,397	*17,173	*17,415	17,719	17,494
NC	15,852	15,472	15,867	*15,872	16,161	15,706
OK	*5,061	5,574	4,548	*4,406	*4,745	4,628
PA	*2,909	*2,744	*2,785	*2,826	2,849	2,744
SC	4,792	*5,206	4,823	4,429	4,823	5,440
TX	12,228	12,275	12,302	*12,577	12,840	12,797
VA	4,819	4,901	4,593	4,758	5,164	4,889
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,845	*17,005	*16,172	*17,050	*15,634	16,759
19 State Total	*174,818	*174,174	*175,530	*175,492	*176,430	176,883
Previous Year Total	176,437	177,690	177,961	177,711	175,414	172,785
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	99	101	102

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