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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 21, 2007. This was up 4 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 21, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through April 21, 2007 were 2.78 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 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,576	30,995	31,304	31,722	31,354	31,737
AR	28,079	27,393	27,991	28,374	28,586	28,327
DE	4,043	4,047	4,039	4,107	4,160	4,064
FL	1,364	1,377	*1,397	1,362	1,372	1,383
GA	35,450	35,870	*35,362	36,164	*36,491	37,540
KY	*7,375	*7,701	*7,765	7,405	7,373	7,767
LA	3,893	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	8,975	8,952	8,985	9,011	9,050	8,941
MS	19,281	19,193	18,936	18,998	19,104	19,090
NC	19,207	19,292	*19,487	19,407	19,705	19,625
OK	6,689	6,690	6,474	6,650	6,771	6,771
PA	3,929	*3,779	3,871	*3,741	*4,105	4,032
SC	5,479	5,422	5,388	5,554	5,378	5,775
TX	15,075	15,104	15,015	14,963	15,007	15,069
VA	6,246	6,399	6,495	6,451	6,529	6,540
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,052	19,688	20,019	20,151	*20,027	20,084
19 State Total	*215,713	*215,826	*216,452	*217,984	*218,936	220,669
Previous Year Total	213,637	211,079	213,785	215,794	214,981	212,327
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	101	102	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,132	20,496	20,197	20,400	20,571	20,652
AR	22,410	24,627	24,337	24,608	24,406	23,531
DE	4,693	5,768	4,449	5,115	5,220	5,507
FL	1,440	1,319	1,450	1,458	1,597	1,497
GA	28,527	29,218	28,940	29,038	*29,472	28,444
KY	6,471	6,420	6,353	*6,179	*5,358	6,584
LA	3,998	3,756	3,655	3,738	3,795	3,765
MD	5,929	5,663	6,778	5,952	6,300	4,983
MS	17,397	17,173	17,415	17,719	17,494	17,370
NC	15,472	15,867	15,872	16,161	15,706	15,907
OK	5,574	4,548	4,406	4,745	4,628	5,298
PA	*2,987	*3,031	*3,041	*2,981	*2,887	2,911
SC	5,206	4,823	4,429	4,823	*5,258	4,971
TX	12,275	12,302	12,577	12,840	12,797	12,709
VA	4,901	4,593	4,758	5,164	4,889	5,402
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,005	16,172	17,050	15,634	*16,834	18,022
19 State Total	*174,417	*175,776	*175,707	*176,555	*177,212	177,553
Previous Year Total	177,690	177,961	177,711	175,414	172,785	175,809
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	101	103	101

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