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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 19, 2007. This was up 3 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through May 19, 2007 were 3.50 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007	May 12 2007	May 19 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,354	31,737	31,504	31,092	*31,185	31,372
AR	28,586	28,327	28,547	29,200	29,002	27,943
DE	4,187	4,064	4,108	4,160	4,086	4,105
FL	1,372	1,383	1,384	1,376	1,377	1,321
GA	36,491	36,540	36,488	35,761	*36,101	36,294
KY	*7,624	*8,059	*7,720	7,705	7,769	7,888
LA	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,955	3,955	3,923
MD	9,050	8,941	8,932	8,776	8,926	8,852
MS	19,104	19,090	*18,796	18,826	19,104	18,878
NC	19,889	19,625	*19,843	19,506	19,949	19,925
OK	6,771	6,771	6,583	6,633	6,636	6,852
PA	4,197	4,152	*3,836	*3,998	*4,080	4,091
SC	5,378	5,775	5,659	5,473	5,643	5,604
TX	14,987	15,049	15,122	14,971	15,073	15,098
VA	6,529	6,540	6,478	6,480	6,553	6,507
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,244	*20,638	19,850	*20,157	*20,959	21,080
19 State Total	*219,687	*220,615	*218,774	*218,069	*220,398	219,733
Previous Year Total	214,981	212,327	210,570	211,844	213,524	213,197
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	104	103	103	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007	May 12 2007	May 19 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,571	*20,676	20,656	*20,593	*21,030	21,727
AR	24,406	23,531	23,898	23,518	24,560	24,148
DE	5,258	5,507	5,467	4,801	5,307	4,697
FL	1,597	1,497	1,555	1,468	*1,830	1,390
GA	29,472	28,447	*30,068	*30,109	*29,934	28,603
KY	5,366	*6,347	*5,891	*6,096	*6,640	6,340
LA	3,795	3,765	3,901	3,892	3,833	3,959
MD	6,316	5,833	6,047	5,881	6,666	6,493
MS	17,494	17,370	17,559	17,429	17,502	16,994
NC	15,706	15,907	16,434	16,370	15,837	16,149
OK	4,628	5,298	5,007	5,623	4,862	4,699
PA	2,899	2,990	*3,144	*3,257	*3,148	2,893
SC	5,258	4,971	5,415	4,671	*4,611	5,602
TX	12,801	12,713	12,675	12,606	12,663	12,773
VA	4,889	5,203	5,225	6,157	*4,446	5,255
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,879	18,091	17,751	18,370	*18,109	17,517
19 State Total	177,335	*178,146	*180,693	*180,841	*180,978	179,239
Previous Year Total	172,785	175,809	177,833	176,955	174,308	172,844
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	102	104	104

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