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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 25, 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 25, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through August 25, 2007 were 6.01 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Jul 21<br>2007  | Jul 28<br>2007  | Aug 4<br>2007   | Aug 11<br>2007  | Aug 18<br>2007  | Aug 25<br>2007  |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 32,197          | *32,769         | *32,404         | 32,236          | *32,061         | 31,507          |
| AR                  | 27,830          | 28,036          | 28,256          | 28,414          | 28,305          | 30,133          |
| DE                  | 4,188           | 4,188           | 4,173           | 4,169           | 4,186           | 3,958           |
| FL                  | 1,363           | 1,376           | *1,367          | 1,362           | 1,374           | 1,366           |
| GA                  | 35,812          | 35,613          | 35,864          | 35,928          | *35,744         | 35,648          |
| KY                  | 7,802           | 7,759           | *7,718          | 7,780           | 7,857           | 7,666           |
| LA                  | 3,923           | 3,954           | 4,014           | 4,014           | 4,044           | 4,044           |
| MD                  | 8,778           | 8,673           | 8,730           | 8,752           | 8,823           | 8,807           |
| MS                  | 18,741          | 18,802          | 18,741          | 18,726          | 18,656          | 17,771          |
| NC                  | 19,416          | 19,599          | *19,707         | 19,651          | *19,161         | 19,885          |
| OK                  | 6,796           | 6,657           | *6,630          | 6,574           | *6,627          | 6,780           |
| PA                  | 4,090           | *4,029          | *3,940          | *4,232          | *4,181          | 4,246           |
| SC                  | 5,747           | 5,646           | 5,566           | 5,743           | 5,554           | 5,592           |
| TX                  | 15,314          | 15,200          | 14,281          | 14,737          | 15,012          | 14,981          |
| VA                  | 6,175           | 6,313           | 6,242           | 6,249           | 6,245           | 6,349           |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | 19,356          | 19,758          | 19,116          | 19,058          | *19,065         | 19,248          |
| 19 State Total      | 217,528         | *218,372        | *216,749        | *217,625        | *216,895        | 217,981         |
| Previous Year Total | 214,110         | 214,549         | 213,198         | 212,573         | 212,830         | 213,141         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 102             | 102             | 102             | 102             | 102             | 102             |

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**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Jul 21<br>2007  | Jul 28<br>2007  | Aug 4<br>2007   | Aug 11<br>2007  | Aug 18<br>2007  | Aug 25<br>2007  |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 21,346          | 20,537          | 21,389          | 21,401          | *21,034         | 21,510          |
| AR                  | 22,879          | 23,136          | 23,512          | 24,226          | *23,964         | 24,673          |
| DE                  | 5,124           | 5,167           | 5,714           | 4,513           | 5,130           | 4,795           |
| FL                  | 1,478           | 1,511           | 1,481           | 1,419           | 1,461           | 1,374           |
| GA                  | 28,662          | 30,435          | 30,600          | 29,154          | *29,268         | 30,073          |
| KY                  | 5,719           | 6,240           | 6,619           | 6,882           | 6,595           | 6,102           |
| LA                  | 3,927           | 3,891           | 3,380           | 3,900           | 3,618           | 3,835           |
| MD                  | 5,606           | 6,175           | 5,755           | 7,059           | 5,431           | 6,652           |
| MS                  | 16,544          | 16,845          | 16,972          | 16,978          | *16,920         | 17,090          |
| NC                  | 15,895          | 15,873          | 16,315          | 16,073          | 16,428          | 16,123          |
| OK                  | 5,133           | 4,922           | 6,034           | 4,173           | *4,918          | 4,205           |
| PA                  | 2,873           | *3,050          | *3,136          | *3,051          | *3,176          | 2,954           |
| SC                  | 4,690           | 4,392           | 4,444           | 5,657           | 5,076           | 4,430           |
| TX                  | 11,865          | 12,808          | 12,946          | 12,909          | 12,830          | 12,016          |
| VA                  | 4,971           | 4,721           | 5,411           | 4,584           | 4,820           | 5,080           |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | 16,266          | 17,475          | 16,972          | 16,816          | *17,398         | 17,298          |
| 19 State Total      | 172,978         | *177,178        | *180,680        | *178,795        | *178,067        | 178,210         |
| Previous Year Total | 171,142         | 173,121         | 175,451         | 175,423         | 175,536         | 174,052         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 101             | 102             | 103             | 102             | 101             | 102             |

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