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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 15, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 15, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through September 15, 2007 were 6.54 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 | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Aug 11 2007 | Aug 18 2007 | Aug 25 2007 | Sep 1 2007 | Sep 8 2007 | Sep 15 2007 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 32,236 | 32,061 | *31,632 | 31,432 | 30,964 | 31,327 |
| AR | 28,414 | 28,305 | 28,234 | 28,271 | 27,155 | 26,429 |
| DE | 4,169 | 4,186 | 3,958 | 3,974 | 3,954 | 3,982 |
| FL | 1,342 | 1,344 | 1,366 | 1,344 | 1,344 | 1,344 |
| GA | 35,928 | 35,726 | 35,676 | 36,031 | 34,273 | 34,299 |
| KY | *7,767 | *7,815 | *7,670 | 7,616 | 7,214 | 7,505 |
| LA | 4,014 | 4,044 | 4,044 | 4,038 | *4,029 | 3,999 |
| MD | 8,752 | 8,823 | 8,624 | 8,360 | 8,500 | 7,984 |
| MS | 18,726 | 18,656 | 17,771 | 17,633 | 18,093 | 17,881 |
| NC | 19,713 | 19,074 | *19,713 | 19,341 | 17,926 | 19,068 |
| OK | 6,574 | 6,627 | 6,780 | 6,720 | 6,749 | 6,049 |
| PA | 4,232 | 4,341 | *4,484 | *4,397 | *4,108 | 4,275 |
| SC | 5,743 | 5,554 | 5,592 | 5,370 | 5,390 | 5,547 |
| TX | 14,741 | 15,027 | 14,995 | 14,970 | *14,583 | 13,224 |
| VA | 6,249 | 6,245 | 6,349 | 6,290 | 6,211 | 5,810 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 19,083 | 19,065 | 19,254 | 19,438 | *18,854 | 18,195 |
| 19 State Total | *217,683 | *216,893 | *216,142 | *215,225 | *209,347 | 206,918 |
| Previous Year Total | 212,573 | 212,830 | 213,141 | 211,613 | 204,137 | 202,441 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 102 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 102 |

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Aug 11 2007 | Aug 18 2007 | Aug 25 2007 | Sep 1 2007 | Sep 8 2007 | Sep 15 2007 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,401 | 21,217 | 21,361 | *21,584 | *20,757 | 20,960 |
| AR | 24,226 | 23,964 | 24,673 | 24,551 | 23,745 | 24,169 |
| DE | 4,464 | 5,130 | 5,224 | 4,937 | 4,874 | 4,960 |
| FL | 1,419 | 1,461 | 1,374 | 1,474 | 1,354 | 1,343 |
| GA | 29,154 | 29,268 | 30,272 | 28,900 | *29,267 | 29,387 |
| KY | 6,874 | 6,388 | 6,032 | *6,132 | *6,452 | 5,840 |
| LA | 3,900 | 3,618 | 3,835 | 3,865 | 3,979 | 3,905 |
| MD | 6,908 | 5,326 | 5,575 | 5,860 | 6,109 | 5,666 |
| MS | 16,978 | 16,920 | 17,090 | 17,079 | 16,947 | 16,238 |
| NC | 16,073 | 16,428 | 16,123 | 16,300 | 15,934 | 16,414 |
| OK | 4,173 | 4,918 | 4,205 | 4,521 | 4,897 | 5,383 |
| PA | 3,051 | *3,067 | *2,794 | *3,018 | *3,225 | 3,266 |
| SC | 5,657 | 5,076 | 4,430 | 4,830 | *4,382 | 4,512 |
| TX | 12,913 | 12,834 | 12,020 | 12,345 | 12,486 | 12,385 |
| VA | 4,584 | 4,820 | 5,080 | 4,916 | 5,271 | 5,353 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 16,835 | 17,994 | 17,334 | 17,144 | *17,153 | 16,972 |
| 19 State Total | 178,610 | *178,429 | *177,422 | *177,456 | *176,832 | 176,753 |
| Previous Year Total | 175,423 | 175,536 | 174,052 | 173,686 | 174,016 | 174,374 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 101 |

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