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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States <br> Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 19, 2005. This was up 1 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 19, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 19, 2005 were 8.00 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 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 15 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 22 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 29 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 5 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 12 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 19 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 30,242 | 30,786 | *29,368 | 30,649 | *30,939 | 30,738 |
| AR | 29,008 | 28,357 | *27,886 | 29,546 | 30,983 | 30,495 |
| DE | 3,767 | 3,690 | 3,289 | 3,820 | 3,484 | 3,797 |
| FL | 1,384 | 1,399 | 1,383 | 1,374 | 1,374 | 1,364 |
| GA | 31,753 | 31,405 | *30,855 | 32,339 | *32,315 | 32,511 |
| KY | 5,902 | *6,210 | 6,877 | *6,808 | 6,900 | 6,690 |
| LA | 4,136 | 3,834 | 4,136 | 3,834 | 4,136 | 4,136 |
| MD | 8,813 | 8,737 | 8,467 | 8,820 | 8,842 | 8,787 |
| MS | 16,498 | 17,731 | *16,408 | 18,246 | 17,914 | 18,477 |
| NC | 17,574 | *18,126 | *18,497 | 17,365 | *18,303 | 18,279 |
| OK | 6,590 | 6,619 | 6,337 | 6,322 | 6,606 | 6,676 |
| PA | 3,938 | 3,739 | 3,741 | 3,903 | *4,193 | 4,024 |
| SC | 5,093 | 5,029 | 4,471 | 4,691 | 4,937 | 4,658 |
| TX | 14,793 | 13,223 | 13,651 | 15,133 | 14,891 | 15,179 |
| VA | 6,009 | 6,190 | 6,373 | 6,511 | 6,374 | 6,379 |
| CA, MO, TN, \& WV | 17,092 | 17,252 | 17,421 | 17,521 | 18,203 | 18,052 |
| 19 State Total | 202,592 | *202,327 | *199,160 | *206,882 | *210,394 | 210,242 |
| Previous Year Total | 196,265 | 194,298 | 197,554 | 200,982 | 207,845 | 208,330 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 104 | 101 | 103 | 101 | 101 |

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct } 15 \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 22 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 29 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 5 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 12 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 19 \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 20,939 | 21,642 | 20,934 | *20,125 | *20,224 | 20,280 |
| AR | 23,736 | 23,224 | 25,082 | 22,153 | *21,300 | 22,501 |
| DE | 5,466 | 5,940 | 5,289 | 4,912 | 5,960 | 4,697 |
| FL | 1,471 | 1,583 | 1,567 | 1,646 | 1,542 | 1,604 |
| GA | 26,400 | 25,929 | 25,934 | 25,686 | 25,733 | 24,591 |
| KY | 6,127 | 5,711 | 6,051 | 5,393 | *4,998 | 5,798 |
| LA | 3,381 | 3,993 | 3,871 | 3,920 | 3,694 | 3,852 |
| MD | 4,958 | 4,679 | 5,388 | 5,933 | 4,781 | 5,439 |
| MS | 16,535 | 15,641 | 15,771 | 14,936 | 16,223 | 14,960 |
| NC | 14,620 | 14,691 | 13,853 | 14,433 | *14,798 | 14,964 |
| OK | 3,965 | 4,566 | 5,218 | 5,542 | *5,396 | 4,539 |
| PA | 2,913 | 3,095 | 3,034 | 3,036 | *2,727 | 2,766 |
| SC | 3,630 | 4,838 | 5,049 | 4,243 | 4,273 | 4,085 |
| TX | 12,960 | 10,370 | 12,100 | 12,352 | 11,137 | 11,518 |
| VA | 4,922 | 4,651 | 4,933 | 4,859 | 4,976 | 5,437 |
| CA, MO, TN, \& WV | 16,216 | 16,013 | 16,167 | 16,118 | *17,236 | 17,268 |
| 19 State Total | 168,239 | 166,566 | 170,241 | *165,287 | *164,998 | 164,299 |
| Previous Year Total | 164,297 | 164,597 | 165,442 | 161,494 | 161,853 | 162,518 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 101 | 103 | 102 | 102 | 101 |

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