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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 22, 2006. This was down 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 Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 22, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through July 22, 2006 were 5.06 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jun } 17 \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jun } 24 \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Jul } 1 \\ & 2006 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Jul } 8 \\ & 2006 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Jul } 15 \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | $\text { Jul } 22$ |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 31,137 | 30,768 | *31,865 | 31,436 | 32,033 | 32,037 |
| AR | 28,900 | 29,739 | 29,397 | 29,697 | 30,275 | 30,099 |
| DE | 3,854 | 3,957 | 3,765 | 3,887 | 3,969 | 3,824 |
| FL | 1,374 | 1,373 | 1,369 | 1,364 | 1,344 | 1,364 |
| GA | 35,312 | 34,559 | 34,920 | 34,205 | 35,020 | 34,858 |
| KY | 7,061 | 6,831 | 6,958 | 7,105 | 7,264 | 7,306 |
| LA | 3,923 | 3,923 | 3,923 | 3,798 | 3,954 | 3,954 |
| MD | 8,961 | 9,007 | 8,959 | 8,934 | 8,942 | 8,855 |
| MS | 17,432 | 17,732 | *17,038 | 17,851 | 17,916 | 17,720 |
| NC | 18,031 | 18,436 | *17,973 | 18,047 | 18,762 | 18,416 |
| OK | 6,533 | 6,493 | 6,307 | 6,118 | *6,252 | 6,394 |
| PA | 4,110 | 3,991 | 3,920 | 4,088 | 4,077 | 4,178 |
| SC | 5,103 | 5,124 | 5,454 | 5,161 | 5,455 | 5,385 |
| TX | 14,870 | 14,884 | 13,099 | 14,819 | 14,816 | 14,611 |
| VA | 6,338 | 6,354 | 6,084 | 6,318 | 6,382 | 6,348 |
| CA, MO, TN, \& WV | 17,939 | *17,621 | *17,322 | 17,604 | *17,528 | 18,280 |
| 19 State Total | 210,878 | *210,792 | *208,353 | 210,432 | *213,989 | 213,629 |
| Previous Year Total | 214,626 | 212,546 | 209,473 | 212,303 | 214,405 | 215,913 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 98 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 99 |

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 21,647 | 21,192 | 22,099 | 21,003 | 20,659 | 21,700 |
| AR | 23,373 | 23,547 | 24,123 | 22,993 | *24,378 | 22,883 |
| DE | 5,740 | 5,162 | 4,883 | 4,703 | 5,916 | 5,971 |
| FL | 1,408 | 1,535 | 1,641 | 1,546 | 1,487 | 1,390 |
| GA | 28,858 | 28,642 | 28,484 | 28,873 | *28,322 | 28,387 |
| KY | 6,286 | 5,400 | 6,203 | 5,986 | 5,836 | 5,869 |
| LA | 3,741 | 4,024 | 3,830 | 3,670 | 3,578 | 3,916 |
| MD | 5,097 | 6,022 | 6,098 | 6,795 | 5,977 | 5,699 |
| MS | 15,877 | 15,833 | 15,885 | 15,408 | 15,776 | 15,166 |
| NC | 15,230 | 15,234 | 15,302 | 14,735 | 15,629 | 15,060 |
| OK | 5,107 | 5,080 | 4,943 | 5,176 | *4,527 | 5,481 |
| PA | 2,861 | 2,821 | 3,029 | 2,945 | 3,027 | 2,891 |
| SC | 4,460 | 4,364 | 4,870 | 5,067 | *4,130 | 4,754 |
| TX | 12,910 | 12,983 | 12,863 | 12,673 | 12,800 | 11,069 |
| VA | 5,075 | 5,194 | 5,248 | 5,485 | 5,503 | 5,198 |
| CA, MO, TN, \& WV | 17,043 | 16,311 | *16,047 | *16,575 | *16,578 | 15,789 |
| 19 State Total | 174,713 | 173,344 | *175,548 | *173,633 | *174,123 | 171,223 |
| Previous Year Total | 178,125 | 178,879 | 178,732 | 176,964 | 175,429 | 172,892 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 98 | 97 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 99 |

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