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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 14, 2006. This was up slightly 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 14, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 14, 2006 were 7.12 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,844	31,067	*31,433	30,520	*30,200	29,668
AR	29,573	28,333	29,266	28,990	27,263	28,049
DE	3,831	3,784	3,798	3,865	3,697	3,697
FL	1,371	1,383	1,367	1,369	1,374	1,374
GA	33,224	33,101	34,325	33,748	34,923	34,766
KY	7,076	*6,723	*7,645	7,026	*7,535	6,764
LA	3,771	3,802	*3,954	3,954	*3,399	3,802
MD	8,590	8,126	8,694	8,713	8,879	8,362
MS	16,727	17,065	16,491	16,201	17,064	16,934
NC	17,365	17,708	*18,391	18,090	17,135	17,418
OK	6,554	6,234	6,454	6,162	6,579	6,455
PA	3,791	3,567	4,255	4,119	*4,089	3,855
SC	4,925	5,317	5,281	5,519	5,484	4,951
TX	14,646	14,083	14,004	14,235	14,913	14,525
VA	6,185	6,194	6,155	5,674	6,398	6,186
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,701	*15,962	*16,045	*16,480	*16,611	16,577
19 State Total	*204,174	*202,449	*207,558	*204,665	*205,543	203,383
Previous Year Total	209,112	202,351	207,247	204,691	209,968	202,542
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	100	100	98	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 9 2006	Sep 16 2006	Sep 23 2006	Sep 30 2006	Oct 7 2006	Oct 14 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,755	20,865	21,319	19,528	*20,748	20,797
AR	24,147	22,926	24,013	23,720	*21,851	24,171
DE	4,825	5,018	4,757	5,084	4,321	3,973
FL	1,541	1,429	1,454	1,582	1,245	1,426
GA	27,995	28,562	29,988	27,746	26,954	28,046
KY	6,161	6,383	6,416	5,723	*5,630	6,273
LA	3,751	3,527	*3,884	3,523	*3,664	3,733
MD	5,941	5,999	5,593	5,559	5,306	6,776
MS	15,792	15,621	15,203	15,193	15,702	15,237
NC	14,802	15,245	14,071	14,804	14,743	15,174
OK	4,897	5,623	4,543	4,866	5,115	3,999
PA	2,797	2,763	2,935	2,788	*2,650	3,064
SC	4,957	5,242	4,484	3,839	4,421	4,292
TX	12,683	12,715	12,585	12,471	11,863	11,857
VA	4,823	4,784	5,162	4,762	5,541	4,734
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,185	*17,142	*16,030	*16,125	*15,220	15,412
19 State Total	*173,052	*173,844	*172,437	*167,313	*164,974	168,964
Previous Year Total	172,881	174,088	171,921	170,757	165,328	168,732
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	98	100	100

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