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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 16, 2006. This was down 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 16, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 16, 2006 were 8.61 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					
	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006	Dec 2 2006	Dec 9 2006	Dec 16 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,826	*30,348	*30,220	31,106	*30,593	30,327
AR	29,669	29,771	*30,100	29,594	28,614	29,789
DE	3,690	3,830	3,837	3,943	*3,963	3,913
FL	1,369	1,354	*1,336	1,164	1,356	1,353
GA	34,165	34,926	*35,216	35,298	*34,244	35,819
KY	7,081	7,646	*7,541	7,472	6,698	7,465
LA	3,742	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,742
MD	8,295	8,616	8,609	8,495	8,482	8,531
MS	16,921	17,599	18,123	17,007	17,147	17,960
NC	18,493	18,810	*18,540	18,605	18,660	19,039
OK	6,202	6,573	6,403	6,449	6,447	6,177
PA	3,897	3,999	*4,124	*4,023	*3,919	3,943
SC	5,460	5,487	5,384	5,574	5,471	5,530
TX	13,688	14,328	14,326	14,309	14,080	14,138
VA	6,255	6,277	6,223	6,399	*5,959	6,075
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,939	*17,919	17,967	17,606	*17,863	17,678
19 State Total	*207,692	*211,195	*211,661	*210,756	*207,208	211,479
Previous Year Total	210,900	212,945	215,393	214,156	213,249	215,686
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	98	98	97	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 11 2006	Nov 18 2006	Nov 25 2006	Dec 2 2006	Dec 9 2006	Dec 16 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,638	17,285	18,602	20,721	*19,686	20,024
AR	20,938	21,612	21,931	23,607	*23,250	24,249
DE	5,773	4,182	5,070	4,941	*5,287	4,366
FL	1,400	1,209	1,439	1,194	1,484	1,685
GA	26,793	26,482	26,483	26,515	28,138	28,590
KY	5,934	6,503	5,366	5,717	6,174	5,922
LA	3,950	3,365	3,768	3,445	3,635	3,606
MD	4,676	6,012	5,972	5,340	*5,761	6,675
MS	14,645	12,830	15,453	15,302	15,762	16,075
NC	15,056	14,682	15,437	15,586	15,496	15,454
OK	5,020	4,820	3,948	4,805	5,424	4,180
PA	2,606	2,589	*2,828	*2,846	*2,897	3,012
SC	4,315	4,340	3,966	4,998	4,578	4,521
TX	10,634	10,666	11,606	11,670	12,142	12,085
VA	4,382	4,808	4,057	5,017	*4,776	5,186
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,665	15,114	16,268	*16,374	*17,163	16,350
19 State Total	160,425	156,499	*162,194	*168,078	*171,653	171,980
Previous Year Total	165,141	162,967	169,218	171,991	173,392	175,810
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	96	98	99	98

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