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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 6, 2007. 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 6, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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**Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Dec 2<br>2006   | Dec 9<br>2006   | Dec 16<br>2006  | Dec 23<br>2006  | Dec 30<br>2006  | Jan 6<br>2007   |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 31,149          | *30,600         | *30,483         | *30,370         | *30,510         | 30,385          |
| AR                  | 29,786          | 28,614          | 29,789          | 28,933          | 29,531          | 29,212          |
| DE                  | 3,943           | 3,963           | 3,913           | 3,572           | *3,971          | 3,998           |
| FL                  | 1,264           | 1,344           | 1,353           | 1,342           | 1,342           | 1,344           |
| GA                  | 35,793          | 34,499          | *35,467         | *35,040         | 35,205          | 35,155          |
| KY                  | *7,931          | *6,531          | *7,581          | *7,358          | *7,406          | 7,697           |
| LA                  | 3,712           | 3,712           | 3,742           | 3,742           | 3,649           | 3,680           |
| MD                  | 8,495           | 8,482           | 8,531           | 8,498           | 8,531           | 8,781           |
| MS                  | 17,007          | 17,147          | 17,960          | 18,374          | 18,439          | 17,683          |
| NC                  | 18,825          | 18,555          | *19,082         | 18,688          | *18,240         | 18,679          |
| OK                  | 6,449           | 6,447           | 6,177           | 6,483           | 6,386           | 6,553           |
| PA                  | 4,023           | 3,901           | 4,002           | *3,862          | *3,926          | 3,959           |
| SC                  | 5,574           | 5,471           | 5,530           | 5,230           | 5,610           | 5,550           |
| TX                  | *14,312         | *14,083         | *14,141         | *14,114         | *14,243         | 14,208          |
| VA                  | 6,399           | 5,959           | *6,286          | 6,164           | 6,238           | 6,176           |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | *17,600         | *17,866         | *17,883         | *17,847         | *18,057         | 18,095          |
| 19 State Total      | *212,262        | *207,174        | *211,920        | *209,617        | *211,284        | 211,155         |
| Previous Year Total | 214,156         | 213,249         | 215,686         | 212,232         | 214,172         | 213,256         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 99              | 97              | 98              | 99              | 99              | 99              |

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**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Dec 2<br>2006   | Dec 9<br>2006   | Dec 16<br>2006  | Dec 23<br>2006  | Dec 30<br>2006  | Jan 6<br>2007   |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 20,721          | *19,684         | 20,225          | *21,090         | *20,541         | 20,377          |
| AR                  | 23,607          | 23,250          | 23,904          | 23,869          | 22,870          | 23,302          |
| DE                  | 4,941           | 5,287           | 4,366           | 4,914           | *4,385          | 4,933           |
| FL                  | 1,194           | 1,484           | 1,685           | 1,517           | 1,401           | 1,633           |
| GA                  | 26,515          | 28,138          | 28,590          | *29,081         | *27,970         | 28,975          |
| KY                  | 5,717           | 6,174           | 5,922           | *6,340          | *5,369          | 6,259           |
| LA                  | 3,445           | 3,635           | 3,606           | 3,816           | *3,421          | 3,619           |
| MD                  | 5,340           | 5,761           | 6,675           | 5,944           | *6,548          | 5,752           |
| MS                  | 15,302          | 15,762          | 16,075          | 15,238          | 15,312          | 16,230          |
| NC                  | 15,586          | 15,496          | 15,454          | 15,445          | *15,301         | 15,944          |
| OK                  | 4,805           | 5,424           | 4,180           | 4,754           | 5,288           | 4,799           |
| PA                  | 2,846           | 2,915           | 2,949           | *2,890          | *2,730          | 3,016           |
| SC                  | 4,998           | 4,578           | 4,521           | 4,561           | 4,475           | 4,673           |
| TX                  | 11,670          | *12,145         | *12,087         | *12,054         | *11,791         | 11,870          |
| VA                  | 5,017           | 4,776           | 5,186           | 5,275           | 4,407           | 5,012           |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | 16,374          | *16,973         | *17,100         | *16,655         | *16,606         | 17,085          |
| 19 State Total      | 168,078         | *171,482        | 172,525         | *173,443        | *168,415        | 173,479         |
| Previous Year Total | 171,991         | 173,392         | 175,810         | 174,733         | 173,580         | 175,059         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 98              | 99              | 98              | 99              | 97              | 99              |

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