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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 3, 2007. This was down 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 3, 2007. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through February 3, 2007 were 860 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 30 2006	Jan 6 2007	Jan 13 2007	Jan 20 2007	Jan 27 2007	Feb 3 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*30,510	30,385	*30,529	*29,137	*30,559	30,543
AR	29,531	29,212	29,400	29,476	29,654	29,426
DE	3,971	3,998	3,807	3,974	3,840	3,852
FL	1,362	1,354	*1,366	1,343	1,344	1,344
GA	35,205	35,155	35,446	34,538	34,832	35,054
KY	7,317	*7,711	*7,778	7,977	7,388	7,415
LA	3,649	3,680	3,680	3,664	3,695	3,711
MD	8,531	8,781	8,716	8,403	*8,729	8,737
MS	18,439	17,683	18,116	18,363	18,529	18,816
NC	18,334	18,600	*18,528	18,606	18,622	18,901
OK	6,386	6,553	6,567	6,527	6,508	6,567
PA	3,926	*3,959	3,972	3,946	3,875	3,850
SC	5,610	5,550	5,516	5,440	5,361	5,493
TX	*14,247	*14,212	*14,414	*14,107	*13,871	14,454
VA	6,238	6,176	6,168	6,121	5,879	6,177
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,063	*17,464	*17,100	*17,224	*17,496	17,513
19 State Total	*211,319	*210,473	*211,103	*208,846	*210,182	211,853
Previous Year Total	214,172	213,256	213,689	215,404	214,147	212,810
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	97	98	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 30 2006	Jan 6 2007	Jan 13 2007	Jan 20 2007	Jan 27 2007	Feb 3 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,541	*20,331	*20,105	*20,319	*20,851	20,258
AR	22,870	23,302	22,355	24,090	23,383	23,929
DE	4,385	4,933	4,454	4,968	*5,457	5,414
FL	1,401	1,537	1,353	1,441	1,382	1,680
GA	*28,117	*28,937	28,583	28,990	*28,348	27,816
KY	5,263	5,987	6,144	6,248	*6,575	6,212
LA	3,421	3,619	3,686	3,557	3,310	3,410
MD	6,548	5,752	6,333	5,991	*5,214	5,153
MS	15,312	16,175	16,398	*16,689	*15,965	16,089
NC	15,301	15,944	15,416	15,111	15,525	15,314
OK	5,288	4,799	5,941	4,379	5,635	4,925
PA	2,730	3,007	2,966	2,950	2,905	2,900
SC	4,475	4,673	5,034	4,828	4,425	5,508
TX	11,791	*11,918	*11,900	*12,019	*11,931	12,157
VA	4,407	5,012	4,690	4,871	*4,802	4,900
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,606	*17,043	*15,804	*16,284	*15,792	16,027
19 State Total	*168,456	*172,969	*171,162	*172,735	*171,500	171,692
Previous Year Total	173,580	175,059	172,920	174,210	174,755	174,471
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	99	99	98	98

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