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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 13, 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 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 13, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through January 13, 2007 were 344 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

| State               | Week Ending   |                |                |                |               |                |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                     | Dec 9<br>2006 | Dec 16<br>2006 | Dec 23<br>2006 | Dec 30<br>2006 | Jan 6<br>2007 | Jan 13<br>2007 |
|                     | Thousand      |                |                |                |               |                |
| AL                  | 30,600        | 30,483         | 30,370         | 30,510         | 30,385        | 30,435         |
| AR                  | 28,614        | 29,789         | *29,386        | 29,531         | 29,212        | 29,400         |
| DE                  | 3,963         | 3,913          | 3,572          | 3,971          | 3,998         | 3,807          |
| FL                  | 1,344         | 1,353          | *1,322         | 1,342          | 1,344         | 1,341          |
| GA                  | 34,499        | *35,793        | 35,040         | 35,205         | 35,155        | 35,446         |
| KY                  | 6,531         | *7,522         | 7,358          | 7,406          | *7,817        | 7,671          |
| LA                  | 3,712         | 3,742          | 3,742          | 3,649          | 3,680         | 3,680          |
| MD                  | 8,482         | 8,531          | 8,498          | 8,531          | 8,781         | 8,716          |
| MS                  | 17,147        | 17,960         | 18,374         | 18,439         | 17,683        | 18,116         |
| NC                  | 18,555        | 19,082         | *18,835        | 18,240         | 18,679        | 18,488         |
| OK                  | 6,447         | 6,177          | 6,483          | 6,386          | 6,553         | 6,567          |
| PA                  | 3,901         | 4,002          | 3,862          | 3,926          | *3,849        | 3,926          |
| <b>SC</b>           | <b>5,471</b>  | <b>5,530</b>   | <b>5,230</b>   | <b>5,610</b>   | <b>5,550</b>  | <b>5,516</b>   |
| TX                  | 14,083        | 14,141         | 14,114         | 14,243         | 14,208        | 14,218         |
| VA                  | 5,959         | 6,286          | 6,164          | 6,238          | 6,176         | 6,164          |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | 17,866        | 17,883         | 17,847         | *18,075        | 18,095        | 17,809         |
| 19 State Total      | 207,174       | *212,187       | *210,197       | *211,302       | *211,165      | 211,300        |
| Previous Year Total | 213,249       | 215,686        | 212,232        | 214,172        | 213,256       | 213,689        |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 97            | 98             | 99             | 99             | 99            | 99             |

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**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending   |                |                |                |               |                |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                     | Dec 9<br>2006 | Dec 16<br>2006 | Dec 23<br>2006 | Dec 30<br>2006 | Jan 6<br>2007 | Jan 13<br>2007 |
|                     | Thousand      |                |                |                |               |                |
| AL                  | 19,684        | 20,225         | 21,090         | 20,541         | 20,377        | 20,256         |
| AR                  | 23,250        | 23,904         | 23,869         | 22,870         | 23,302        | 22,355         |
| DE                  | 5,287         | 4,366          | 4,914          | 4,385          | 4,933         | 4,454          |
| FL                  | 1,484         | 1,685          | 1,517          | 1,401          | *1,537        | 1,353          |
| GA                  | 28,138        | 28,590         | 29,081         | 27,970         | 28,975        | 28,063         |
| KY                  | 6,174         | 5,922          | 6,340          | 5,369          | *6,070        | 6,065          |
| LA                  | 3,635         | 3,606          | 3,816          | 3,421          | 3,619         | 3,686          |
| MD                  | 5,761         | 6,675          | 5,944          | 6,548          | 5,752         | 6,326          |
| MS                  | 15,762        | 16,075         | 15,238         | 15,312         | *16,078       | 16,185         |
| NC                  | 15,496        | 15,454         | 15,445         | 15,301         | 15,944        | 15,416         |
| OK                  | 5,424         | 4,180          | 4,754          | 5,288          | 4,799         | 5,941          |
| PA                  | 2,915         | 2,949          | 2,890          | 2,730          | *3,007        | 2,922          |
| <b>SC</b>           | <b>4,578</b>  | <b>4,521</b>   | <b>4,561</b>   | <b>4,475</b>   | <b>4,673</b>  | <b>5,034</b>   |
| TX                  | 12,145        | 12,087         | 12,054         | 11,791         | 11,870        | 11,856         |
| VA                  | 4,776         | 5,186          | 5,275          | 4,407          | 5,012         | 4,655          |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | 16,973        | 17,100         | 16,655         | 16,606         | *17,089       | 16,691         |
| 19 State Total      | 171,482       | 172,525        | 173,443        | 168,415        | *173,037      | 171,258        |
| Previous Year Total | 173,392       | 175,810        | 174,733        | 173,580        | 175,059       | 172,920        |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 99            | 98             | 99             | 97             | 99            | 99             |

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