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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 7, 2007. This was up 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through April 7, 2007 were 2.43 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007
	Thousand					
AL	30,794	*30,094	*30,576	31,090	31,304	31,680
AR	28,089	28,240	28,016	*28,079	27,991	28,212
DE	4,021	4,047	4,043	4,047	4,039	4,039
FL	1,366	1,364	1,364	1,365	1,364	1,362
GA	35,732	35,527	*35,450	35,870	35,361	36,164
KY	7,699	7,556	*7,495	7,584	7,569	7,405
LA	3,848	3,833	3,893	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	8,958	9,019	8,975	8,952	8,985	8,970
MS	19,135	19,149	19,281	19,193	18,936	18,998
NC	19,485	19,400	*19,207	19,326	*18,341	19,407
OK	6,684	6,603	6,689	6,690	*6,474	6,672
PA	3,999	4,005	3,929	3,799	3,866	3,959
SC	5,624	5,383	5,479	5,422	5,388	5,554
TX	14,639	14,935	*15,075	*15,104	*15,015	14,963
VA	6,168	6,203	6,246	6,399	6,495	6,451
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,306	*20,034	*20,052	*19,688	*20,019	20,544
19 State Total	*216,547	*215,392	*215,770	*216,532	*215,071	218,304
Previous Year Total	216,951	216,768	213,555	211,053	213,715	215,730
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	101	103	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 3 2007	Mar 10 2007	Mar 17 2007	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007
	Thousand					
AL	20,640	20,491	20,132	20,395	20,197	20,407
AR	22,890	23,452	22,410	24,627	*24,337	24,450
DE	4,407	3,826	4,693	5,768	4,449	5,111
FL	1,736	1,406	1,440	1,419	1,450	1,458
GA	28,851	28,955	28,527	*29,218	28,940	29,038
KY	5,733	6,390	6,545	6,360	*6,504	6,253
LA	3,890	3,454	3,998	3,756	3,655	3,738
MD	5,890	7,029	5,929	5,663	6,778	5,931
MS	17,131	17,289	17,397	*17,173	*17,415	17,719
NC	15,638	15,852	15,472	15,867	*15,872	16,161
OK	5,100	5,061	5,574	4,548	*4,406	4,807
PA	2,602	2,909	2,744	2,785	2,860	2,849
SC	4,200	4,792	5,206	4,823	4,429	4,823
TX	12,182	12,228	12,275	12,302	*12,577	12,840
VA	5,122	4,819	4,901	4,593	4,758	5,164
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,470	*16,845	*17,005	*16,172	*17,050	15,692

19 State Total	:	*173,482	*174,798	*174,248	*175,469	*175,677	176,441
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Previous Year Total	:	173,663	175,801	177,396	176,996	176,993	173,986
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Pct. of Prev. Year	:	100	99	98	99	99	101

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