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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 28, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 28, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through April 28, 2007 were 2.96 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007
	Thousand					
AL	30,995	31,304	31,722	31,354	31,737	31,504
AR	27,393	27,991	28,374	28,586	28,327	28,086
DE	4,047	4,039	4,107	*4,187	4,064	4,064
FL	1,377	1,397	*1,382	1,372	1,383	1,384
GA	35,870	35,362	*36,359	36,491	37,540	36,542
KY	7,701	*7,831	*7,543	7,373	7,767	7,823
LA	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	8,952	8,985	9,011	9,050	8,941	8,932
MS	19,193	18,936	18,998	19,104	19,090	18,856
NC	19,292	19,487	*19,757	19,705	19,625	19,856
OK	6,690	6,474	6,650	6,771	6,771	6,583
PA	*3,789	*3,964	*3,819	*4,197	*4,152	3,890
SC	5,422	5,388	5,554	5,378	5,775	5,659
TX	15,104	15,015	14,963	15,007	15,069	15,142
VA	6,399	6,495	6,451	6,529	6,540	6,478
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,688	20,019	20,151	*20,036	*20,278	19,595
19 State Total	*215,836	*216,611	*218,765	*219,064	*220,983	218,318
Previous Year Total	211,079	213,785	215,794	214,981	212,327	210,570
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	102	104	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 24 2007	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007
	Thousand					
AL	20,496	20,197	20,400	20,571	20,652	20,668
AR	24,627	24,337	24,608	24,406	23,531	24,030
DE	5,768	4,449	5,115	*5,258	5,507	5,599
FL	1,319	1,450	*1,455	1,597	1,497	1,555
GA	29,218	28,940	29,038	29,472	*28,445	30,063
KY	6,420	6,353	*6,255	5,358	*6,549	6,230
LA	3,756	3,655	3,738	3,795	3,765	3,901
MD	5,663	6,778	5,952	*6,316	*5,833	5,980
MS	17,173	17,415	17,719	17,494	17,370	17,549
NC	15,867	15,872	16,161	15,706	15,907	16,434
OK	4,548	4,406	4,745	4,628	5,298	5,038
PA	*3,132	*3,180	*2,983	*2,899	*2,990	2,928
SC	4,823	4,429	4,823	5,258	4,971	4,999
TX	12,302	12,577	12,840	12,797	12,709	12,670
VA	4,593	4,758	5,164	4,889	*5,203	5,225
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,172	17,050	15,634	*16,843	*18,034	17,900
19 State Total	*175,877	*175,846	*176,630	*177,287	*178,261	180,769
Previous Year Total	177,961	177,711	175,414	172,785	175,809	177,833
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	101	103	101	102

* Revised