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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 5, 2007. This was up 3 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 5, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through May 5, 2007 were 3.14 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007
	Thousand					
AL	31,304	31,722	31,354	31,737	31,504	31,116
AR	27,991	28,374	28,586	28,327	*28,547	29,200
DE	4,039	4,107	4,187	4,064	*4,108	4,160
FL	1,397	1,382	1,372	1,383	1,384	1,380
GA	35,362	36,359	36,491	37,540	*36,488	35,751
KY	7,831	7,543	*7,539	7,767	*7,787	7,772
LA	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,955
MD	8,985	9,011	9,050	8,941	8,932	8,776
MS	18,936	18,998	19,104	19,090	18,856	18,826
NC	19,487	19,757	*19,889	19,625	19,856	19,506
OK	6,474	6,650	6,771	6,771	6,583	6,633
PA	3,964	*4,114	4,197	4,152	*3,920	4,012
SC	5,388	5,554	5,378	5,775	5,659	5,473
TX	*15,020	*14,968	*14,987	*15,049	*15,122	14,971
VA	6,495	6,451	6,529	6,540	6,478	6,480
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,044	*20,176	*20,236	*20,299	*19,831	20,432
19 State Total	*216,641	*219,090	*219,594	*220,984	*218,979	218,443
Previous Year Total	213,785	215,794	214,981	212,327	210,570	211,844
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	104	104	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 31 2007	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007
	Thousand					
AL	20,197	20,400	20,571	20,652	*20,656	20,530
AR	24,337	24,608	24,406	23,531	*23,898	23,518
DE	4,449	5,115	5,258	5,507	*5,467	4,807
FL	1,450	1,455	1,597	1,497	1,555	1,450
GA	28,940	29,038	29,472	*28,447	*30,065	30,116
KY	6,353	*6,083	*5,366	*6,337	*5,851	6,025
LA	3,655	3,738	3,795	3,765	3,901	3,892
MD	6,778	5,952	6,316	5,833	*6,047	5,851
MS	17,415	17,719	17,494	17,370	*17,559	17,429
NC	15,872	16,161	15,706	15,907	16,434	16,370
OK	4,406	4,745	4,628	5,298	*5,007	5,623
PA	3,180	*2,992	2,899	2,990	*3,153	3,199
SC	4,429	4,823	5,258	4,971	*5,415	4,671
TX	12,577	*12,844	*12,801	*12,713	*12,675	12,606
VA	4,758	5,164	4,889	5,203	5,225	6,157
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,065	*15,654	*16,862	*18,056	*17,735	18,346
19 State Total	*175,861	*176,491	*177,318	*178,077	*180,643	180,590
Previous Year Total	177,711	175,414	172,785	175,809	177,833	176,955
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	103	101	102	102

* Revised