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Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 7, 2007. This was up 2 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 7, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through July 7, 2007 were 4.77 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	: Jun 2 : Jun 9 : Jun 16 : Jun 23 : Jun 30 : Jul 7						
	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007
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AL	31,481	31,683	*31,282	30,807	31,228	30,789	
AR	28,778	28,755	28,691	27,925	*27,263	27,843	
DE	4,188	4,155	4,153	4,218	4,217	4,216	
FL	1,383	1,378	1,345	1,364	1,373	1,374	
GA	36,229	36,768	35,971	35,385	34,955	35,979	
KY	*7,939	*7,881	*7,782	7,936	7,274	7,849	
LA	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	
MD	8,907	8,977	9,025	8,907	8,354	8,649	
MS	19,031	18,850	19,150	19,059	18,499	18,891	
NC	19,687	19,686	*19,513	19,486	*18,783	18,821	
OK	6,745	6,786	6,584	6,746	6,302	6,659	
PA	*3,927	*4,261	*4,086	*4,294	*3,774	4,061	
SC	5,525	5,752	*5,430	5,565	5,559	5,385	
TX	15,282	15,348	15,212	15,300	14,200	15,170	
VA	6,438	6,454	6,477	6,419	6,077	6,388	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,870	*19,143	*19,389	19,424	19,025	19,458	
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19 State Total	*219,333	*219,800	*218,013	*216,758	*210,806	215,455	
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Previous Year Total	213,519	214,378	210,714	210,971	208,219	211,044	
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Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	103	101	102	

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	: Jun 2 : Jun 9 : Jun 16 : Jun 23 : Jun 30 : Jul 7						
	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007
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AL	21,641	20,992	20,593	20,521	*20,699	20,932	
AR	25,750	24,190	23,889	*24,857	*25,529	24,578	
DE	4,948	4,987	5,121	5,264	5,166	5,185	
FL	1,342	1,268	1,375	1,464	1,414	1,540	
GA	29,693	29,897	29,478	29,735	30,454	29,557	
KY	6,933	7,209	6,361	*6,249	*6,318	6,294	
LA	3,625	3,931	3,775	3,825	3,771	3,954	
MD	6,435	6,428	6,240	6,398	5,737	6,131	
MS	17,218	17,345	17,380	17,436	17,255	17,307	
NC	15,876	15,991	*16,087	*15,797	*16,228	16,057	
OK	5,795	5,643	5,307	*4,803	5,355	4,837	
PA	*3,017	*3,040	*2,983	*3,020	*3,127	3,057	
SC	4,742	5,347	5,043	5,494	4,740	4,547	
TX	12,846	12,873	12,942	12,996	13,008	12,948	
VA	5,333	4,987	5,119	5,236	5,688	4,952	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,870	17,437	18,630	18,269	*17,234	17,519	
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19 State Total	*181,064	*181,565	*180,323	*181,364	*181,723	179,395	
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Previous Year Total	175,872	175,179	175,714	175,252	176,711	173,487	
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Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	103	103	103	

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