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Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 14, 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 84 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 14, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through July 14, 2007 were 4.95 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	: Jun 9 : Jun 16 : Jun 23 : Jun 30 : Jul 7 : Jul 14					
:	2007	: 2007	: 2007	: 2007	: 2007	: 2007
Thousand						
AL	31,683	31,282	*30,953	31,228	30,789	32,071
AR	28,755	28,691	27,925	27,263	27,843	28,071
DE	4,155	4,153	4,218	4,217	4,216	4,189
FL	1,378	1,345	1,364	1,373	1,374	1,369
GA	36,768	35,971	*35,116	34,955	*36,096	36,223
KY	7,881	*7,792	*7,894	7,274	7,849	7,845
LA	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923
MD	8,977	9,025	8,907	8,354	8,649	8,852
MS	18,850	19,150	19,059	18,499	18,891	18,701
NC	19,686	19,513	*19,620	18,783	18,821	19,937
OK	6,786	6,584	6,746	6,302	6,659	6,603
PA	4,261	4,086	4,294	*3,944	*3,969	4,107
SC	5,752	5,430	5,565	5,559	5,385	5,722
TX	*15,345	*15,206	*15,294	*14,194	15,170	15,364
VA	6,454	6,477	6,419	6,077	6,388	6,374
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,156	*19,386	*19,421	*19,286	*19,583	19,376
19 State Total	*219,810	*218,014	*216,718	*211,231	*215,605	218,727
Previous Year Total	214,378	210,714	210,971	208,219	211,044	213,579
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	101	102	102

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	: Jun 9 : Jun 16 : Jun 23 : Jun 30 : Jul 7 : Jul 14					
:	2007	: 2007	: 2007	: 2007	: 2007	: 2007
Thousand						
AL	20,992	20,593	20,521	20,699	20,932	20,795
AR	24,190	23,889	24,857	25,529	24,578	25,374
DE	4,987	5,121	5,264	5,166	5,185	5,318
FL	1,268	1,375	1,464	1,414	1,540	1,367
GA	29,897	29,478	29,735	*30,456	*29,527	29,401
KY	7,209	6,361	6,249	*6,327	*6,289	6,244
LA	3,931	3,775	3,825	3,771	3,954	3,897
MD	6,428	6,240	6,398	5,737	6,131	5,880
MS	17,345	17,380	17,436	17,255	17,307	17,579
NC	15,991	16,087	15,797	16,228	16,057	16,226
OK	5,643	5,307	4,803	5,355	4,837	4,526
PA	3,040	2,983	3,020	*3,060	*3,058	3,190
SC	5,347	5,043	5,494	4,740	*4,414	4,464
TX	*12,870	*12,939	*12,994	*13,006	12,948	12,929
VA	4,987	5,119	5,236	5,688	4,952	5,270
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,412	*18,633	*18,246	*16,508	*17,519	17,031
19 State Total	*181,537	180,323	*181,339	*180,939	*179,228	179,491
Previous Year Total	175,179	175,714	175,252	176,711	173,487	173,852
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	103	102	103	103

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