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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 12, 2006. 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 12, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 12, 2006 were 5.58 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 8	Jul 15	Jul 22	Jul 29	Aug 5	Aug 12
	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
	Thousand					
AL	31,361	32,033	32,037	32,037	31,846	31,738
AR	29,697	30,003	*29,980	30,146	29,934	30,200
DE	3,887	3,969	3,824	*4,075	*4,110	4,112
FL	1,344	1,344	1,364	1,344	1,344	1,344
GA	34,205	35,020	34,858	34,468	*34,988	34,513
KY	7,023	7,264	7,175	7,337	*7,382	7,260
LA	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,952	3,954
MD	8,934	8,942	8,855	*8,867	8,831	8,797
MS	17,947	17,916	*17,947	17,914	17,864	17,693
NC	18,170	18,643	*18,380	18,405	18,124	18,406
OK	*6,320	6,252	6,494	*6,698	*6,420	6,633
PA	4,088	4,085	4,229	4,246	*3,962	3,984
SC	5,161	5,455	5,385	5,259	5,288	5,311
TX	14,819	14,821	*14,769	14,777	14,820	14,758
VA	6,318	6,382	6,353	6,323	6,279	6,326
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,625	*17,523	*18,275	*18,261	*17,368	17,953
19 State Total	*210,853	*213,606	*213,879	*214,111	*212,512	212,982
Previous Year Total	212,303	214,405	215,913	214,171	213,068	210,010
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	100	100	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 8	Jul 15	Jul 22	Jul 29	Aug 5	Aug 12
	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
	Thousand					
AL	21,003	20,659	21,992	20,820	21,928	21,798
AR	22,993	24,378	22,880	*23,224	*24,382	22,938
DE	4,703	5,916	5,971	*5,242	*5,116	4,662
FL	1,546	1,487	1,390	1,388	1,534	1,410
GA	28,875	28,322	28,429	28,099	*28,525	29,009
KY	5,986	5,836	5,868	5,768	*6,082	6,029
LA	3,570	3,578	3,916	3,630	3,962	3,668
MD	6,795	5,977	5,699	*6,154	*6,062	6,454
MS	15,408	15,776	15,166	15,924	15,990	15,975
NC	14,735	15,641	15,060	14,929	15,565	15,320
OK	5,176	4,527	5,481	*5,047	4,029	5,873
PA	2,945	2,958	2,870	2,841	*3,063	3,061
SC	5,067	4,130	4,754	4,217	*4,643	4,182
TX	12,673	12,801	11,070	12,596	12,577	12,411
VA	5,485	5,503	5,198	5,669	*5,143	4,775
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,541	*16,560	*15,752	*16,993	*16,602	16,960
19 State Total	*173,501	*174,049	*171,496	*172,541	*175,203	174,525
Previous Year Total	176,964	175,429	172,892	175,277	177,097	177,045
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	98	99	99

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