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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 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 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Up 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2007. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 1, 2007 were 8.43 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 27 2007	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007
	Thousand					
AL	27,644	28,680	*31,920	*31,939	*32,233	32,560
AR	24,231	26,061	*28,320	28,849	28,940	28,947
DE	3,956	4,188	4,173	4,155	4,161	4,163
FL	1,362	1,358	1,356	1,361	1,362	1,362
GA	35,230	34,040	35,370	35,774	36,119	36,174
KY	7,300	6,637	*7,250	7,672	7,594	7,436
LA	3,923	3,769	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,877
MD	7,806	8,938	8,897	7,999	8,715	8,821
MS	17,551	18,203	18,903	17,851	18,478	19,151
NC	18,699	19,648	*19,907	19,441	*19,752	19,668
OK	6,661	6,124	6,036	6,656	*6,634	6,694
PA	4,026	4,237	4,297	*4,368	*4,339	4,388
<b>SC</b>	<b>5,590</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>5,471</b>	<b>5,218</b>	<b>5,610</b>	<b>5,690</b>
TX	13,477	15,061	15,537	14,439	15,258	15,396
VA	6,165	6,008	6,309	6,372	6,372	6,353
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,491	18,838	19,874	19,849	*19,643	20,142
19 State Total	202,112	206,339	*217,544	*215,867	*219,134	220,822
Previous Year Total	192,800	198,175	207,802	211,187	211,184	212,782
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	105	102	104	104

\* Revised

### Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 27 2007	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007
	Thousand					
AL	21,289	20,017	19,834	*19,271	*19,202	20,763
AR	23,948	24,126	23,406	20,800	*21,474	24,211
DE	4,912	4,357	5,053	4,910	*4,766	4,959
FL	1,522	1,393	1,283	1,126	*1,304	1,291
GA	27,567	28,526	28,060	*27,116	*27,455	28,675
KY	5,923	5,561	5,415	5,751	4,795	5,910
LA	3,938	3,598	3,937	3,876	3,726	4,114
MD	5,946	6,297	4,789	5,379	*6,354	6,224
MS	15,931	16,322	15,605	15,844	16,158	17,201
NC	15,223	15,144	14,972	15,433	*16,367	16,823
OK	4,596	4,719	4,550	5,070	*5,279	4,147
PA	3,289	3,127	3,054	*2,989	*3,121	3,208
<b>SC</b>	<b>5,476</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>4,618</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>4,764</b>
TX	12,495	12,104	11,442	11,429	12,693	13,045
VA	4,933	5,293	5,352	4,824	*4,819	4,967
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,874	17,369	16,273	16,205	*17,110	18,068
19 State Total	174,862	171,968	167,297	*164,641	*168,939	178,370
Previous Year Total	167,680	165,516	160,423	156,497	162,192	168,076
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	105	104	106

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