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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 December 15, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 15, 2007 were 8.79 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007
	Thousand					
AL	31,715	32,175	*32,336	32,561	*32,181	31,880
AR	28,320	28,849	28,940	28,947	27,993	28,101
DE	4,173	4,155	4,161	4,163	4,160	4,163
FL	1,356	1,361	*1,344	1,362	1,343	1,344
GA	35,370	35,774	36,119	36,181	35,206	36,213
KY	*7,358	*7,724	*7,609	7,436	7,487	7,691
LA	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,877	3,923	3,846
MD	8,897	7,999	8,715	8,821	8,707	8,669
MS	18,903	18,062	18,478	19,151	18,720	18,924
NC	19,907	19,230	*19,379	19,743	*18,743	19,624
OK	6,036	6,656	6,634	6,709	6,013	6,560
PA	*4,284	*4,339	*4,374	*4,364	*4,149	4,064
SC	5,471	5,218	5,610	5,690	5,156	5,607
TX	15,534	14,433	*15,426	15,390	15,315	14,733
VA	6,309	6,372	6,372	6,353	6,239	6,226
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,884	19,863	19,657	20,494	*18,388	20,227
19 State Total	*217,441	*216,134	*219,078	*221,242	*213,723	217,872
Previous Year Total	207,802	211,187	211,184	212,782	207,215	211,893
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	102	104	104	103	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007
	Thousand					
AL	19,834	19,248	19,202	20,717	*20,549	21,589
AR	23,406	20,800	21,474	24,712	*25,744	26,250
DE	5,053	4,910	4,766	4,959	5,106	5,366
FL	1,283	1,126	1,304	1,291	1,341	1,313
GA	28,060	27,116	27,515	28,675	29,179	29,652
KY	5,383	5,704	4,786	*5,984	*6,131	6,318
LA	3,937	3,876	3,726	4,114	3,864	3,586
MD	4,789	5,379	6,354	6,224	5,607	5,465
MS	15,605	15,844	16,158	17,201	16,461	17,081
NC	14,972	15,596	16,367	16,522	*16,218	16,335
OK	4,550	5,070	5,279	4,147	4,308	3,797
PA	*2,957	*2,934	*3,150	*3,168	*3,270	3,223
SC	4,272	4,618	4,316	4,764	4,985	4,363
TX	11,439	11,426	12,690	13,043	12,135	12,865
VA	5,352	4,824	4,819	4,967	4,862	5,206
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,310	16,223	17,093	18,064	*17,584	16,927
19 State Total	*167,202	*164,694	*168,999	*178,552	*177,344	179,336
Previous Year Total	160,423	156,497	162,192	168,076	171,423	172,412
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	104	106	103	104

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