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BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

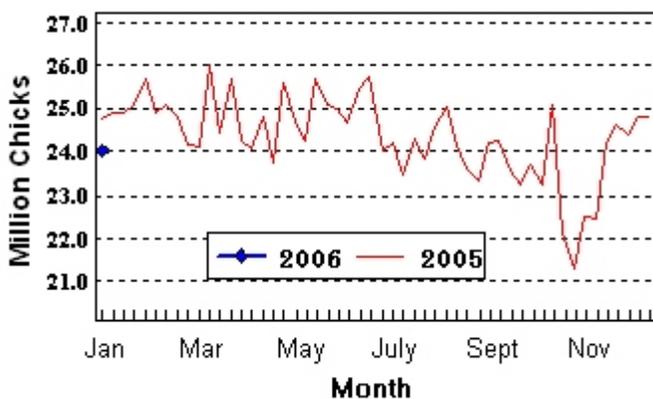
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.0 million during the week ending January 7, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent both from the comparable week in 2005, and from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

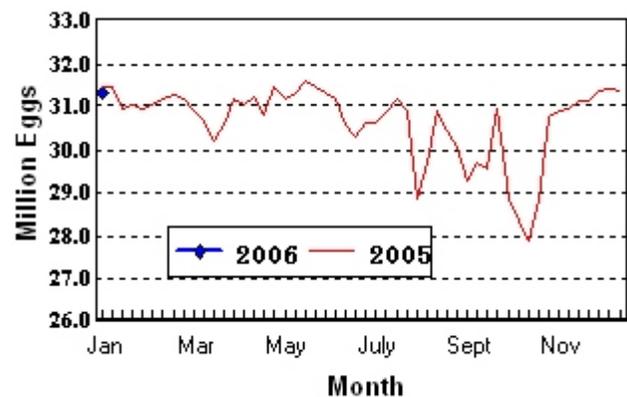
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 7, 2006, down slightly from both the same period last year, and from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Pre. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 3	24,740	24,197	98	24,837	25,421	102	30,902	31,101	101
Dec. 10	24,158	24,596	102	25,622	25,541	100	30,746	31,147	101
Dec. 17	26,068	24,418	94	25,593	25,708	100	30,766	31,368	102
Dec. 24	25,011	24,802	99	25,575	25,858	101	31,169	31,406	101
Dec. 31	24,256	24,817	102	25,355	25,857	102	31,195	31,393	101
Jan. 7	24,740	23,997	97	25,457	25,916	102	31,479	31,308	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2005-2006



EGGS SET, 2005 - 2006



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2006

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending					Week Ending						
	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec	07-Jan	%1/	03-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec	07-Jan	%1/
Alabama	31,637 *	31,311	31,099 *	31,596	108	21,096	21,565	22,002	21,411	21,114 *	21,671	100
ARKANSAS	31,368	31,406	31,300	31,308	99	24,197	24,596	24,418	24,802	24,817 *	23,997	97
Delaware	4,068	4,073 *	3,969 *	3,945	101	5,068	5,625	5,854	5,460 *	5,545 *	6,131	106
Florida	1,362	1,358	1,373	1,379	104	1,719	1,573	1,473	1,593	1,562	1,533	102
Georgia	34,470	33,881	34,522	34,148	101	26,756	26,557	27,601	27,293	26,660	27,775	102
Kentucky	7,129 *	7,022	7,032	7,041	101	5,749	5,871	5,931	5,771	5,529 *	6,238	109
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	103	4,235	3,828	4,057	4,252	3,563	4,140	101
Maryland	9,013	8,989 *	8,951 *	8,873	101	5,456	5,443	5,626	5,424 *	5,565 *	4,901	91
Mississippi	18,463	18,492	18,659	18,597	95	15,850	16,707	16,535	16,668	16,663	16,528	94
N. Carolina	18,992 *	18,841	18,768	18,970	107	14,963	15,209	15,583	15,407	15,061	15,440	106
Oklahoma	6,661	6,621	6,673 *	6,684	105	5,101	5,181	4,656	5,071	5,165	5,399	113
Pennsylvania	3,814	3,731 *	3,941 *	3,922	103	3,099	3,003	2,853	2,813 *	3,105 *	2,822	93
S. Carolina	5,273	4,945	5,146	5,239	107	3,865	4,051	4,579	4,732	4,708	4,197	93
Texas	15,144 *	15,159 *	15,202 *	15,125	101	12,610	12,840	12,874 *	12,796 *	12,924	12,739	105
Virginia	6,359	6,373	6,390	6,379	101	5,342	4,876	5,398	6,082	5,160	5,339	113
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,737 *	16,896 *	16,974 *	17,197	99	16,920 *	16,499 *	16,913 *	15,687 *	16,464 *	16,539	103
Total 2005	215,626 *	213,234 *	214,135 *	214,539		172,026 *	173,424 *	176,353 *	175,262 *	173,605 *	175,389	
Total 2004	211,111	209,901	208,842	210,232		170,790	171,447	172,727	171,547	172,249	173,466	
%of Prev. Year	102	102	103	102		101	101	102	102	101	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 7, 2006. 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 7, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.