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BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

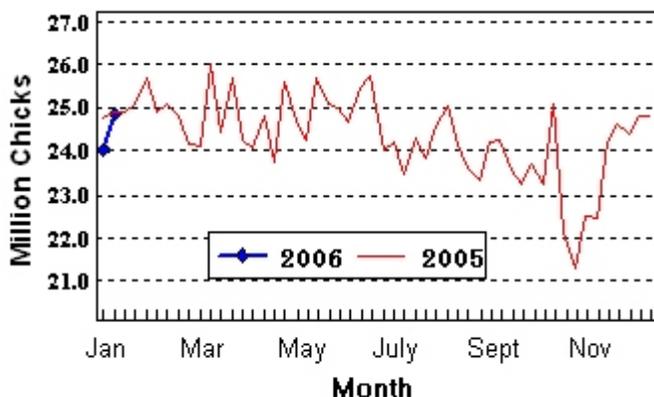
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending January 14, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2005, but up 4 percent from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, down slightly from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82 percent.

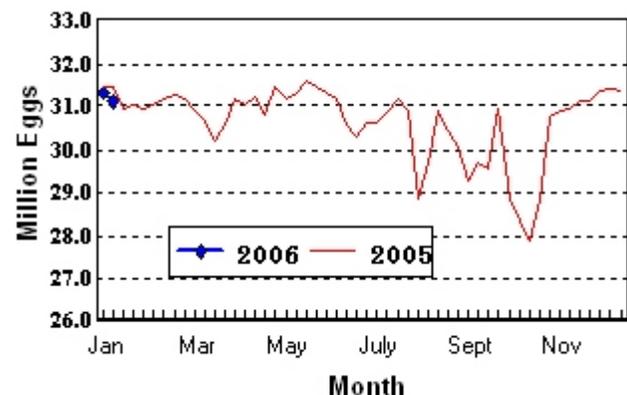
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 14, 2006, down 1 percent from both the same period last year, and from the previous week.

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. 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	31,267	100
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
Jan. 14	24,886	24,842	100	25,873	25,863	100	31,506	31,096	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						
	24-Dec	31-Dec	07-Jan	14-Jan	%1/	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec	07-Jan	14-Jan	%1/
Alabama	31,182 *	31,099	31,596	31,689	108	21,565	22,002	21,411	21,114	21,671	20,893	98
ARKANSAS	31,267 *	31,300	31,308	31,096	99	24,596	24,418	24,802	24,817	23,997	24,842	96
Delaware	4,073	3,969	3,945	3,970	109	5,625	5,854	5,460	5,545	6,131	5,909	97
Florida	1,343 *	1,373	1,379	1,343	100	1,573	1,473	1,495 *	1,457 *	1,587 *	1,526	98
Georgia	33,881	34,522	34,046 *	33,720	101	26,557	27,601	27,293	26,660	27,421 *	27,276	102
Kentucky	7,022	7,032	7,041	7,267	100	5,871	5,931	5,771	5,529	6,238	5,873	107
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	103	3,828	4,057	4,252	3,563	4,140	3,733	97
Maryland	8,989	8,951	8,873	8,933	102	5,443	5,626	5,424	5,565	4,901	5,354	116
Mississippi	18,492	18,659	18,597	18,583	97	16,707	16,535	16,668	16,663	16,528	16,456	96
N. Carolina	18,610 *	18,768	18,962 *	17,949	101	15,209	15,583	15,407	15,061	15,434 *	14,915	100
Oklahoma	6,621	6,673	6,684	6,587	104	5,181	4,656	5,071	5,165	5,399	4,783	86
Pennsylvania	3,701 *	3,899 *	3,704 *	3,941	99	2,980 *	2,835 *	2,771 *	3,087 *	2,788 *	2,809	98
S. Carolina	4,945	5,146	5,239	5,202	103	4,051	4,579	4,732	4,708	4,197	4,752	118
Texas	15,159	15,202	15,125	15,132	110	12,840	12,874	12,796	12,924	12,739	12,828	101
Virginia	6,373	6,390	6,418 *	6,437	105	4,876	5,398	6,082	5,160	5,418 *	4,785	91
CA,MO,TN,WV	16,386 *	16,974	17,187 *	17,060	95	16,499	16,913	15,687	16,464	16,492 *	15,575	99
Total 2005	212,180 *	214,093 *	214,240 *	213,045		173,401 *	176,335 *	175,122 *	173,482 *	175,081 *	172,309	
Total 2004	209,901	208,842	210,232	209,544		171,447	172,727	171,547	172,249	173,466	173,733	
%of Prev. Year	101	103	102	102		101	102	102	101	101	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 14, 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 DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 14, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 14, 2006 were 347 million, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.