

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

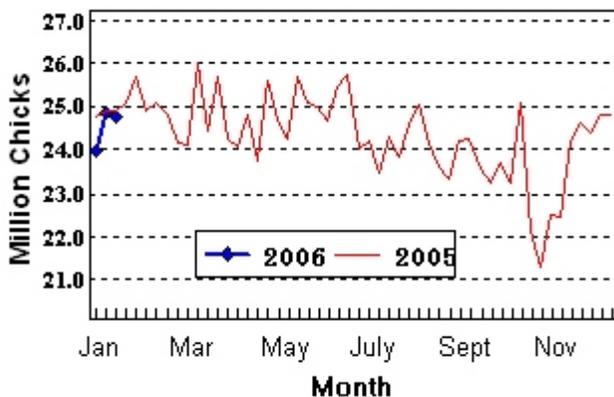
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending January 21, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down fractionally from the revised previous week, and included 3.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through January 21, 2006 were 73.6 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 26.0 million, up 1 percent from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

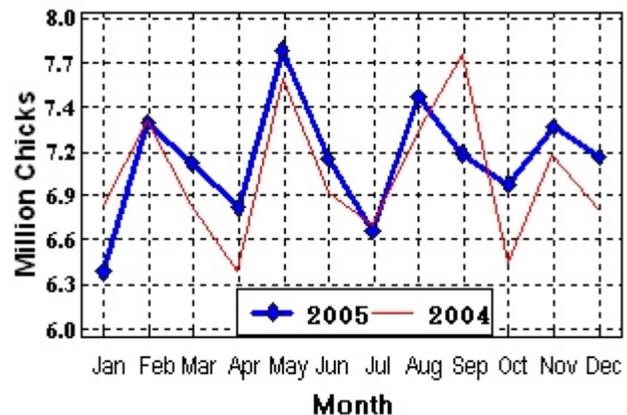
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 21, 2006, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.11 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2005, up 5 percent from December 2004.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2005- 2006**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS			
Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004-2005	2005-2006	
	<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 17	26,068	24,418	94
Dec. 24	25,011	24,802	99
Dec. 31	24,256	24,817	102
Jan. 7	24,740	23,982	97
Jan. 14	24,886	24,844	100
Jan. 21	24,907	24,776	99

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED			
Month	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000</i>		
Jul.	6,688	6,657	100
Aug.	7,280	7,484	103
Sep.	7,758	7,132	92
Oct.	6,457	6,944	108
Nov.	7,128	7,298	102
Dec.	6,772	7,112	105

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						
	31-Dec	07-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	%1/	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec	07-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	%1/
Alabama	31,045 *	31,486 *	31,689	31,526	105	22,002	21,411	21,114	21,682 *	20,882 *	20,990	99
ARKANSAS	31,300	31,308	31,096	31,440	102	24,418	24,802	24,817	23,982 *	24,844 *	24,776	99
Delaware	3,969	3,945	3,970	3,781	100	5,854	5,460	5,545	6,131	5,909	5,365	100
Florida	1,373	1,379	1,343	1,349	101	1,473	1,495	1,457	1,587	1,526	1,429	94
Georgia	34,522	34,046	34,046 *	35,051	106	27,601	27,293	26,660	27,421	27,421 *	27,998	103
Kentucky	7,032	7,041	7,266 *	7,466	106	5,931	5,771	5,529	6,238	5,754 *	5,628	92
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,135	104	4,057	4,252	3,563	4,140	3,733	3,843	101
Maryland	8,951	8,873	8,933	8,942	110	5,626	5,424	5,565	4,901	5,354	5,632	106
Mississippi	18,659	18,597	18,583	18,704	94	16,535	16,668	16,663	16,528	16,645 *	16,502	97
N. Carolina	18,997 *	18,962	17,949	18,214	100	15,583	15,407	15,061	15,434	14,915	15,715	109
Oklahoma	6,673	6,557 *	6,565 *	6,800	105	4,656	5,071	5,165	5,398 *	4,784 *	5,262	117
Pennsylvania	3,799 *	3,729 *	3,915 *	3,924	101	2,835	2,771	3,087	2,857 *	2,873 *	2,903	97
S. Carolina	5,146	5,239	5,202	5,250	104	4,579	4,732	4,708	4,197	4,752	4,001	97
Texas	15,202	15,125	15,132	15,014	98	12,874	12,796	12,924	12,739	12,828	12,803	103
Virginia	6,390	6,418	6,437	6,385	100	5,398	6,082	5,160	5,418	4,785	5,213	92
CA,MO,TN,WV	16,974	17,187	17,072 *	17,458	94	16,913	15,687	16,464	16,492	16,059 *	16,212	100
Total 2005	214,168 *	214,028 *	213,334 *	215,439		176,335	175,122	173,482	175,145 *	173,064 *	174,272	
Total 2004	208,842	210,232	209,544	211,673		172,727	171,547	172,249	173,466	173,733	172,679	
%of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102		102	102	101	101	100	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar	

* 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 21, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 21, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 21, 2006 were 522 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.