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BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

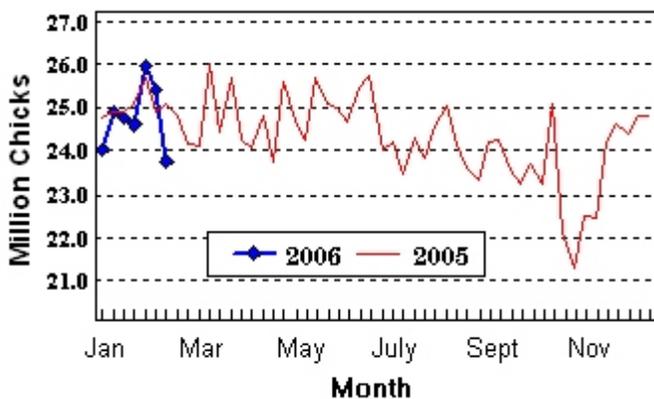
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending February 18, 2006. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 6 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.1 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, up slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

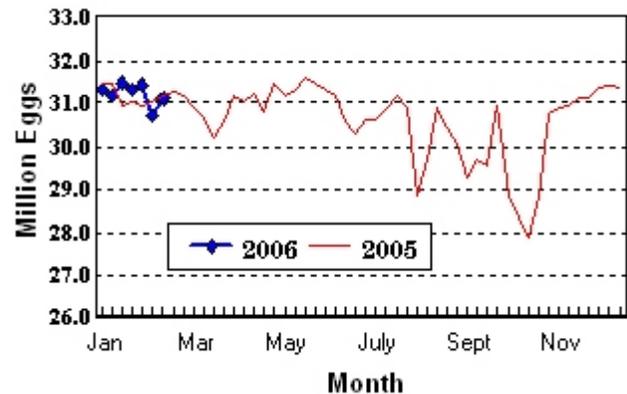
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 18, 2006, down slightly from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

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>		
Jan. 14	24,886	24,910	100	25,873	25,940	100	31,506	31,150	99
Jan. 21	24,907	24,773	99	25,852	26,029	101	30,971	31,473	102
Jan. 28	25,119	24,597	98	26,145	26,054	100	31,023	31,327	101
Feb. 4	25,702	25,961	101	26,367	25,999	99	30,987	31,442	101
Feb. 11	24,929	25,383	102	25,911	26,220	101	31,020	30,728	99
Feb. 18	25,110	23,786	95	25,934	26,014	100	31,179	31,127	100

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						
	28-Jan	04-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	%1/	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	04-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	%1/
Alabama	31,025 *	31,605	31,668	31,713	104	20,782	20,890	21,340	21,631	21,412	20,803	96
ARKANSAS	31,327	31,442	30,728	31,127	100	24,910	24,773	24,597	25,961	25,383 *	23,786	95
Delaware	3,981	3,700	3,700	3,987	102	5,909	5,365	5,908	5,088	5,268 *	5,874	117
Florida	1,359 *	1,344	1,343	1,354	100	1,526	1,429	1,631	1,641	1,843	1,496	97
Georgia	34,382	33,575	33,661 *	34,154	102	27,320 *	27,998	27,061	27,312	27,662 *	28,117	105
Kentucky	7,358	7,154	7,440	7,210	99	5,754	5,620	5,815	6,147	6,354 *	6,037	95
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,166	103	3,733	3,843	3,937	3,977	3,950	4,229	111
Maryland	8,912	8,888	8,622 *	8,901	99	5,354	5,632	5,267	5,667	6,021 *	4,960	87
Mississippi	18,447	18,188	18,082	18,108	93	16,645	16,502	16,511	16,617	16,244	16,547	92
N. Carolina	18,351 *	18,640	19,063 *	19,438	105	14,915	15,715	15,465	14,630	14,471 *	14,951	100
Oklahoma	6,760	6,566	6,665 *	6,799	109	4,784	5,262	5,447	4,467 *	4,781 *	5,948	117
Pennsylvania	3,971	3,721 *	4,145 *	3,711	87	2,873	2,958	2,949	2,921 *	2,858 *	2,997	97
S. Carolina	5,367	5,194	5,345	5,369	104	4,752	4,001	4,390	4,570	5,239 *	4,562	100
Texas	15,237	14,632	15,121	15,147	100	12,829	12,804	12,936	13,067	13,002	13,151	103
Virginia	6,156	6,246	6,360	6,296	98	4,785	5,213	4,990	5,222	4,913	4,996	96
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,239	18,074	17,464 *	17,854	99	16,049	16,205	16,490	15,498	16,496 *	15,918	97
Total 2005	214,008 *	213,105 *	213,543 *	215,334		172,920 *	174,210	174,734	174,416 *	175,897 *	174,372	
Total 2004	212,630	213,234	213,830	213,897		173,733	172,679	171,340	172,928	175,504	175,869	
%of Prev. Year	101	100	100	101		100	101	102	101	100	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						04-Mar	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar	01-Apr	08-Apr	

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

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 18, 2006. This was up 1 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 18, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 18, 2006 were 1.22 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.