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BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

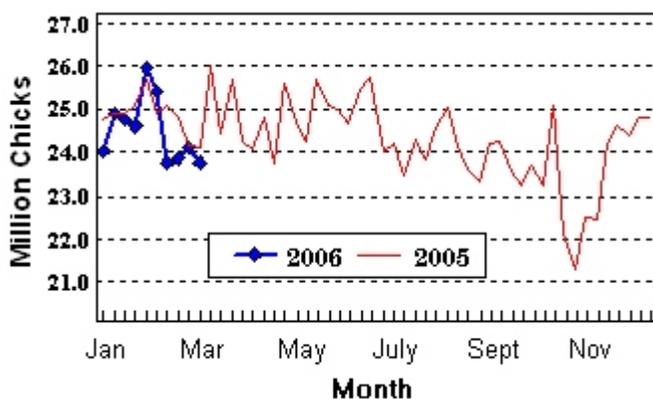
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending March 11, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from both the comparable week in 2005, and from the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.8 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 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.

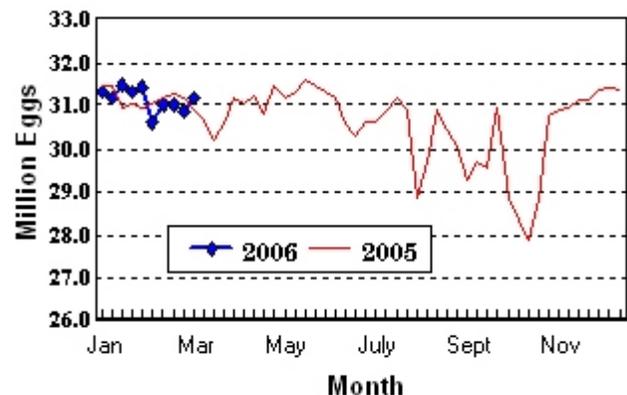
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 11, 2006, up 1 percent from both the same period last year, and from the previous week.

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>		
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	30,591	99
Feb. 18	25,110	23,786	95	25,934	26,014	100	31,179	31,038	100
Feb. 25	24,831	23,863	96	25,908	26,109	101	31,285	30,994	99
Mar. 4	24,187	24,141	100	25,946	25,449	98	31,198	30,868	99
Mar. 11	24,126	23,758	98	26,142	25,821	99	30,893	31,164	101

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						
	18-Feb	25-Feb	04-Mar	11-Mar	%1/	04-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb	04-Mar	11-Mar	%1/
Alabama	31,815 *	31,907	31,895	31,866	106	21,631	21,416	20,851	21,339	21,298	21,563	100
ARKANSAS	31,038 *	30,994	30,868	31,164	101	25,961	25,383	23,786	23,863	24,141	23,758	98
Delaware	3,987	3,920	3,872	3,742	96	5,088	5,267	5,874	5,648	5,207	6,049	99
Florida	1,354	1,373	1,364	1,369	101	1,641	1,843	1,496	1,498	1,494	1,451	111
Georgia	34,226	34,816	34,827	34,980	105	27,312	27,662	28,038	27,129 *	27,560 *	28,059	103
Kentucky	7,191	7,143 *	7,130 *	7,094	99	6,168	6,370	6,097	5,913 *	4,925 *	5,987	92
Louisiana	4,166	4,166	4,088	4,136	101	3,977	3,950	4,229	4,174	3,806	4,048	99
Maryland	8,901	8,871	8,977	8,980	100	5,667	6,022	4,960	5,022	5,194	4,949	101
Mississippi	18,108	18,392	18,439	18,439	95	16,617	16,244	16,547	16,428	16,541	16,272	93
N. Carolina	19,355 *	19,223	18,986	18,911	101	14,630	14,471	14,951	15,346	15,346	15,523	104
Oklahoma	6,759	6,617	6,633 *	6,602	101	4,467	4,781	5,948	5,391	5,242 *	5,206	95
Pennsylvania	3,333	4,214	3,919 *	3,880	91	2,921	2,936	2,989	2,732	2,874 *	2,573	84
S. Carolina	5,369	5,339	5,444	5,425	103	4,570	5,239	4,562	4,338	5,152	4,611	100
Texas	15,144	15,189	15,266	15,184	100	13,063	12,999	13,148	12,622	12,920	12,885	100
Virginia	6,296	6,410	6,577	6,644	101	5,260	4,952	4,996	5,092	5,235	5,110	102
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,210	18,202 *	18,361 *	18,208	102	15,498	16,486	15,909	16,607 *	16,756 *	17,319	99
Total 2005	215,252 *	216,776 *	216,646 *	216,624		174,471	176,021	174,381	173,142 *	173,691 *	175,363	
Total 2004	213,897	213,989	214,750	213,629		172,928	175,504	175,869	176,799	176,267	176,772	
%of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101		101	100	99	98	99	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006.....						25-Mar	01-Apr	08-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 11, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 11, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 11, 2006 were 1.74 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.