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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending April 29, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and up 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.6 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

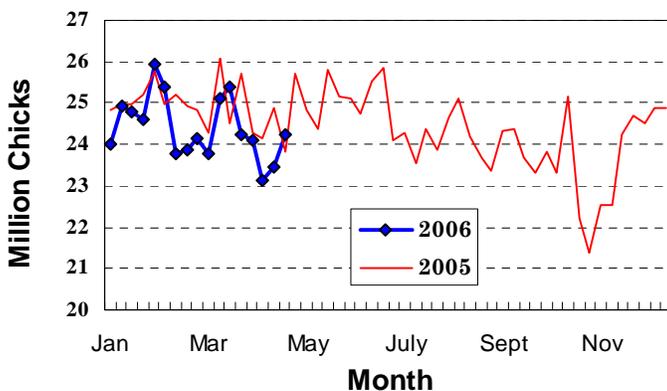
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 29, 2006, down 5 percent from the same period last year, and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Mar. 25	24,515	25,370*	104	26,242	25,556	97	30,287	29,754	100
Apr. 1	25,711	24,238	94	26,144	26,005	100	30,622	30,034	98
Apr. 8	24,283	24,090	99	25,729	25,456	99	31,243	30,647*	98
Apr. 15	24,164	23,110*	96	25,404	24,784	98	31,112	30,364	98
Apr. 22	24,895	23,469*	94	25,520	24,897	98	31,305	30,234	97
Apr. 29	23,835	24,234	102	26,054	25,574	98	30,937	29,461	95

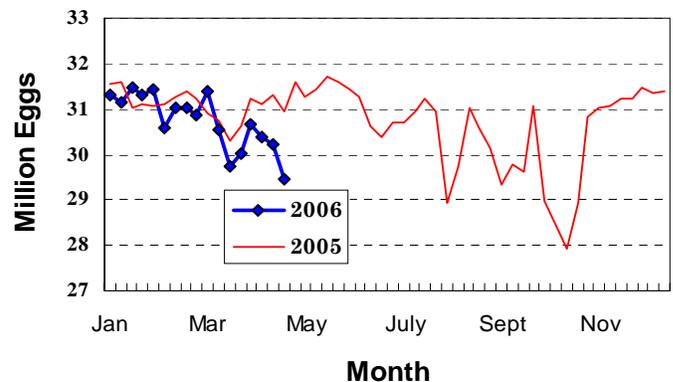
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* Revised in current week

**Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2005-2006**



**Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2005 - 2006**



## Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, April 1 - April 29, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	% 1/	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,835	31,814 *	31,147	30,175	31,584	100	21,811	21,367	21,403	20,806	21,350	97
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>30,034</b>	<b>30,647 *</b>	<b>30,364</b>	<b>30,234</b>	<b>29,461</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>24,238</b>	<b>24,090</b>	<b>23,110 *</b>	<b>23,469 *</b>	<b>24,234</b>	<b>102</b>
Delaware	3,635 *	3,583	3,466	3,726	3,580	95	6,235	5,680	4,918	4,740 *	4,996	86
Florida	1,366	1,389 *	1,344	1,352	1,364	102	1,471	1,304	1,531	1,428	1,522	91
Georgia	35,004	34,747	35,257	34,747	34,425	104	27,909	26,625	27,919	29,050	28,904	106
Kentucky	7,300 *	7,436	7,339	7,004	7,133	101	6,011	5,640	6,263	6,280 *	6,217	102
Louisiana	4,058	4,136	4,136	4,000	3,970	98	4,149	3,912	3,811	4,139	3,914	99
Maryland	8,870	8,924	8,844	8,824	8,859	98	4,820	5,414	5,347	5,901 *	5,670	98
Mississippi	18,393	18,285	18,004	18,172	17,788	95	16,490	16,414	16,394	16,394	16,413	94
N. Carolina	18,678	18,397 *	18,573	19,078 *	18,744	98	15,606	15,030	14,787	15,272 *	15,098	99
Oklahoma	6,367	6,666	6,771 *	6,603 *	6,497	104	5,319	5,313	5,683	4,877	5,143	87
Pennsylvania	4,186	4,276	4,351	4,034 *	3,790	94	2,963	2,961	2,690	2,913 *	3,051	94
S. Carolina	5,027	5,120	4,959	5,205	5,395	104	4,497	5,378	4,582	4,286	4,703	103
Texas	15,074	15,073	15,059	14,984	13,444	87	13,058	12,971	11,458	12,810	12,872	98
Virginia	6,563	6,503	6,553 *	6,443 *	6,501	97	4,916	4,916	5,462	5,375	5,123	102
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,015	18,328	18,244	18,037	17,095	94	17,500	16,966	16,598	16,791	17,408	92
19 State Total	213,405 *	215,324 *	214,411 *	212,618 *	209,630		176,993	173,981	171,956 *	174,531 *	176,618	
Prev. Year Total	212,503	217,115	215,452	215,123	214,687		177,165	176,158	176,765	175,439	180,017	
% of Prev. Year	100	99	100	99	98		100	99	97	99	98	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/.....</b>							20-May	27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	

\* Revised in current week.    1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.    2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

### Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 29, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 29, 2006 were 2.97 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.