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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending May 6, 2006. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.5 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

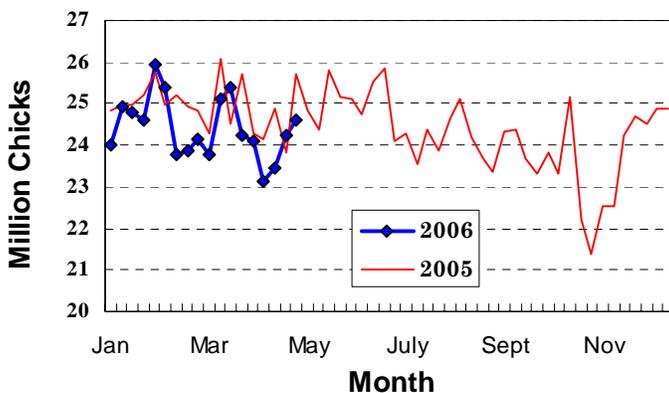
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 6, 2006, down 4 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

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>		
Apr. 1	25,711	24,238	94	26,144	26,005	99	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	30,536*	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
May 6	25,712	24,595	96	26,143	25,517	98	31,600	30,270	96

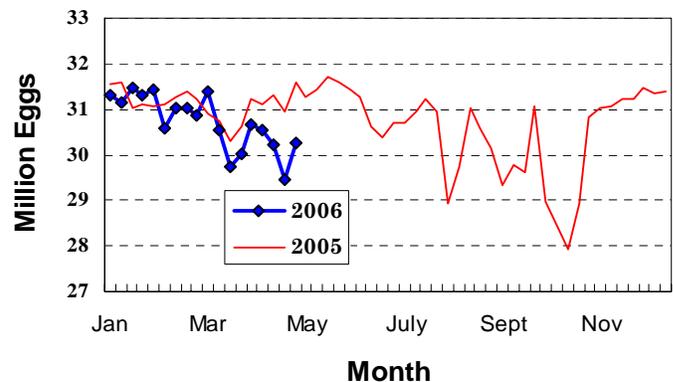
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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 8 - May 6, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	6-May	% 1/	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	6-May	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,814	31,187 *	30,175	31,584	31,056	99	21,367	21,403	20,806	21,350	21,484	100
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>30,647</b>	<b>30,536 *</b>	<b>30,234</b>	<b>29,461</b>	<b>30,270</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>24,090</b>	<b>23,110</b>	<b>23,469</b>	<b>24,234</b>	<b>24,595</b>	<b>96</b>
Delaware	3,583	3,466	3,726	3,580	3,574	90	5,680	4,918	4,740	4,996	5,506	107
Florida	1,389	1,374 *	1,352	1,364	1,361	101	1,304	1,531	1,494 *	1,619 *	1,435	108
Georgia	35,091 *	35,257	34,747	34,425	34,689	106	26,625	27,863 *	29,045 *	28,888 *	28,784	101
Kentucky	7,436	7,377 *	7,082 *	7,227 *	7,275	97	5,640	6,301 *	6,387 *	6,249 *	6,328	107
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,000	3,970	3,874	94	3,912	3,811	4,139	3,914	4,035	103
Maryland	8,924	8,844	8,824	8,859	8,811	99	5,414	5,347	5,901	5,670	5,021	82
Mississippi	18,285	18,113 *	18,172	17,788	18,408	97	16,414	16,394	16,394	16,413	16,100	95
N. Carolina	18,397	18,636 *	19,078	18,744	18,645	99	15,030	14,787	15,272	15,098	14,776	95
Oklahoma	6,666	6,771	6,603	6,648 *	6,597	105	5,313	5,683	4,877	5,143	4,862	88
Pennsylvania	4,276	4,351	4,022 *	3,819 *	4,136	98	2,961	2,690	2,891 *	3,039 *	3,055	96
S. Carolina	5,120	4,959	5,205	5,395	5,298	106	5,378	4,582	4,286	4,703	5,118	143
Texas	15,074 *	15,044 *	14,969 *	13,428 *	14,952	96	12,971	11,458	12,810	12,872	12,795	97
Virginia	6,503	6,553	6,443	6,501	6,475	100	4,916	5,462	5,375	5,123	5,136	100
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,389 *	18,269 *	18,057 *	17,114 *	16,645	92	16,970 *	16,619 *	16,835 *	17,480 *	17,208	96
19 State Total	215,730 *	214,873 *	212,689 *	209,907 *	212,066		173,985 *	171,959 *	174,721 *	176,791 *	176,238	
Prev. Year Total	217,115	215,452	215,123	214,687	215,071		176,158	176,765	175,439	180,017	179,021	
% of Prev. Year	99	100	99	98	99		99	97	100	98	98	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/</b> .....							27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	24-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 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 6, 2006. This was down 1 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 6, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 6, 2006 were 3.15 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.