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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 5 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.5 million during the week ending May 27, 2006. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.3 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

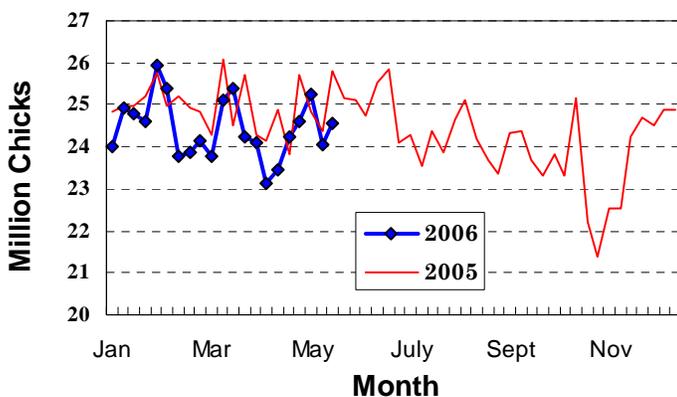
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 27, 2006, down 4 percent from the same period last year, but up slightly from the previous week.

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. 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	29,530	95
May 6	25,712	24,610	96	26,143	25,517	98	31,600	30,270	96
May 13	24,820	25,233	102	26,246	25,257	96	31,273	30,190	97
May 20	24,372	24,060*	99	25,848	24,603	95	31,431	30,301	96
May 27	25,807	24,546	95	26,441	25,281	96	31,704	30,428	96

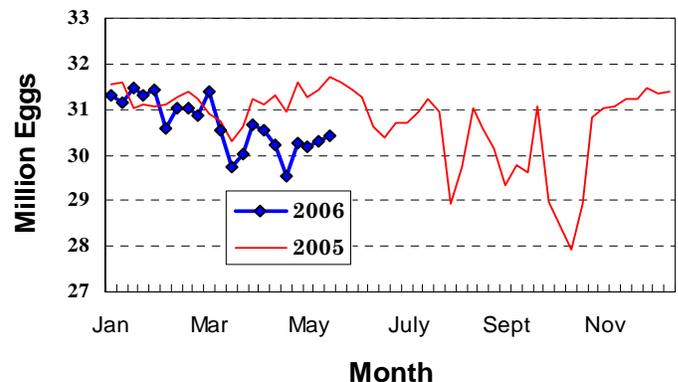
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, Apr 29 - May 27, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	29-Apr	6-May	13-May	20-May	27-May	% 1/	29-Apr	6-May	13-May	20-May	27-May	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,579 *	30,781 *	31,471	31,644	31,567	100	21,350	21,507	20,897 *	21,550	21,209	98
Arkansas	29,530	30,270	30,190	30,301	30,428	96	24,234	24,610	25,233	24,060 *	24,546	95
Delaware	3,580	3,586	3,542	3,661	3,646	89	4,996	5,137	5,940	5,119	6,005	105
Florida	1,384	1,381 *	1,378	922	1,392	100	1,619	1,435	1,324	1,372 *	1,452	98
Georgia	34,425	34,181 *	34,704 *	34,584	35,119	104	28,888	28,916	28,863	28,669 *	28,636	101
Kentucky	7,217 *	7,326 *	7,289	7,201 *	7,257	105	6,249	6,314 *	6,388 *	6,388 *	6,332	96
Louisiana	3,970	3,874	3,923	3,923	3,923	96	3,914	4,035	3,782	3,767	3,619	86
Maryland	8,859	8,842	8,876	8,955	8,544	95	5,670	5,201	4,484	4,979	4,553	88
Mississippi	17,788	18,408	18,385	17,679	17,694	94	16,413	16,100	15,743	15,414	16,241	95
N. Carolina	19,200	18,380 *	18,994	18,805 *	18,627	101	15,098	14,787	15,193	15,513 *	15,158	97
Oklahoma	6,648	6,395	6,104	6,276 *	6,478	98	5,143	4,862	4,194	5,296	4,781	110
Pennsylvania	3,819	4,093	4,013	4,122	4,058	102	2,966	2,919	2,959	2,601	2,968	94
S. Carolina	5,395	5,298	5,336	5,309	5,385	106	4,703	5,118	4,592	4,701	3,929	107
Texas	13,428	14,952	14,842	14,903	14,884	97	12,872	12,795	12,778	11,459	12,832	98
Virginia	6,501	6,460	6,472	6,475	6,460	98	5,123	5,140	5,112	5,792	5,296	100
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,113 *	17,685 *	18,021 *	17,925	17,870	98	17,480	17,213	16,220 *	15,073 *	16,037	95
19 State Total	210,436 *	211,912 *	213,540 *	212,685 *	213,332		176,718	176,089 *	173,702 *	171,753 *	173,594	
Prev. Year Total	214,687	215,071	215,969	216,555	215,660		180,017	179,021	178,354	177,385	178,099	
% of Prev. Year	98	99	99	98	99		98	98	97	97	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/.....							17-Jun	24-Jun	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	

* 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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 27, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 27, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 27, 2006 were 3.67 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.