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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 9 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.8 million during the week ending June 3, 2006. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 7 percent from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.9 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

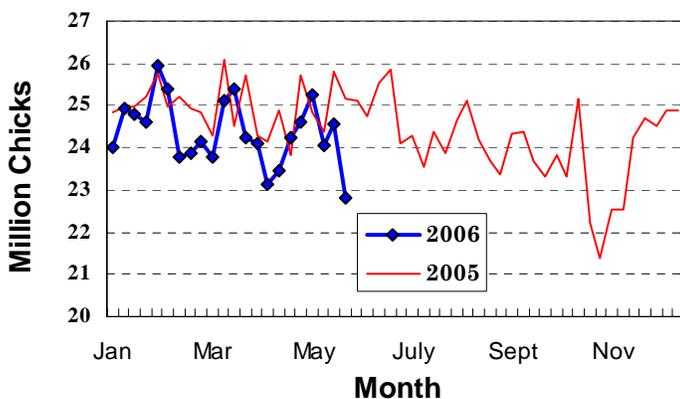
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 3, 2006, down 5 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

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. 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	29,750*	95
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
Jun 3	25,178	22,812	91	26,047	24,862	95	31,607	30,051	95

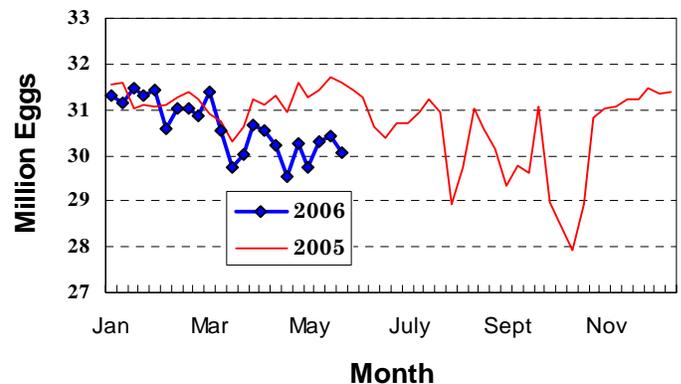
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, May 6 - June 3, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	6-May	13-May	20-May	27-May	3-Jun	% 1/	6-May	13-May	20-May	27-May	3-Jun	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,781	31,471	31,644	31,605 *	31,618	100	21,507	20,897	21,550	21,203 *	21,932	102
Arkansas	30,270	29,750 *	30,301	30,428	30,051	95	24,610	25,233	24,060	24,546	22,812	91
Delaware	3,586	3,542	3,661	3,646	3,887	96	5,137	5,940	5,119	6,005	5,317	93
Florida	1,381	1,328 *	922	1,392	1,346	98	1,435	1,324	1,372	1,452	1,403	92
Georgia	34,181	34,704	34,584	35,119	34,838	104	28,916	28,863	28,669	28,636	28,165	101
Kentucky	7,326	7,289	7,201	7,174 *	7,129	103	6,314	6,388	6,388	6,013 *	6,293	96
Louisiana	3,874	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	96	4,035	3,782	3,767	3,619	4,189	102
Maryland	8,842	8,876	8,955	8,544	8,893	99	5,201	4,484	4,979	4,553	5,261	104
Mississippi	18,408	18,385	17,679	17,694	17,901	94	16,100	15,743	15,414	16,241	16,204	95
N. Carolina	18,380	18,925 *	18,805	18,635 *	18,618	100	14,787	15,193	15,513	15,357 *	15,699	100
Oklahoma	6,395	6,404 *	6,276	6,478	6,517	100	4,862	4,087 *	5,296	4,781	5,102	104
Pennsylvania	4,093	4,013	4,114 *	4,087 *	4,016	102	2,919	2,959	2,624 *	2,960 *	2,940	97
S. Carolina	5,298	5,336	5,309	5,385	5,392	103	5,118	4,592	4,701	3,929	4,993	120
Texas	14,952	14,842	14,903	14,884	14,923	97	12,795	12,778	11,459	12,832	12,760	98
Virginia	6,460	6,472	6,475	6,460	6,369	98	5,140	5,112	5,792	5,206 *	5,202	96
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,685	18,021	17,925	17,857 *	17,676	97	17,213	16,220	15,073	16,024 *	17,101	97
19 State Total	211,912	213,281 *	212,677 *	213,311 *	213,097		176,089	173,595 *	171,776 *	173,357 *	175,373	
Prev. Year Total	215,071	215,969	216,555	215,660	215,857		179,021	178,354	177,385	178,099	178,299	
% of Prev. Year	99	99	98	99	99		98	97	97	97	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/.....							24-Jun	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-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 June 3, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 3, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through June 3, 2006 were 3.84 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.