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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.4 million during the week ending June 17, 2006. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

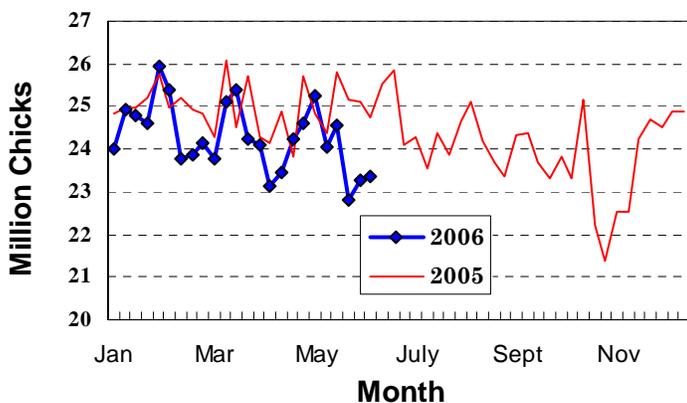
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 17, 2006, down 8 percent from the same period last year, and down 6 percent from the previous week.

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>		
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	30,709	98
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
Jun 10	25,093	23,247	93	26,098	25,514	98	31,430	30,499	97
Jun 17	24,733	23,370	94	26,364	25,230	96	31,273	28,819	92

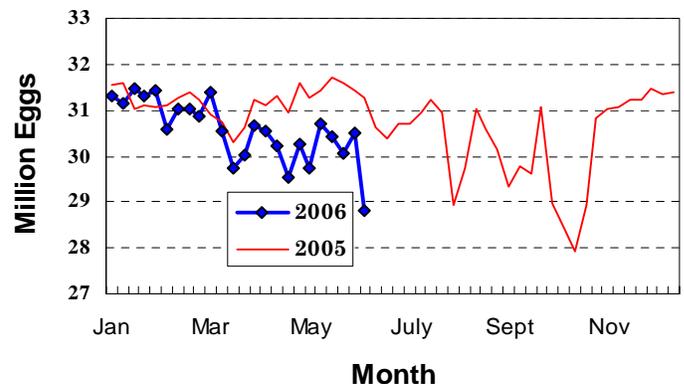
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 20 - June 17, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	20-May	27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	% 1/	20-May	27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,644	31,821 *	31,547	31,840 *	31,072	99	21,550	21,210	21,298	21,126 *	21,647	98
Arkansas	30,709	30,428	30,051	30,499	28,819	92	24,060	24,546	22,812	23,247	23,370	94
Delaware	3,661	3,840	3,887	3,959	3,944	95	5,119	6,056	5,317	6,480	5,835	97
Florida	962	1,392	1,346	1,374	1,374	99	1,372	1,452	1,403	814	1,408	92
Georgia	34,612	34,869 *	35,085	34,951 *	35,312	105	28,669	28,308 *	28,168	29,687 *	29,263	109
Kentucky	7,031 *	7,174	7,129	7,254	7,244	106	6,388	6,013	6,315 *	6,034 *	6,226	104
Louisiana	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	96	3,767	3,619	4,189	3,558	3,741	90
Maryland	8,955	8,544	8,893	8,772	8,961	99	4,979	4,512	5,261	4,582	4,849	97
Mississippi	17,916	17,910 *	17,901	17,916	17,569	92	15,414	16,241	16,204	15,880	15,877	93
N. Carolina	18,872	18,387 *	18,618	18,900 *	17,828	100	15,513	15,357	15,699	15,721 *	15,315	100
Oklahoma	6,276	6,478	6,517	6,412	6,493	100	5,296	4,781	5,102	5,369	5,107	102
Pennsylvania	4,114	4,087	3,973 *	4,136 *	3,991	100	2,624	2,960	2,920 *	2,981 *	2,954	99
S. Carolina	5,309	5,385	5,392	5,297	5,103	99	4,701	3,929	4,993	4,091 *	4,460	91
Texas	14,886	14,868	14,907	14,867	14,875	96	11,455	12,828	12,755	12,928	12,913	100
Virginia	6,475	6,460	6,369	6,384	6,338	97	5,792	5,206	5,202	4,870	5,000	90
CA,MO,TN&WV	17,898 *	18,092 *	17,605 *	17,834 *	17,987	98	15,156 *	16,152 *	17,195 *	16,933 *	17,139	96
19 State Total	213,243 *	213,658 *	213,143 *	214,318 *	210,833		171,855 *	173,170 *	174,833 *	174,301 *	175,104	
Prev. Year Total	216,555	215,660	215,857	215,948	214,626		177,385	178,099	178,299	178,287	178,125	
% of Prev. Year	98	99	99	99	98		97	97	98	98	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	

* 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 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 17, 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 83 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 17, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through June 17, 2006 were 4.19 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.