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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent From Last Year

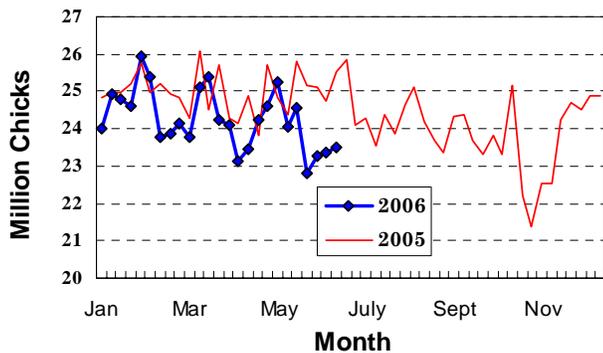
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending June 24, 2006. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through June 24, 2006 were 606.2 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.2 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

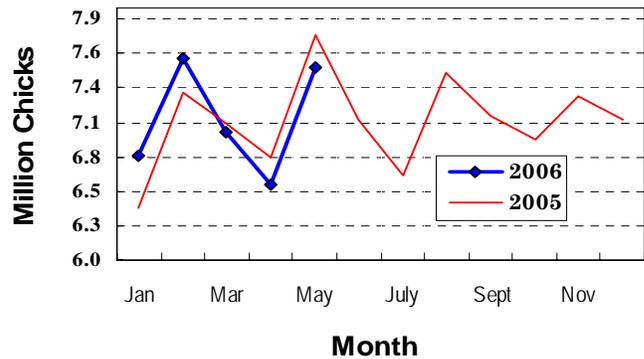
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 24, 2006, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.53 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2006, down 3 percent from May 2005.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2005-2006



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2005 - 2006



Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
May 20	24,372	24,060	99
May 27	25,807	24,546	95
Jun 3	25,178	22,812	91
Jun 10	25,093	23,247	93
Jun 17	24,733	23,373*	95
Jun 24	25,545	23,507	92

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2004-2005	2005-2006	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Dec.	6,772	7,112	105
Jan.	6,409	6,825	106
Feb.	7,325	7,593	104
Mar.	7,077	7,012	99
Apr.	6,800	6,593	97
May	7,783	7,531	97

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

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, May 27 - June 24, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	24-Jun	% 1/	27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	24-Jun	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,821	31,732 *	31,840	31,072	30,898	99	21,210	21,298	21,126	21,647	21,242	99
Arkansas	30,428	30,440 *	30,499	28,819	29,739	97	24,546	22,812	23,247	23,373 *	23,507	92
Delaware	3,840	3,887	3,959	3,944	3,957	97	6,056	5,317	6,480	5,835	5,264	90
Florida	1,392	1,346	1,374	1,374	1,373	98	1,452	1,403	904 *	1,408	1,535	104
Georgia	34,869	35,085	34,951	35,312	34,559	105	28,308	28,168	29,687	29,263	29,379	104
Kentucky	7,174	7,129	7,210 *	7,204 *	6,937	105	6,013	6,315	5,869 *	6,325 *	5,432	85
Louisiana	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	96	3,619	4,189	3,558	3,741	4,024	99
Maryland	8,544	8,893	8,772	8,961	9,007	100	4,512	5,261	4,582	4,849	5,916	107
Mississippi	17,910	17,901	17,916	17,569	17,732	94	16,241	16,204	15,880	15,877	15,833	92
N. Carolina	18,387	18,498 *	18,900	17,958 *	18,259	99	15,357	15,699	15,721	15,230 *	15,260	102
Oklahoma	6,478	6,517	6,412	6,533 *	6,493	100	4,781	5,102	5,369	5,107	5,079	94
Pennsylvania	4,073 *	3,950 *	4,030 *	4,033 *	4,089	101	2,921 *	2,892 *	2,950 *	2,878 *	2,875	96
S. Carolina	5,385	5,392	5,297	5,103	5,124	101	3,929	4,993	4,091	4,460	4,364	95
Texas	14,868	14,907	14,867	14,875	14,889	98	12,828	12,755	12,928	12,913	12,986	100
Virginia	6,460	6,369	6,384	6,338	6,354	98	5,206	5,202	4,870	5,075 *	5,194	94
C.A.MO.TN&WV	18,092	17,605	17,834	18,047 *	17,545	99	16,152	17,195	17,023 *	17,007 *	16,250	98
19 State Total	213,644 *	213,574 *	214,168 *	211,065 *	210,878		173,131 *	174,805 *	174,285 *	174,988 *	174,140	
Prev. Year Total	215,660	215,857	215,948	214,626	212,546		178,099	178,299	178,287	178,125	178,879	
% of Prev. Year	99	99	99	98	99		97	98	98	98	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-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 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 24, 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 83 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 June 24, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through June 24, 2006 were 4.37 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.