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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent From Last Year

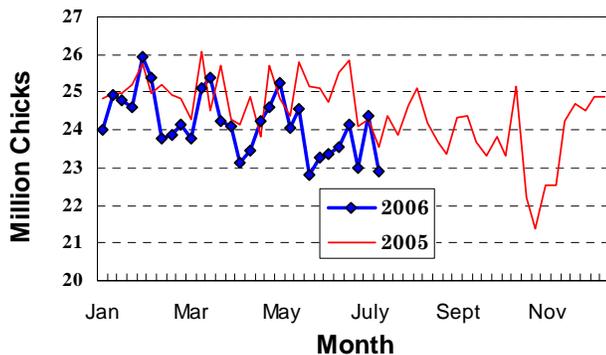
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.9 million during the week ending July 22, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 6 percent from the revised previous week, and included 1.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through July 22, 2006 were 700.6 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.5 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 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 83 percent.

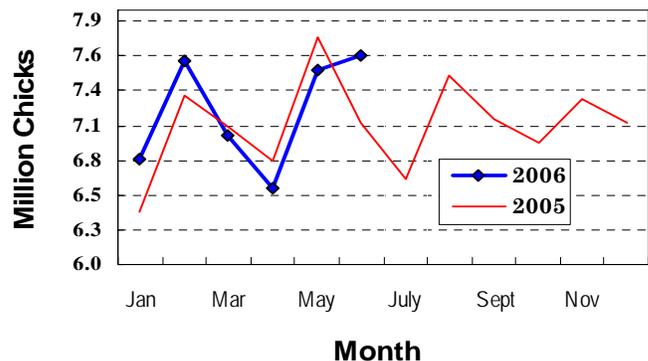
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 22, 2006, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.64 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2006, up 7 percent from June 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>		
Jun. 17	24,733	23,373	95
Jun. 24	25,545	23,547	92
Jul. 1	25,830	24,123	93
Jul. 8	24,115	22,993	95
Jul. 15	24,294	24,378*	100
Jul. 22	23,557	22,883	97

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
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
Jun.	7,109	7,636	107

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

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, June 24 - July 22, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	24-Jun	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	% 1/	24-Jun	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,768	31,865 *	31,436	32,033	32,037	100	21,192	22,099	21,003	20,659	21,700	99
Arkansas	29,739	29,397	29,697	30,275	30,099	97	23,547	24,123	22,993	24,378 *	22,883	97
Delaware	3,957	3,765	3,887	3,969	3,824	94	5,162	4,883	4,703	5,916	5,971	125
Florida	1,373	1,369	1,364	1,344	1,364	99	1,535	1,641	1,546	1,487	1,390	96
Georgia	34,559	34,920	34,205	35,020	34,858	104	28,642	28,484	28,873	28,322 *	28,387	109
Kentucky	6,831	6,958	7,105	7,264	7,306	104	5,400	6,203	5,986	5,836	5,869	103
Louisiana	3,923	3,923	3,798	3,954	3,954	96	4,024	3,830	3,670	3,578	3,916	95
Maryland	9,007	8,959	8,934	8,942	8,855	99	6,022	6,098	6,795	5,977	5,699	94
Mississippi	17,732	17,038 *	17,851	17,916	17,720	93	15,833	15,885	15,408	15,776	15,166	87
N. Carolina	18,436	17,973 *	18,047	18,762	18,416	101	15,234	15,302	14,735	15,629	15,060	106
Oklahoma	6,493	6,307	6,118	6,252 *	6,394	95	5,080	4,943	5,176	4,527 *	5,481	107
Pennsylvania	3,991	3,920	4,088	4,077	4,178	94	2,821	3,029	2,945	3,027	2,891	103
S. Carolina	5,124	5,454	5,161	5,455	5,385	105	4,364	4,870	5,067	4,130 *	4,754	106
Texas	14,884	13,099	14,819	14,816	14,611	96	12,983	12,863	12,673	12,800	11,069	90
Virginia	6,354	6,084	6,318	6,382	6,348	98	5,194	5,248	5,485	5,503	5,198	99
C.A.M.O.T.N.&W.V.	17,621 *	17,322 *	17,604	17,528 *	18,280	99	16,311	16,047 *	16,575 *	16,578 *	15,789	90
19 State Total	210,792 *	208,353 *	210,432	213,989 *	213,629		173,344	175,548 *	173,633 *	174,123 *	171,223	
Prev. Year Total	212,546	209,473	212,303	214,405	215,913		178,879	178,732	176,964	175,429	172,892	
% of Prev. Year	99	99	99	100	99		97	98	98	99	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	

* 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 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 22, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 22, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through July 22, 2006 were 5.06 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.