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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 5% From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.2 million during the week ending July 29, 2006. Placements were down 5% from the comparable week in 2005, and up 1 percent from the revised week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.8 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent 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.

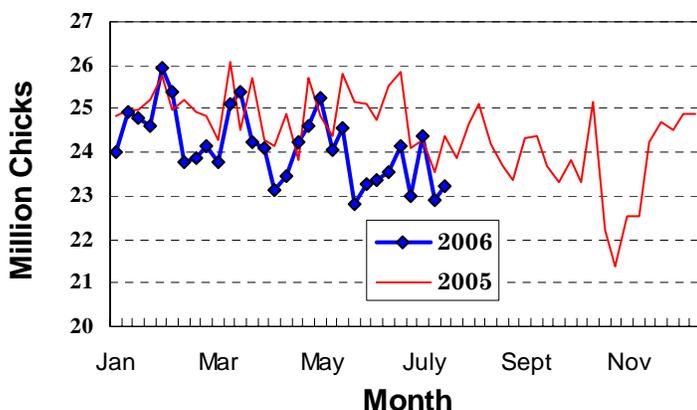
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 29, 2006, down 4 percent from the same period last year, but only slightly below the previous week.

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>		
Jun. 24	25,545	23,547	92	26,326	25,250	96	30,638	29,739	97
Jul. 1	25,830	24,123	93	26,219	25,396	97	30,378	29,397	97
Jul. 8	24,115	22,993	95	25,777	24,003	93	30,701	29,697	97
Jul. 15	24,294	24,378	100	25,131	24,814	99	30,685	30,275	99
Jul. 22	23,557	22,883	97	25,045	24,526	98	30,955	30,146*	97
Jul. 29	24,374	23,210	95	25,414	24,785	98	31,241	30,127	96

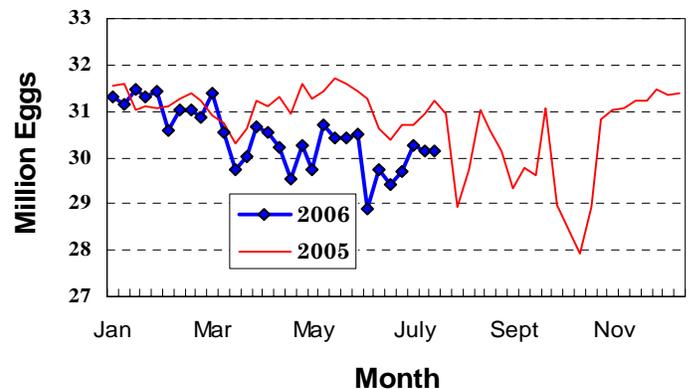
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, July 1 - July 29, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	% 1/	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,865	31,361 *	32,033	32,037	32,036	101	22,099	21,003	20,659	21,700	21,276	98
Arkansas	29,397	29,697	30,275	30,127 *	30,146	96	24,123	22,993	24,378	22,883	23,210	95
Delaware	3,765	3,887	3,969	3,824	3,825	94	4,883	4,703	5,916	5,971	5,158	92
Florida	1,369	1,344 *	1,344	1,364	1,344	97	1,641	1,546	1,487	1,390	1,388	87
Georgia	34,920	34,205	35,020	34,858	34,468	104	28,484	28,875 *	28,322	28,429 *	28,099	102
Kentucky	6,927 *	7,105	7,264	7,175 *	7,337	104	6,203	5,986	5,836	5,868 *	5,804	93
Louisiana	3,923	3,954 *	3,954	3,954	3,954	96	3,830	3,570 *	3,578	3,916	3,630	88
Maryland	8,959	8,934	8,942	8,855	8,859	100	6,098	6,795	5,977	5,699	6,283	121
Mississippi	17,038	17,947 *	17,916	17,720	17,914	94	15,885	15,408	15,776	15,166	15,924	92
N. Carolina	17,973	18,170 *	18,729 *	18,416	18,434	100	15,302	14,735	15,641 *	15,060	14,961	104
Oklahoma	6,307	6,118	6,252	6,494 *	6,434	97	4,943	5,176	4,527	5,481	5,049	131
Pennsylvania	3,920	4,088	4,085 *	4,203 *	4,119	100	3,029	2,945	2,958 *	2,849 *	2,899	93
S. Carolina	5,454	5,161	5,455	5,385	5,259	104	4,870	5,067	4,130	4,754	4,217	109
Texas	13,099	14,819	14,816	14,611	14,772	98	12,863	12,673	12,800	11,069	12,596	98
Virginia	6,084	6,318	6,382	6,353 *	6,323	106	5,248	5,485	5,503	5,198	5,669	99
CA,MO,TN&WV	17,321 *	17,604	17,528	18,280	18,054	98	16,047	16,575	16,578	15,780 *	16,992	96
19 State Total	208,321 *	210,712 *	213,964 *	213,656 *	213,278		175,548	173,535 *	174,066 *	171,213 *	173,155	
Prev. Year Total	209,473	212,303	214,405	215,913	214,171		178,732	176,964	175,429	172,892	175,277	
% of Prev. Year	99	99	100	99	100		98	98	99	99	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							19-Aug	26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-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 Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 29, 2006. This was down slightly 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 29, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through July 29, 2006 were 5.23 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.