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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.4 million during the week ending August 5, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and up 5 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.0 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

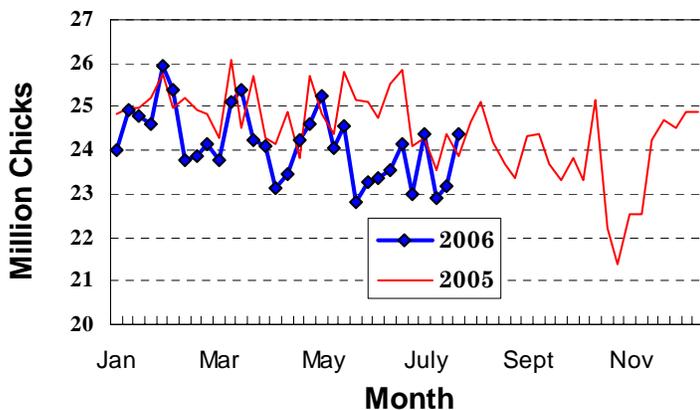
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 5, 2006, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

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>		
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	30,003*	98
Jul. 22	23,557	22,880*	97	25,045	24,526	98	30,955	30,127	97
Jul. 29	24,374	23,200*	95	25,414	24,776*	97	31,241	30,146	96
Aug. 5	23,883	24,384	102	25,573	24,991	98	30,963	29,934	97

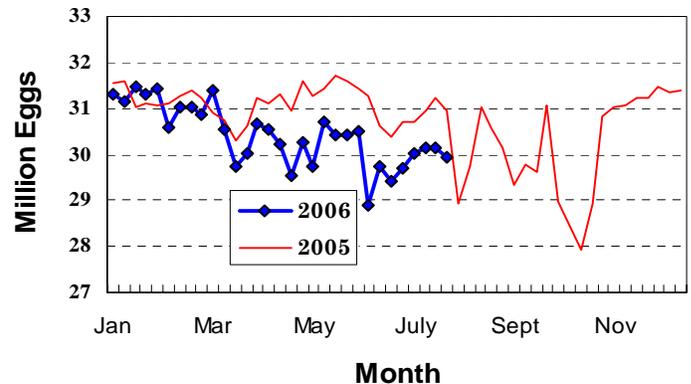
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 8 - August 5, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	% 1/	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,361	32,033	32,037	32,037	31,846	102	21,003	20,659	21,992	20,820	21,928	98
Arkansas	29,697	30,003	30,127	30,146	29,934	97	22,993	24,378	22,880	23,200	24,384	102
Delaware	3,887	3,969	3,824	3,825	4,081	103	4,703	5,916	5,971	5,158	5,193	84
Florida	1,344	1,344	1,364	1,344	1,344	97	1,546	1,487	1,390	1,388	1,534	103
Georgia	34,205	35,020	34,858	34,468	34,912	105	28,875	28,322	28,429	28,099	28,767	106
Kentucky	7,023	7,264	7,175	7,337	7,300	103	5,986	5,836	5,868	5,768	6,027	95
Louisiana	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,952	96	3,570	3,578	3,916	3,630	3,962	95
Maryland	8,934	8,942	8,855	8,859	8,831	99	6,795	5,977	5,699	6,283	5,995	122
Mississippi	17,947	17,916	17,720	17,914	17,864	95	15,408	15,776	15,166	15,924	15,990	92
N. Carolina	18,170	18,643	18,416	18,405	18,124	100	14,735	15,641	15,060	14,929	15,565	103
Oklahoma	6,118	6,252	6,494	6,434	6,566	99	5,176	4,527	5,481	5,049	4,029	84
Pennsylvania	4,088	4,085	4,229	4,246	3,976	100	2,945	2,958	2,870	2,841	3,114	103
S. Carolina	5,161	5,455	5,385	5,259	5,288	105	5,067	4,130	4,754	4,217	4,394	102
Texas	14,819	14,821	14,616	14,777	14,820	104	12,673	12,801	11,070	12,596	12,577	98
Virginia	6,318	6,382	6,353	6,323	6,279	98	5,485	5,503	5,198	5,669	5,141	100
C.A.MO.TN&WV	17,604	17,528	18,280	18,266	17,316	94	16,575	16,578	15,780	16,981	16,822	93
19 State Total	210,630	213,611	213,687	213,594	212,433		173,535	174,067	171,524	172,552	175,422	
Prev. Year Total	212,303	214,405	215,913	214,171	213,068		176,964	175,429	172,892	175,277	177,097	
% of Prev. Year	99	100	99	100	100		98	99	99	98	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-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 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 5, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 5, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 5, 2006 were 5.41 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.