

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent From Last Year

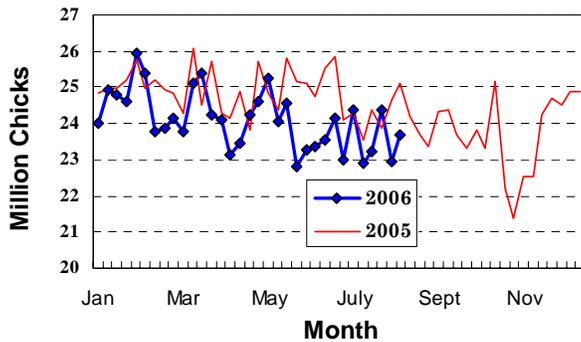
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending August 19, 2006. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through August 19, 2006 were 794.8 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.9 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

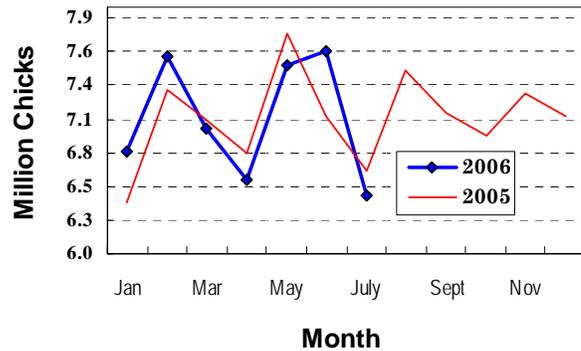
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 19, 2006, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.46 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2006, down 3 percent from July 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>		
Jul. 15	24,294	24,378	100
Jul. 22	23,557	22,880	97
Jul. 29	24,374	23,224	95
Aug. 5	23,883	24,382	102
Aug. 12	24,663	22,938	93
Aug. 19	25,125	23,662	94

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
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
Jul.	6,657	6,456	97

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

* Revised

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

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	% 1/	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,037	32,037	31,846	31,738	31,873	102	21,992	20,820	21,928	21,798	22,310	103
Arkansas	29,980	30,096 *	29,934	30,200	30,346	102	22,880	23,224	24,382	22,938	23,662	94
Delaware	3,824	4,075	4,110	4,112	4,008	102	5,971	5,242	5,116	4,662	5,331	90
Florida	1,364	1,364 *	1,344	1,344	1,353	104	1,390	1,388	1,534	1,410	1,510	100
Georgia	34,858	34,468	34,988	34,513	35,047	105	28,429	28,099	28,525	29,068 *	27,811	105
Kentucky	7,189 *	7,456 *	7,382	7,253 *	7,195	103	5,760 *	5,892 *	6,004 *	5,741 *	6,173	100
Louisiana	3,954	3,954	3,952	3,954	3,954	96	3,916	3,630	3,962	3,668	3,629	92
Maryland	8,855	8,867	8,831	8,797	8,862	99	5,699	6,154	6,062	6,454	5,844	117
Mississippi	17,947	17,914	17,864	17,693	17,628	93	15,166	15,924	15,990	15,975	15,894	92
N. Carolina	18,380	18,397 *	18,124	18,406	18,350	101	15,060	14,929	15,565	15,198 *	15,464	102
Oklahoma	6,494	6,698	6,420	6,633	6,264	95	5,481	5,047	4,029	5,873	5,239	107
Pennsylvania	4,229	4,246	3,962	3,984	4,104	102	2,870	2,841	3,063	3,042 *	3,067	98
S. Carolina	5,385	5,259	5,288	5,328 *	5,261	103	4,754	4,217	4,643	4,304 *	4,417	94
Texas	14,769	14,777	14,820	14,758	14,794	98	11,070	12,596	12,577	12,411	12,390	98
Virginia	6,353	6,323	6,279	6,326	5,917	94	5,198	5,669	5,143	4,775	4,995	96
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,275	18,319 *	17,368	17,985 *	18,093	98	15,752	16,993	16,602	17,033 *	16,727	98
19 State Total	213,893 *	214,250 *	212,512	213,024 *	213,049		171,388 *	172,665 *	175,125 *	174,350 *	174,463	
Prev. Year Total	215,913	214,171	213,068	210,010	212,244		172,892	175,277	177,097	177,045	176,063	
% of Prev. Year	99	100	100	101	100		99	99	99	98	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	

* 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 Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 19, 2006. This was up 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 19, 2006 were 5.76 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.