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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.9 million during the week ending September 16, 2006. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 5 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.1 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up fractionally from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

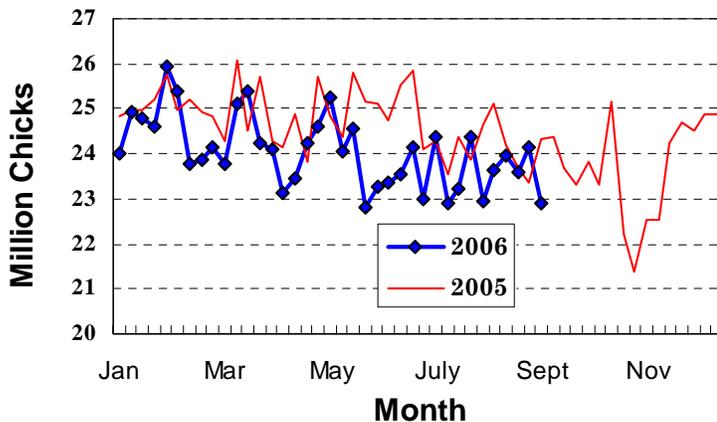
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 16, 2006, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 4 percent from the previous week.

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>		
Aug. 12	24,663	22,941	93	25,635	24,823	97	28,919	30,238	105
Aug. 19	25,125	23,635	94	25,755	24,850	96	29,720	30,346	102
Aug. 26	24,187	23,946	99	25,653	24,956	97	31,034	30,429	98
Sep. 2	23,690	23,586	100	24,090	24,750	103	30,580	29,829	98
Sep. 9	23,372	24,146*	103	24,626	25,072*	102	30,134	29,573	98
Sep. 16	24,319	22,920	94	25,792	25,116	97	29,355	28,333	97

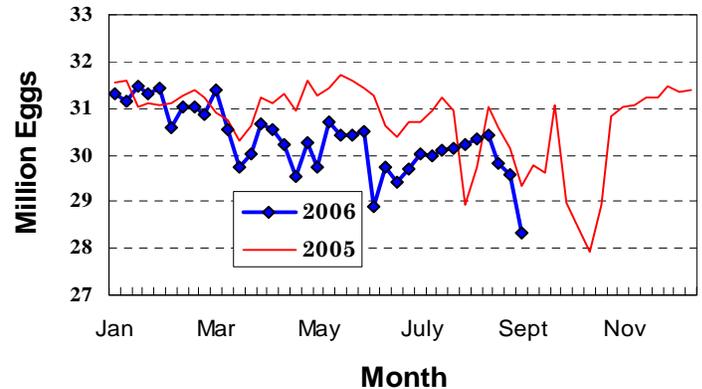
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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, August 19 - September 16, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	19-Aug	26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	% 1/	19-Aug	26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,873	31,659 *	32,017	30,109	31,245	102	22,310	21,735 *	21,050 *	21,755 *	20,867	97
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>30,346</b>	<b>30,429</b>	<b>29,829</b>	<b>29,573</b>	<b>28,333</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>23,635</b>	<b>23,946</b>	<b>23,586</b>	<b>24,146 *</b>	<b>22,920</b>	<b>94</b>
Delaware	4,008	3,824	3,762	3,831	3,862	105	5,331	4,449	5,319	4,855	5,007	86
Florida	1,373	1,364	1,364	1,371	1,367	99	1,510	1,400	1,449	1,541	1,429	100
Georgia	35,047	35,145	35,696	33,224 *	33,443	105	28,133	28,300 *	28,574 *	27,995 *	28,566	108
Kentucky	7,195	7,243 *	7,252	7,032 *	6,686	108	6,231	6,268	6,430	6,160 *	6,402	108
Louisiana	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,771	3,802	100	3,629	3,923	3,901	3,751	3,527	87
Maryland	8,862	8,766	8,871	8,589	8,126	95	5,844	6,621	5,652	5,891	6,018	116
Mississippi	17,628	17,352 *	16,990	17,075	17,065	97	15,894	16,028	15,885	15,792	15,621	94
N. Carolina	18,361	18,407 *	17,337	17,722	17,788	106	15,464	15,151	15,421	14,802	15,245	104
Oklahoma	6,264	6,456	6,342	6,554	6,234	100	5,453	4,523	5,021	4,897 *	5,623	106
Pennsylvania	4,104	4,086	4,126	3,948 *	3,681	97	2,970	2,779 *	2,840 *	2,864 *	2,852	97
S. Carolina	5,261	5,291	4,842	4,925	5,305	103	4,417	4,707	4,342	4,957	5,224	120
Texas	14,796	14,855	14,978	14,646	14,084	97	12,392	12,526	12,537	12,682	12,714	100
Virginia	5,917	6,282 *	6,169	6,185	6,194	103	4,995	4,938 *	4,834	4,823	4,784	97
C.A.MO.TN&WV	18,069	18,246	17,247	16,727 *	16,722	101	16,672	16,728	16,047	16,215 *	17,140	97
19 State Total	213,058	213,359 *	210,776	205,282 *	203,937		174,880	174,022 *	172,888 *	173,126 *	173,939	
Prev. Year Total	212,244	212,598	210,692	209,112	202,351		176,063	174,673	169,752	172,881	174,088	
% of Prev. Year	100	100	100	98	101		99	100	102	100	100	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/ .....</b>							7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	

\* 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 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 16, 2006. This was up 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 16, 2006 were 6.45 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.