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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 2 Percent From Last Year

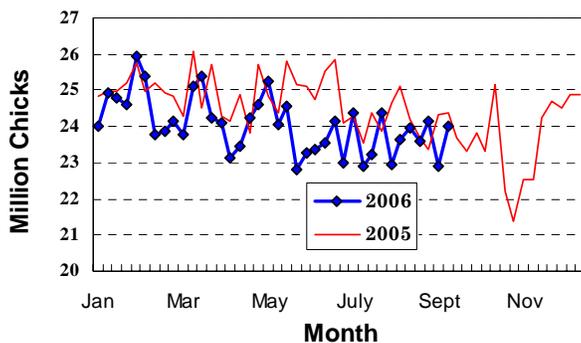
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.0 million during the week ending September 23, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 5 percent from the previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through September 23, 2006 were 913.4 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.9 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 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.

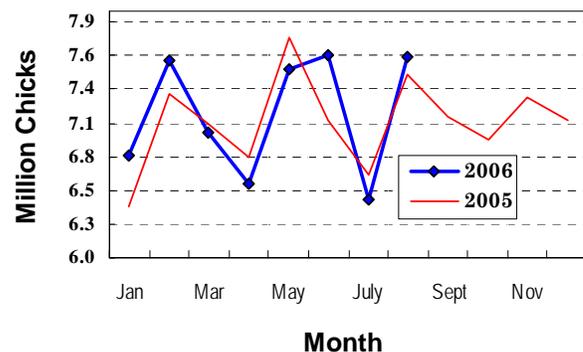
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 23, 2006, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.63 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2006, up 2 percent from August 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>		
Aug. 19	25,125	23,635	94
Aug. 26	24,187	23,946	99
Sep. 2	23,690	23,586	100
Sep. 9	23,372	24,146	103
Sep. 16	24,319	22,920	94
Sep. 23	24,398	24,019	98

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
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
Aug.	7,484	7,631	102

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

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, August 26 - September 23, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	% 1/	26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,659	32,017	30,109	31,245	31,499	104	21,735	21,050	21,755	20,865 *	21,319	102
Arkansas	30,429	29,959 *	29,573	28,333	29,266	98	23,946	23,586	24,146	22,920	24,019	98
Delaware	3,824	3,762	3,831	3,862	3,863	102	4,449	5,319	4,855	5,007	4,517	83
Florida	1,364	1,364	1,371	1,367	1,367	97	1,400	1,449	1,541	1,429	1,454	110
Georgia	35,145	35,696	33,224	33,379 *	33,756	104	28,300	28,574	27,995	28,562 *	29,912	110
Kentucky	7,243	7,252	7,032	6,686	7,418	107	6,268	6,430	6,161 *	6,402	6,189	108
Louisiana	3,954	3,954	3,771	3,802	3,728	91	3,923	3,901	3,751	3,527	3,870	94
Maryland	8,766	8,871	8,589	8,126	8,391	96	6,621	5,652	5,891	6,018	6,009	116
Mississippi	17,352	16,990	17,075	17,065	16,491	90	16,028	15,885	15,792	15,621	15,203	99
N. Carolina	18,407	17,544 *	17,722	17,788	18,451	103	15,151	15,421	14,802	15,245	14,071	104
Oklahoma	6,456	6,392 *	6,554	6,234	6,454	103	4,523	5,021	4,897	5,623	4,543	101
Pennsylvania	4,086	4,126	3,976 *	3,681	3,990	101	2,779	2,840	2,806 *	2,852	2,943	96
S. Carolina	5,291	4,842	4,925	5,317 *	5,281	109	4,707	4,342	4,957	5,242 *	4,580	97
Texas	14,855	14,978	14,646	14,084	14,006	98	12,526	12,537	12,682	12,714	12,585	100
Virginia	6,282	6,169	6,185	6,194	6,155	98	4,938	4,834	4,823	4,784	5,162	98
CA,MO,TN&WV	18,336 *	17,344 *	16,776 *	15,954 *	16,043	90	16,728	16,127 *	16,282 *	17,153 *	16,161	87
19 State Total	213,449 *	211,260 *	205,359 *	203,117 *	206,159		174,022	172,968 *	173,136 *	173,964 *	172,537	
Prev. Year Total	212,598	210,692	209,112	202,351	207,247		174,673	169,752	172,881	174,088	171,921	
% of Prev. Year	100	100	98	100	99		100	102	100	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	11-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 Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 23, 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 23, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 23, 2006 were 6.62 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.