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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up Slightly From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending September 30, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2005, and down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.6 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

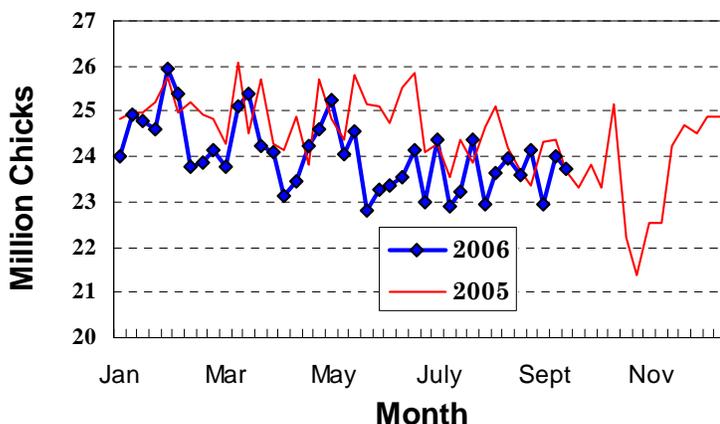
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 30, 2006, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

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>		
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	29,985*	98
Sep. 9	23,372	24,147*	103	24,626	25,072	102	30,134	29,573	98
Sep. 16	24,319	22,926*	94	25,792	25,116	97	29,355	28,333	97
Sep. 23	24,398	24,013*	98	25,509	24,870	98	29,777	29,266	98
Sep. 30	23,676	23,720	100	25,114	24,581	98	29,637	29,001	98

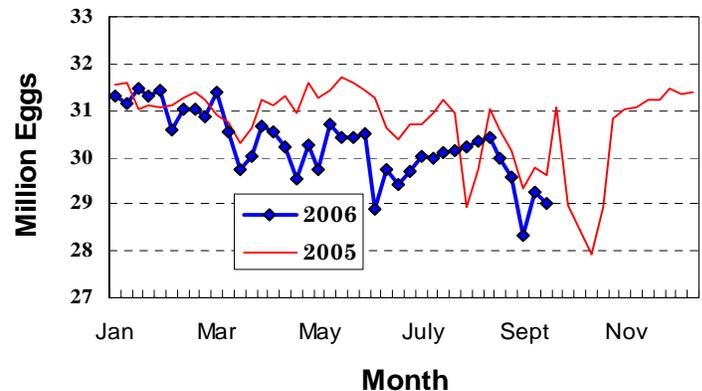
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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, September 2 - September 30, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	% 1/	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,110 *	29,980 *	31,245	31,499	30,687	98	21,050	21,755	20,865	21,319	19,442	96
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>29,985 *</b>	<b>29,573</b>	<b>28,333</b>	<b>29,266</b>	<b>29,001</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>23,586</b>	<b>24,147 *</b>	<b>22,926 *</b>	<b>24,013 *</b>	<b>23,720</b>	<b>100</b>
Delaware	3,762	3,831	3,862	3,798 *	3,865	97	5,319	4,825 *	5,007	4,757 *	5,084	93
Florida	1,364	1,371	1,367	1,367	1,369	100	1,449	1,541	1,429	1,454	1,582	104
Georgia	35,696	33,224	33,379	34,325 *	33,617	102	28,574	27,995	28,562	29,988 *	27,609	100
Kentucky	7,215 *	7,076 *	6,788 *	7,472 *	6,963	105	6,430	6,161	6,383 *	6,187 *	5,913	93
Louisiana	3,954	3,771	3,802	3,728	3,954	103	3,901	3,751	3,527	3,870	3,523	87
Maryland	8,871	8,590 *	8,126	8,694 *	8,713	100	5,652	5,941 *	6,018	5,593 *	5,559	108
Mississippi	16,990	16,727 *	17,065	16,491	16,201	92	15,885	15,792	15,621	15,203	15,193	99
N. Carolina	17,544	17,365 *	17,788	18,451	17,999	100	15,421	14,802	15,245	14,071	14,725	106
Oklahoma	6,392	6,554	6,234	6,454	6,162	98	5,021	4,897	5,623	4,543	4,866	96
Pennsylvania	4,094 *	3,791 *	3,567 *	4,119 *	3,994	94	2,780 *	2,797 *	2,763 *	2,935 *	2,806	91
S. Carolina	5,315 *	4,925	5,317	5,281	5,511	109	4,342	4,957	5,242	4,484 *	4,012	106
Texas	14,978	14,646	14,084	14,006	14,237	115	12,537	12,682	12,714	12,585	12,470	100
Virginia	6,169	6,185	6,194	6,155	5,674	97	4,834	4,823	4,784	5,162	4,812	96
C.A.M.O.T.N.&W.V.	17,344	16,776	15,954	16,036 *	16,434	97	16,127	16,282	17,153	16,126 *	15,807	89
19 State Total	211,783 *	204,385 *	203,105 *	207,142 *	204,381		172,908 *	173,148 *	173,862 *	172,290 *	167,123	
Prev. Year Total	210,692	209,112	202,351	207,247	204,691		169,752	172,881	174,088	171,921	170,757	
% of Prev. Year	101	98	100	100	100		102	100	100	100	98	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/</b> .....							21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-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 Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 30, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 were 6.79 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.