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

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 21.9 million during the week ending October 7, 2006. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 8 percent from the previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.5 million, down 4 percent from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and 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.

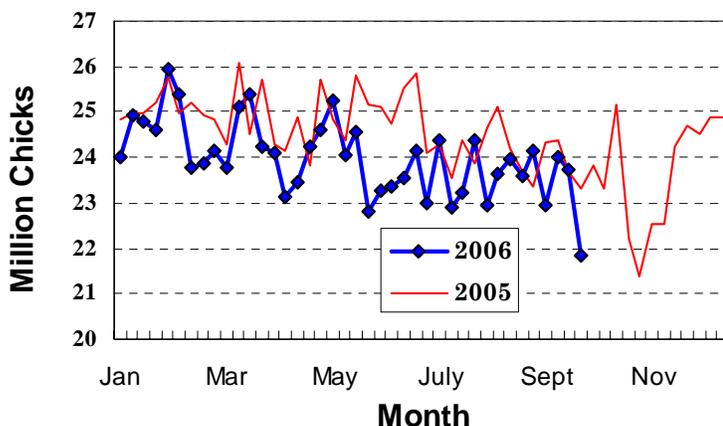
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 7, 2006, down 12 percent from the same period last year, and down 6 percent from the revised previous week.

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>		
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	28,990*	98
Oct. 7	23,317	21,850	94	24,446	23,524	96	31,064	27,263	88

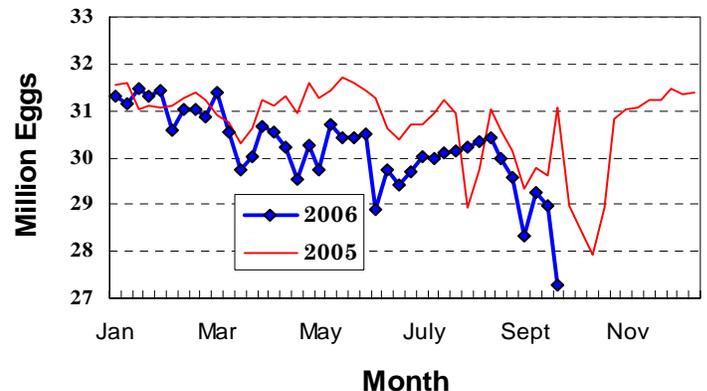
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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 9 - October 7, 2006

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	% 1/	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	29,844 *	31,067 *	31,499	30,520 *	30,414	102	21,755	20,865	21,319	19,528 *	20,784	98	
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>29,573</b>	<b>28,333</b>	<b>29,266</b>	<b>28,990 *</b>	<b>27,263</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>24,147</b>	<b>22,926</b>	<b>24,013</b>	<b>23,720</b>	<b>21,850</b>	<b>94</b>	
Delaware	3,831	3,784 *	3,798	3,865	3,697	97	4,825	5,018 *	4,757	5,084	4,321	84	
Florida	1,371	1,383 *	1,367	1,369	1,374	99	1,541	1,429	1,454	1,582	1,245	83	
Georgia	33,224	33,101 *	34,325	33,748 *	34,923	104	27,995	28,562	29,988	27,746 *	26,954	104	
Kentucky	7,076	6,788	7,605 *	7,026 *	7,375	108	6,161	6,383	6,416 *	5,723 *	5,703	106	
Louisiana	3,771	3,802	3,728	3,954	3,675	89	3,751	3,527	3,870	3,523	3,651	112	
Maryland	8,590	8,126	8,694	8,713	8,879	102	5,941	5,999 *	5,593	5,559	5,306	107	
Mississippi	16,727	17,065	16,491	16,201	17,064	95	15,792	15,621	15,203	15,193	15,702	102	
N. Carolina	17,365	17,708 *	18,451	18,090 *	17,135	98	14,802	15,245	14,071	14,804 *	14,743	107	
Oklahoma	6,554	6,234	6,454	6,162	6,579	101	4,897	5,623	4,543	4,866	5,115	106	
Pennsylvania	3,791	3,567	4,255 *	4,119 *	3,924	94	2,797	2,763	2,935	2,788 *	2,658	95	
S. Carolina	4,925	5,317	5,281	5,519 *	5,484	111	4,957	5,242	4,484	3,839 *	4,421	99	
Texas	14,646	14,083 *	14,004 *	14,235 *	14,913	102	12,683 *	12,715 *	12,585	12,471 *	11,863	96	
Virginia	6,185	6,194	6,155	5,674	6,398	102	4,823	4,784	5,162	4,762 *	5,541	113	
C.A.MO.TN & WV	16,824 *	15,990 *	16,072 *	16,519 *	16,659	90	16,282	17,153	16,126	16,222 *	15,222	94	
19 State Total	204,297 *	202,542 *	207,445 *	204,704 *	205,756		173,149 *	173,855 *	172,519 *	167,410 *	165,079		
Prev. Year Total	209,112	202,351	207,247	204,691	209,968		172,881	174,088	171,921	170,757	165,328		
% of Prev. Year	98	100	100	100	98		100	100	100	98	100		
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/</b> .....							28-Oct	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-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 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 7, 2006. This was down 2 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 7, 2006 were 6.96 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.