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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending October 14, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and up 11 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.4 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

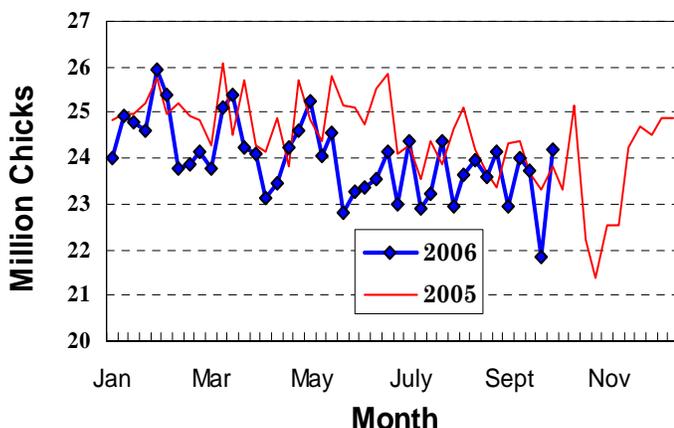
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 14, 2006, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

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>		
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	21,851*	94	24,446	23,524	96	31,064	27,263	88
Oct. 14	23,807	24,171	102	24,620	24,353	99	28,961	28,049	97

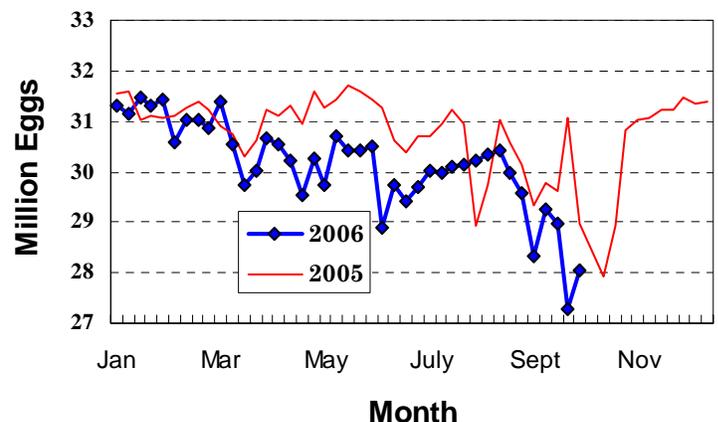
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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, September 16 - October 14, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	% 1/	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,067	31,433 *	30,520	30,200 *	29,668	98	20,865	21,319	19,528	20,748 *	20,797	99
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,333</b>	<b>29,266</b>	<b>28,990</b>	<b>27,263</b>	<b>28,049</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>22,926</b>	<b>24,013</b>	<b>23,720</b>	<b>21,851 *</b>	<b>24,171</b>	<b>102</b>
Delaware	3,784	3,798	3,865	3,697	3,697	98	5,018	4,757	5,084	4,321	3,973	73
Florida	1,383	1,367	1,369	1,374	1,374	99	1,429	1,454	1,582	1,245	1,426	97
Georgia	33,101	34,325	33,748	34,923	34,766	109	28,562	29,988	27,746	26,954	28,046	106
Kentucky	6,723 *	7,645 *	7,026	7,535 *	6,764	115	6,383	6,416	5,723	5,630 *	6,273	102
Louisiana	3,802	3,954 *	3,954	3,399 *	3,802	92	3,527	3,884 *	3,523	3,664 *	3,733	110
Maryland	8,126	8,694	8,713	8,879	8,362	95	5,999	5,593	5,559	5,306	6,776	126
Mississippi	17,065	16,491	16,201	17,064	16,934	103	15,621	15,203	15,193	15,702	15,237	92
N. Carolina	17,708	18,391 *	18,090	17,135	17,418	99	15,245	14,071	14,804	14,743	15,174	104
Oklahoma	6,234	6,454	6,162	6,579	6,455	98	5,623	4,543	4,866	5,115	3,999	101
Pennsylvania	3,567	4,255	4,119	4,089 *	3,855	98	2,763	2,935	2,788	2,650 *	3,064	105
S. Carolina	5,317	5,281	5,519	5,484	4,951	97	5,242	4,484	3,839	4,421	4,292	118
Texas	14,083	14,004	14,235	14,913	14,525	98	12,715	12,585	12,471	11,863	11,857	91
Virginia	6,194	6,155	5,674	6,398	6,186	103	4,784	5,162	4,762	5,541	4,734	96
CA,MO,TN&WV	15,962 *	16,045 *	16,480 *	16,611 *	16,577	97	17,142 *	16,030 *	16,125 *	15,220 *	15,412	95
19 State Total	202,449 *	207,558 *	204,665 *	205,543 *	203,383		173,844 *	172,437 *	167,313 *	164,974 *	168,964	
Prev. Year Total	202,351	207,247	204,691	209,968	202,542		174,088	171,921	170,757	165,328	168,732	
% of Prev. Year	100	100	100	98	100		100	100	98	100	100	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/</b> .....							4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	

\* 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 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 14, 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 14, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 14, 2006 were 7.12 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.