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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 11 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.5 million during the week ending October 28, 2006. Placements were down 11 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 4 percent from the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 22.6 million, down 13 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

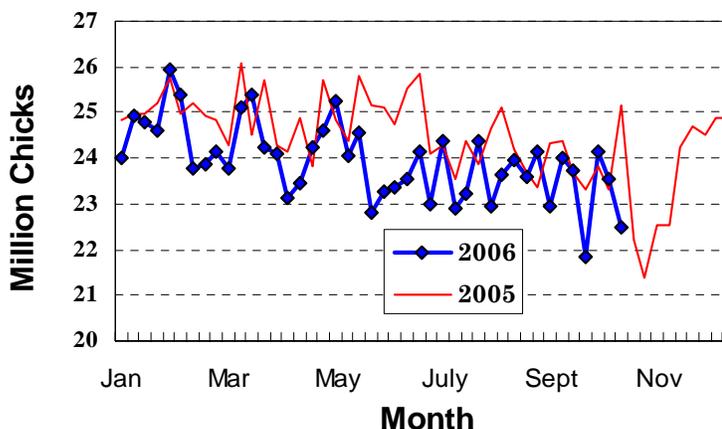
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 28, 2006, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and virtually unchanged from the previous week.

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. 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	28,174	95
Oct. 7	23,317	21,851	94	24,446	23,524	96	31,064	27,263	88
Oct. 14	23,807	24,163	102	24,620	24,353	99	28,961	28,049	97
Oct. 21	23,299	23,550	101	24,548	23,353	95	28,449	27,323	96
Oct. 28	25,166	22,506	89	25,862	22,573	87	27,939	27,264	98

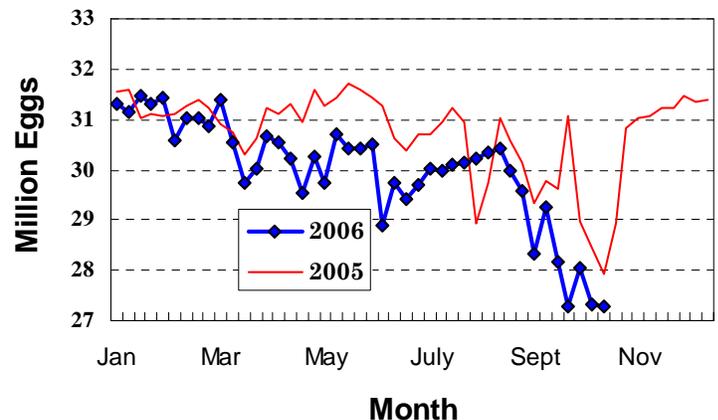
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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 30 - October 28, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	% 1/	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	29,609	29,882 *	29,668	29,440	28,109	95	19,528	20,748	20,797	19,963	20,098	97
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,174</b>	<b>27,263</b>	<b>28,049</b>	<b>27,323</b>	<b>27,264</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>23,720</b>	<b>21,851</b>	<b>24,163</b>	<b>23,550</b>	<b>22,506</b>	<b>89</b>
Delaware	3,865	3,697	3,683	3,732 *	3,398	103	5,084	4,321	3,961	4,809 *	5,057	96
Florida	1,369	1,365 *	1,374	1,372	1,364	99	1,582	1,281	1,426	1,449	1,389	89
Georgia	33,748	34,923	34,506 *	32,782 *	32,551	105	27,746	26,968	27,565	27,415 *	28,790	111
Kentucky	7,184 *	7,535	6,188 *	6,878 *	7,408	110	5,723	5,630	5,976 *	5,469 *	5,553	91
Louisiana	3,954	3,678 *	3,802	3,678	3,618	87	3,523	3,664	3,733	3,470	3,107	80
Maryland	8,713	8,879	8,362	8,445	8,411	99	5,559	5,306	6,809	6,446 *	5,932	110
Mississippi	16,201	17,321 *	16,934	16,094	14,391	88	15,193	15,702	15,237	14,477	15,205	96
N. Carolina	18,437	17,235 *	17,507	18,039	18,400	99	14,804	14,743	15,191	15,277	14,299	103
Oklahoma	6,162	6,579	6,455	6,232	6,465	102	4,866	5,115	4,020	4,411	4,706	90
Pennsylvania	4,119	4,069	3,834 *	3,783 *	3,802	102	2,788	2,490	3,054 *	2,912 *	3,007	99
S. Carolina	5,257 *	5,484	4,951	5,481	5,198	116	3,839	4,421	4,256	4,271	4,463	88
Texas	14,235	14,913	14,525	12,536	12,612	92	12,471	11,863	11,857	11,990	12,608	104
Virginia	5,674	6,398	6,186	5,782	5,744	90	4,762	5,541	4,734	4,222	4,926	98
CA,MO,TN&WV	16,496	16,623 *	16,848	14,940 *	15,633	89	16,125	15,220	15,416 *	15,187 *	16,214	100
19 State Total	203,197 *	205,844 *	202,872 *	196,537 *	194,368		167,313	164,864	168,195 *	165,318 *	167,860	
Prev. Year Total	204,691	209,968	202,542	202,413	199,322		170,757	165,328	168,732	166,512	170,277	
% of Prev. Year	99	98	100	97	98		98	100	100	99	99	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/</b> .....							18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	16-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 Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 28, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 28, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 28, 2006 were 7.46 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.