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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.5 million during the week ending November 4, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and unchanged from the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.1 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82 percent.

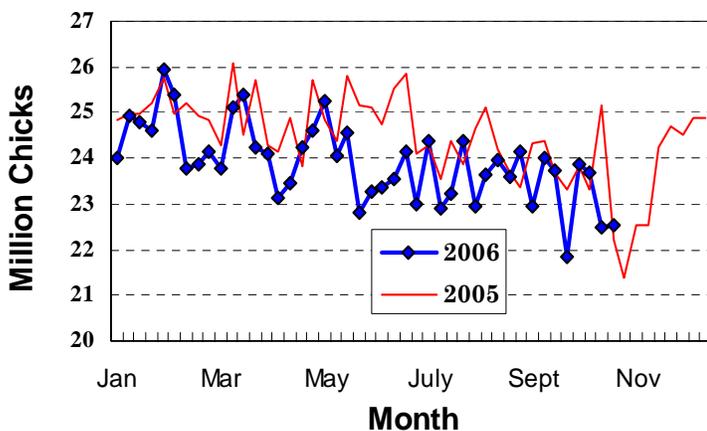
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 4, 2006, down 4 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent the previous week.

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. 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	23,862*	100	24,620	24,282*	99	28,961	28,049	97
Oct. 21	23,299	23,702*	102	24,548	23,305*	95	28,449	27,158*	95
Oct. 28	25,166	22,506	89	25,862	22,573	87	27,939	27,264	98
Nov. 4	22,222	22,516	101	24,063	23,127	96	28,914	27,732	96

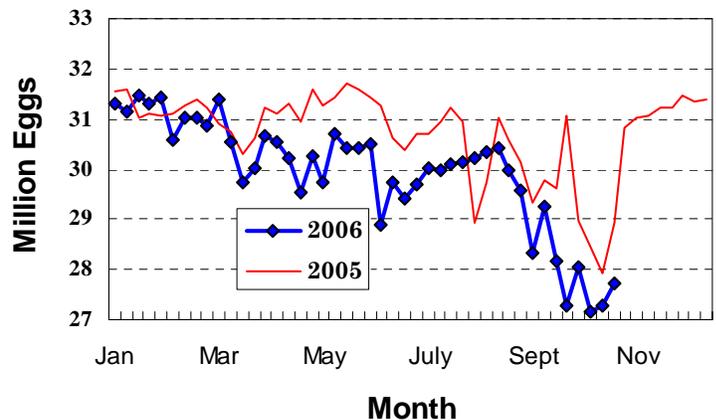
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, October 7 - November 4, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	% 1/	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	29,882	29,668	29,440	28,161 *	28,814	94	20,748	20,797	19,963	20,097 *	19,558	98
Arkansas	27,263	28,049	27,158 *	27,264	27,732	96	21,851	23,862 *	23,702 *	22,506	22,516	101
Delaware	3,697	3,683	3,732	3,398	3,761	98	4,321	3,961	4,809	5,057	4,877	99
Florida	1,365	1,374	1,372	1,364	1,367	99	1,281	1,426	1,449	1,389	1,428	87
Georgia	34,923	35,094 *	32,782	32,551	32,062	99	26,968	27,565	27,415	28,790	28,419	110
Kentucky	7,549 *	6,188	6,878	7,408	7,355	109	5,630	5,976	5,469	6,222 *	5,584	103
Louisiana	3,678	3,802	3,678	3,618	3,802	99	3,664	3,733	3,470	3,107	3,907	100
Maryland	8,879	8,362	8,445	8,411	8,685	98	5,306	6,809	6,446	5,932	5,728	97
Mississippi	17,321	17,034 *	16,094	14,391	17,123	93	15,702	15,237	14,477	15,205	15,375	103
N. Carolina	17,235	17,363 *	18,039	18,400	18,412	106	14,743	15,191	15,277	14,299	14,066	97
Oklahoma	6,579	6,455	6,232	6,385 *	6,070	96	5,115	4,251 *	4,211 *	4,706	4,426	80
Pennsylvania	4,069	3,834	3,737 *	3,726 *	3,920	100	2,490	3,054	2,864 *	2,952 *	2,819	93
S. Carolina	5,484	4,951	5,481	5,198	4,763	102	4,421	4,256	4,271	4,463	4,630	109
Texas	14,914 *	14,513 *	12,525 *	12,600 *	13,900	92	11,864 *	11,858 *	11,991 *	12,609 *	12,323	100
Virginia	6,398	6,186	5,782	5,744	5,328	82	5,541	4,734	4,222	4,926	4,697	97
C.A.MO,TN&WV	16,623	16,848	14,940	15,802 *	17,130	97	15,220	15,416	15,187	15,542 *	15,102	94
19 State Total	205,859 *	203,404 *	196,315 *	194,421 *	200,224		164,865 *	168,126 *	165,223 *	167,802 *	165,455	
Prev. Year Total	209,968	202,542	202,413	199,322	206,422		165,328	168,732	166,512	170,277	165,230	
% of Prev. Year	98	100	97	98	97		100	100	99	99	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	16-Dec	23-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 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 4, 2006. This was down 3 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 4, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 4, 2006 were 7.62 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.