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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 4 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.2 million during the week ending November 11, 2006. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but down 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 22.5 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

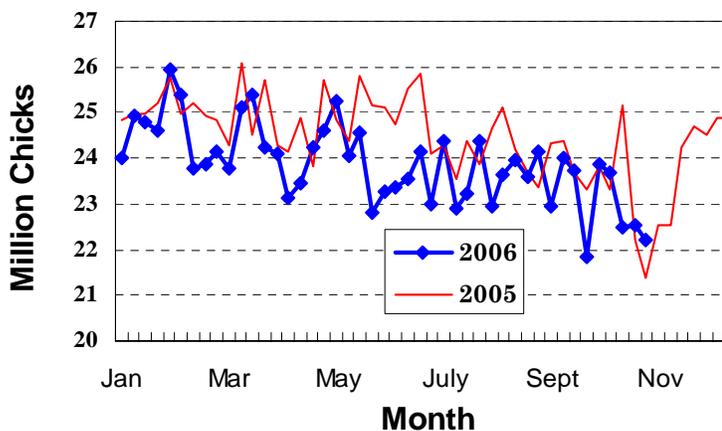
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 11, 2006, down 8 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent the previous week.

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>		
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
Nov. 11	21,377	22,201	104	23,544	22,541	96	30,837	28,306	92

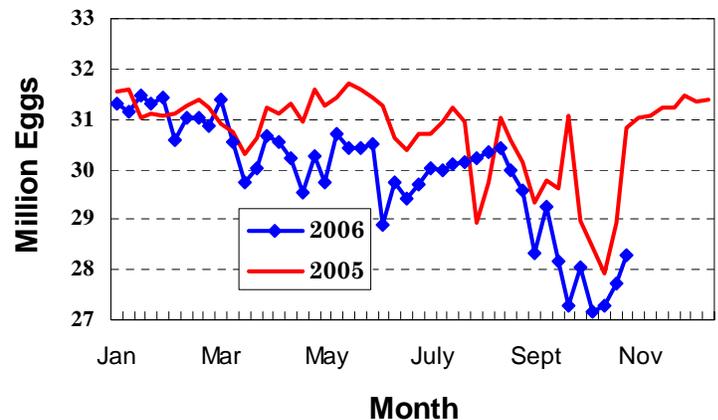
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 14 - November 11, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	11-Nov	% 1/	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	11-Nov	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	29,586 *	30,217 *	27,956 *	28,874 *	30,712	98	20,797	19,923 *	20,125 *	19,657 *	19,714	97
Arkansas	28,049	27,158	27,264	27,732	28,306	92	23,862	23,702	22,506	22,516	22,201	104
Delaware	3,683	3,732	3,402 *	3,761	3,690	106	3,961	4,809	4,965 *	5,301 *	5,773	97
Florida	1,374	1,372	1,364	1,367	1,354	99	1,426	1,449	1,389	1,428	1,400	91
Georgia	35,094	32,473 *	32,551	32,062	33,972	105	27,565	27,415	28,785 *	28,334 *	26,708	104
Kentucky	6,418 *	6,640 *	7,314 *	6,582 *	6,908	98	5,976	5,469	6,126 *	5,576 *	5,769	115
Louisiana	3,802	3,802 *	3,618	3,802	3,742	90	3,733	3,470	3,107	3,907	3,950	107
Maryland	8,362	8,445	8,411	8,685	8,295	94	6,809	6,446	6,031 *	5,612 *	4,676	98
Mississippi	17,034	16,094	14,391	17,123	16,921	94	15,237	14,477	15,205	15,375	14,645	90
N. Carolina	17,363	17,758 *	18,400	18,412	18,428	102	15,191	15,277	14,299	14,066	15,056	102
Oklahoma	6,455	6,232	6,385	6,070	6,363	96	4,251	4,211	4,706	4,498 *	4,877	90
Pennsylvania	3,814 *	3,721 *	3,388 *	3,707 *	3,857	91	2,977 *	2,856 *	2,882 *	2,788 *	2,701	98
S. Carolina	4,951	5,481	5,198	4,763	5,460	111	4,256	4,271	4,463	4,630	4,315	101
Texas	14,513	12,525	12,600	13,900	13,684	92	11,858	11,991	12,609	12,323	10,630	95
Virginia	6,186	5,782	5,744	5,328	4,474	70	4,734	4,222	5,039 *	4,697	4,382	88
C.A.M.O.TN&WV	16,848	14,889 *	15,751 *	17,079 *	17,941	99	15,416	15,122 *	15,475 *	15,059 *	14,355	83
19 State Total	203,532 *	196,321 *	193,737 *	199,247 *	204,107		168,049 *	165,110 *	167,712 *	165,767 *	161,152	
Prev. Year Total	202,542	202,413	199,322	206,422	210,900		168,732	166,512	170,277	165,230	165,141	
% of Prev. Year	100	97	97	97	97		100	99	98	100	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							2-Dec	9-Dec	16-Dec	23-Dec	30-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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 11, 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 11, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 11, 2006 were 7.78 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.