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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.6 million during the week ending December 2, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 8 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.4 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 7 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

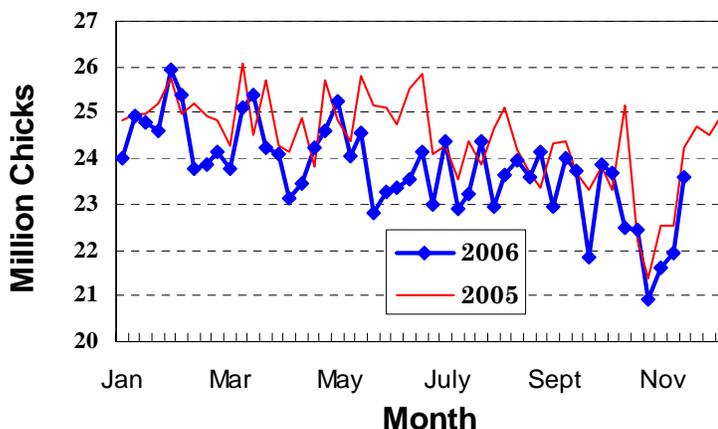
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 2, 2006, down 5 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent the previous week.

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. 28	25,166	22,474	89	25,862	22,573	87	27,939	27,264	98
Nov. 4	22,222	22,444	101	24,063	23,127	96	28,914	27,780	96
Nov. 11	21,377	20,938	98	23,544	22,883	97	30,837	29,669	96
Nov. 18	22,543	21,612	96	23,247	22,376	96	31,020	29,771	96
Nov. 25	22,533	21,931	97	23,954	22,944	96	31,076	29,433	95
Dec. 2	24,258	23,607	97	25,482	24,442	96	31,213	29,594	95

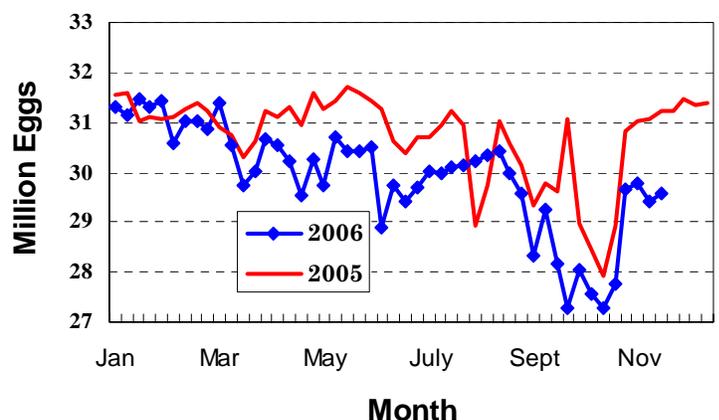
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, November 4 - December 2, 2006

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	% 1/	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	28,406	30,929 *	29,563 *	29,775 *	31,207	99	19,657	19,638	17,285 *	18,660 *	20,820	99	
Arkansas	27,780	29,669	29,771	29,433	29,594	95	22,444	20,938	21,612	21,931	23,607	97	
Delaware	3,761	3,690	3,830	3,837	3,943	98	5,241	5,773	4,182	5,070	4,955	98	
Florida	1,367	1,369 *	1,359	1,356	1,164	85	1,428	1,400	1,209	1,439	1,194	69	
Georgia	32,062	34,165 *	33,827	34,780	35,298	104	28,334	26,793	26,482	26,483	26,515	99	
Kentucky	6,586	7,186	7,537	7,565 *	7,432	113	5,576	5,934	6,503	5,366 *	5,691	99	
Louisiana	3,802	3,742	3,712	3,712	3,712	90	3,907	3,950	3,365	3,768	3,445	81	
Maryland	8,685	8,295	8,616	8,609	8,530	95	5,511	4,676	6,012	5,972	5,331	98	
Mississippi	17,123	16,921	17,599	18,123	17,007	91	15,375	14,645	12,830	15,453	15,302	97	
N. Carolina	18,290	18,493 *	18,563	18,296 *	18,605	98	14,066	15,056	14,682	15,437 *	15,586	104	
Oklahoma	6,070	6,202	6,573	6,403	6,449	97	4,498	5,020	4,820	3,948	4,805	94	
Pennsylvania	3,595	3,897	3,999	3,891 *	3,773	96	2,782	2,606	2,589	2,671 *	2,877	93	
S. Carolina	4,763	5,460	5,487	5,384	5,574	109	4,630	4,315	4,340	3,966	4,998	129	
Texas	13,673	13,684	14,040	14,326	14,309	94	12,323	10,630	10,662	11,603	11,667	93	
Virginia	5,328	6,255	6,277	6,223	6,253	98	4,697	4,382	4,808	4,057	5,014	94	
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,043 *	17,936 *	17,898 *	17,650 *	17,912	102	15,044 *	14,665 *	15,114 *	16,268 *	16,487	97	
19 State Total	198,334 *	207,893 *	208,651 *	209,363 *	210,762		165,513 *	160,421 *	156,495 *	162,092 *	168,294		
Prev. Year Total	206,422	210,900	212,945	215,393	214,156		165,230	165,141	162,967	169,218	171,991		
% of Prev. Year	96	99	98	97	98		100	97	96	96	98		
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							23-Dec	30-Dec	6-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan		

* Revised in current week. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year. 2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 2, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 2, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 2, 2006 were 8.27 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.