

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent From Last Year

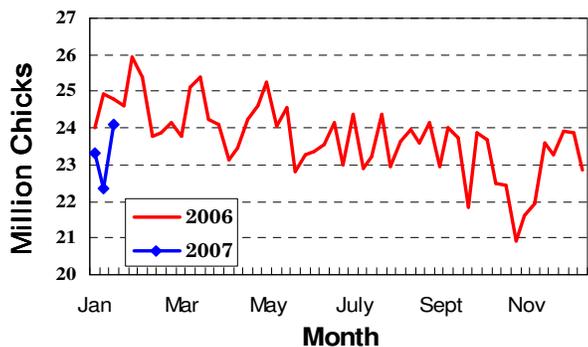
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending January 20, 2007. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 8 percent from the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2006 through January 20, 2007 were 69.7 million, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.7 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 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 84 percent.

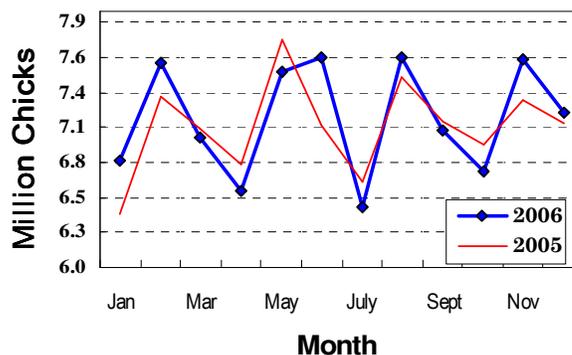
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 20, 2007, down 6 percent from the same period last year, and virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.20 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2006, up 1 percent from December 2005.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2006-2007



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2005 - 2006



Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Dec. 16	24,511	23,904	98
Dec. 23	24,894	23,869	96
Dec. 30	24,817	22,870	92
Jan. 6	24,022	23,302	97
Jan. 13	24,910	22,355	90
Jan. 20	24,773	24,090	97

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
July	6,657	6,456	97
Aug.	7,484	7,631	102
Sept.	7,132	7,063	99
Oct.	6,944	6,744	97
Nov.	7,298	7,618	104
Dec.	7,112	7,196	101

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

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, December 23, 2006 - January 20, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	23-Dec	30-Dec	6-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	% 1/	23-Dec	30-Dec	6-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,370	30,510	30,385	30,435	29,394	94	21,090	20,541	20,377	20,353 *	20,863	100
Arkansas	29,386	29,531	29,212	29,400	29,476	94	23,869	22,870	23,302	22,355	24,090	97
Delaware	3,572	3,971	3,998	3,807	3,974	105	4,914	4,385	4,933	4,454	4,968	93
Florida	1,322	1,362 *	1,344	1,341	1,343	98	1,517	1,401	1,537	1,353	1,441	101
Georgia	35,040	35,205	35,155	35,446	34,538	99	29,081	27,970	28,854 *	28,431 *	28,896	103
Kentucky	7,480 *	7,406	7,817	7,827 *	7,807	105	6,340	5,369	6,070	6,342 *	6,369	113
Louisiana	3,742	3,649	3,680	3,680	3,664	89	3,816	3,421	3,619	3,686	3,557	93
Maryland	8,498	8,531	8,781	8,716	8,403	94	5,944	6,548	5,752	6,333 *	5,991	106
Mississippi	18,374	18,439	17,683	18,116	18,363	98	15,238	15,312	16,078	16,185	16,317	99
N. Carolina	18,835	18,334 *	18,679	18,559 *	18,702	102	15,445	15,301	15,944	15,416	15,111	96
Oklahoma	6,483	6,386	6,553	6,567	6,527	98	4,754	5,288	4,799	5,941	4,379	83
Pennsylvania	3,862	3,926	3,849	3,852 *	3,878	97	2,890	2,730	3,007	2,839 *	2,919	99
S. Carolina	5,230	5,610	5,550	5,516	5,440	104	4,561	4,475	4,673	5,034	4,828	121
Texas	14,114	14,243	14,208	14,410 *	14,090	94	12,054	11,791	11,915 *	11,897 *	12,016	94
Virginia	6,164	6,238	6,176	6,168 *	6,121	96	5,275	4,407	5,012	4,690 *	4,871	93
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,151 *	18,075	17,452 *	17,112 *	17,281	99	16,655	16,606	17,038 *	15,781 *	16,236	100
19 State Total	209,623 *	211,416 *	210,522 *	210,952 *	209,001		173,443	168,415	172,910 *	171,090 *	172,852	
Prev. Year Total	212,232	214,172	213,256	213,689	215,404		174,733	173,580	175,059	172,920	174,210	
% of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	97		99	97	99	99	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	

* 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 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 20, 2007. 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 20, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through January 20, 2007 were 517 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.