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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.2 million during the week ending February 10, 2007. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and down 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.7 million, down 6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

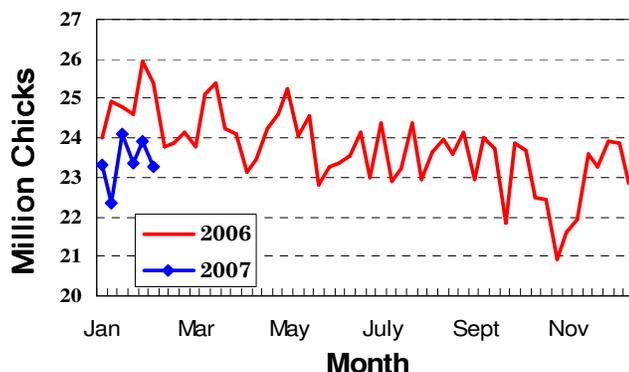
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 10, 2007, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Jan. 6	24,022	23,300*	97	25,956	23,166*	89	31,308	27,371*	87
Jan. 13	24,910	22,355	90	25,940	24,422	94	31,150	29,400	94
Jan. 20	24,773	24,090	97	26,029	24,681	95	31,473	29,476	94
Jan. 27	24,597	23,383	95	26,054	24,441	94	31,327	29,654	95
Feb. 3	25,961	23,929	92	25,999	24,578	96	31,442	29,426	94
Feb. 10	25,383	23,248	92	26,220	24,685	94	30,591	29,722	97

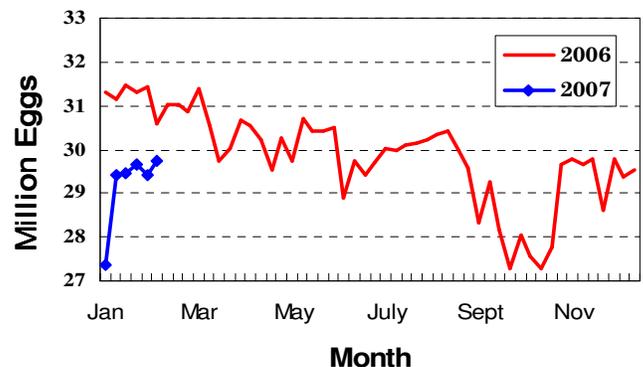
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2006-2007



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2006 - 2007



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, January 13, 2006 - February 3, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending						Week Ending						
	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	% 1/	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	30,529	29,252 *	30,559	30,432 *	30,837	97	20,105	20,319	20,851	20,255 *	19,742	92	
Arkansas	29,400	29,476	29,654	29,426	29,722	97	22,355	24,090	23,383	23,929	23,248	92	
Delaware	3,807	3,974	3,840	3,852	3,995	108	4,454	4,968	5,457	5,550 *	4,576	87	
Florida	1,366	1,368 *	1,344	1,344	1,363	100	1,353	1,441	1,382	1,680	1,494	81	
Georgia	35,446	34,615 *	34,597 *	35,031 *	35,080	103	28,583	28,990	28,357 *	27,852 *	28,474	103	
Kentucky	7,879 *	7,977	7,388	7,415	7,577	127	6,162 *	6,248	6,553 *	6,277 *	6,623	104	
Louisiana	3,680	3,664	3,695	3,711	3,664	89	3,686	3,557	3,310	3,410	3,548	90	
Maryland	8,716	8,403	8,729	8,078 *	8,781	102	6,333	5,991	5,214	5,124 *	5,946	99	
Mississippi	18,116	18,363	18,529	18,816	19,044	104	16,398	16,689	15,965	16,089	16,442	101	
N. Carolina	18,528	18,300 *	18,622	18,901	18,280	98	15,416	15,111	15,525	15,314	14,914	103	
Oklahoma	6,567	6,527	6,508	6,553 *	6,512	98	5,941	4,379	5,635	4,381 *	4,814	101	
Pennsylvania	3,972	3,946	3,875	3,934 *	3,876	95	2,966	2,950	2,905	2,913 *	2,858	97	
S. Carolina	5,516	5,440	5,361	5,493	5,308	99	5,034	4,828	4,425	5,508	5,260	100	
Texas	14,414	14,107	13,871	14,454	14,626	97	11,900	12,019	11,931	12,157	11,827	91	
Virginia	6,168	6,121	5,879	6,177	6,146	97	4,690	4,871	4,802	4,900	4,985	101	
CA,MO,TN&WV	17,100	17,224	17,496	17,878 *	17,584	99	15,804	16,284	15,792	16,051 *	16,249	99	
19 State Total	211,204 *	208,757 *	209,947 *	211,495 *	212,395		171,180 *	172,735	171,487 *	171,390 *	171,000		
Prev. Year Total	213,689	215,404	214,147	212,810	212,616		172,920	174,210	174,755	174,471	176,021		
% of Prev. Year	99	97	98	99	100		99	99	98	98	97		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-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 Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 10, 2007. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 2007. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through February 10, 2007 were 1.03 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.