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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending February 17, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and up 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.1 million, down 11 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

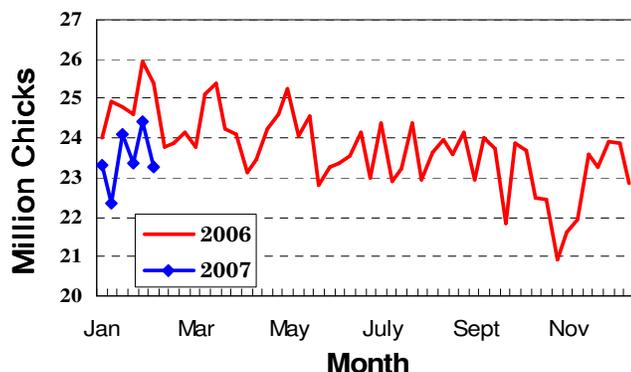
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 17, 2007, down 10 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending <sup>1</sup>	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. 13	24,910	22,353*	90	25,940	22,957*	89	31,150	27,552*	88
Jan. 20	24,773	24,096*	97	26,029	23,128*	89	31,473	27,627*	88
Jan. 27	24,597	23,381*	95	26,054	22,888*	88	31,327	27,758*	89
Feb. 3	25,961	24,410*	94	25,999	23,004*	88	31,442	27,525*	88
Feb. 10	25,383	23,244*	92	26,220	23,116*	88	30,591	27,822*	91
Feb. 17	23,786	24,195	102	26,014	23,086	89	31,038	27,995	90

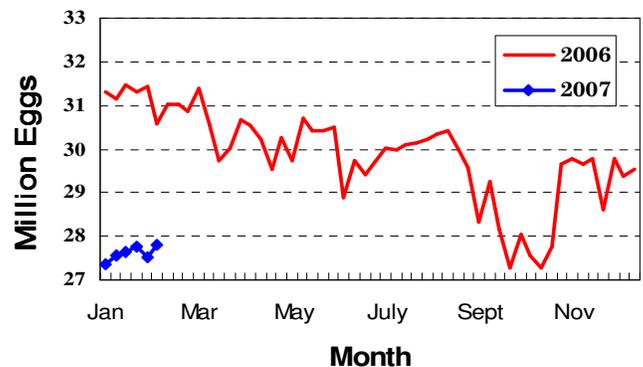
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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 20, 2007 - February 17, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	% 1/	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	29,225 *	30,757 *	30,432	30,476 *	30,963	97	20,319	20,604 *	20,315 *	19,676 *	20,304	97	
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>27,627 *</b>	<b>27,758 *</b>	<b>27,525 *</b>	<b>27,822 *</b>	<b>27,995</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>24,096 *</b>	<b>23,381 *</b>	<b>24,410 *</b>	<b>23,244 *</b>	<b>24,195</b>	<b>102</b>	
Delaware	3,974	3,840	3,852	3,995	3,993	100	4,968	5,457	5,550	4,576	5,643	96	
Florida	1,368	1,369 *	1,344	1,363	1,362	101	1,441	1,382	1,680	1,494	1,530	102	
Georgia	34,615	34,597	35,031	35,080	35,777	105	28,990	28,590 *	27,628 *	28,409 *	28,686	102	
Kentucky	7,838 *	7,388	7,415	7,577	7,438	104	6,248	6,553	6,277	6,586 *	6,147	101	
Louisiana	3,664	3,695	3,711	3,740 *	3,833	92	3,557	3,310	3,410	3,548	3,597	85	
Maryland	8,403	8,729	8,078	8,781	8,822	99	5,991	5,214	5,124	5,946	5,185	105	
Mississippi	18,363	18,529	18,816	19,044	19,195	106	16,689	15,965	16,089	16,442	16,907	102	
N. Carolina	18,300	18,619 *	18,901	18,280	19,072	99	15,111	15,525	15,314	14,914	15,834	106	
Oklahoma	6,527	6,508	6,553	6,472 *	6,507	96	4,379	5,635	4,381	4,814	4,666	78	
Pennsylvania	3,946	3,679 *	3,972 *	3,696 *	3,828	115	2,950	2,994 *	2,997 *	2,901 *	2,743	92	
S. Carolina	5,440	5,361	5,493	5,308	5,499	102	4,828	4,425	5,508	5,260	4,165	91	
Texas	14,107	13,871	14,454	14,626	14,660	97	12,019	11,931	12,157	11,827	11,551	88	
Virginia	6,121	5,879	6,177	6,146	6,116	97	4,871	4,802	4,900	4,985	4,721	94	
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,073 *	19,391 *	19,779 *	19,485 *	19,692	108	16,284	15,792	16,051	16,249	15,671	99	
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>208,591 *</b>	<b>209,970 *</b>	<b>211,533 *</b>	<b>211,891 *</b>	<b>214,752</b>		<b>172,741 *</b>	<b>171,560 *</b>	<b>171,791 *</b>	<b>170,871 *</b>	<b>171,545</b>		
Prev. Year Total	215,404	214,147	212,810	212,616	215,181		174,210	174,755	174,471	176,021	174,381		
% of Prev. Year	97	98	99	100	100		99	98	98	97	98		
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/</b>							10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr		

\* 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 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 17, 2007. This was down slightly 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 2007. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through February 17, 2007 were 1.20 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.