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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.9 million during the week ending March 10, 2007. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but up slightly from the previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.2 million, down 10 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

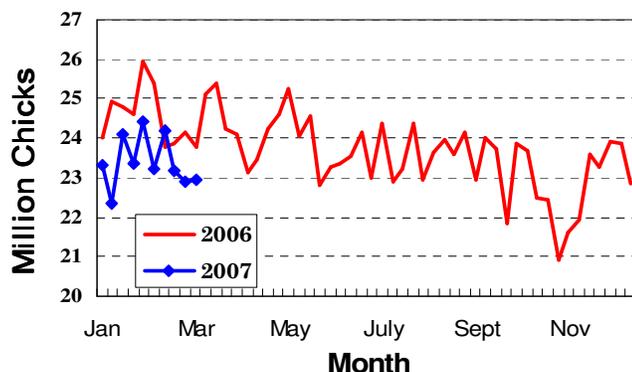
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 10, 2007, down 10 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

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>		
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	24,192	102	26,014	23,086	89	31,038	27,995	90
Feb. 24	23,863	23,169	97	26,109	22,816	87	31,029	27,872	90
Mar. 3	24,141	22,890	95	25,449	23,057	91	30,868	28,089	91
Mar. 10	23,761	22,932	97	25,821	23,154	90	31,376	28,267	90

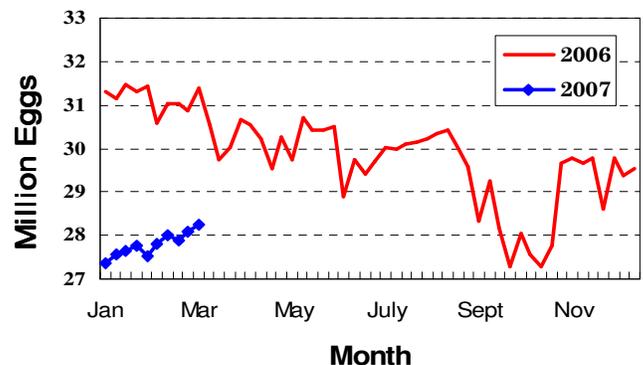
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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, February 10, 2007 - March 10, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending						Week Ending						
	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	% 1/	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	30,853	30,912	30,731	30,944	30,166	95	19,693	20,150	20,504	20,640	20,491	95	
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>27,822</b>	<b>27,995</b>	<b>27,872</b>	<b>28,089</b>	<b>28,267</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>23,244</b>	<b>24,192</b>	<b>23,169</b>	<b>22,890</b>	<b>22,932</b>	<b>97</b>	
Delaware	3,995	3,993	3,994	4,021	4,047	108	4,576	5,643	4,190	4,407	3,826	63	
Florida	1,363	1,362	1,365	1,366	1,364	100	1,559	1,595	1,592	1,736	1,406	97	
Georgia	35,263	35,777	35,637	35,732	35,527	102	28,359	28,819	28,793	28,851 *	28,804	103	
Kentucky	7,758 *	7,592	7,607	7,666	7,706	110	6,669 *	6,212 *	6,034 *	5,828 *	6,561	102	
Louisiana	3,740	3,833	3,802	3,786	3,833	93	3,548	3,597	3,592	3,890	3,454	85	
Maryland	8,781	8,822	8,743	8,958	9,019	100	5,946	5,185	5,778	5,890	7,029	142	
Mississippi	19,044	19,195	19,044	19,135	19,149	104	16,442	16,907	16,956	17,131	17,352	107	
N. Carolina	18,430	19,102 *	18,708	19,624	19,538	103	14,914	15,834	15,494	15,638	15,852	102	
Oklahoma	6,472	6,526	6,542	6,684	6,486	97	4,814	4,667	5,252	5,100	5,417	104	
Pennsylvania	3,352 *	4,104 *	3,890 *	4,007 *	3,911	95	2,865	2,705 *	2,824 *	2,618 *	2,968	109	
S. Carolina	5,308	5,499	5,452	5,624 *	5,383	99	5,260	4,165	4,303	4,200 *	4,792	104	
Texas	14,627	14,576 *	14,639	14,639	14,935	98	11,828	11,552	11,967	12,182	12,228	95	
Virginia	6,146	6,116	6,179	6,168 *	6,203	93	4,985	4,725	5,011	5,122 *	4,819	94	
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,500 *	19,527 *	20,164 *	20,238 *	19,681	110	16,096 *	15,661 *	17,170 *	17,421 *	16,813	99	
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>212,454 *</b>	<b>214,931 *</b>	<b>214,369 *</b>	<b>216,681 *</b>	<b>215,215</b>		<b>170,798 *</b>	<b>171,609 *</b>	<b>172,629 *</b>	<b>173,544</b>	<b>174,744 *</b>		
Prev. Year Total	212,616	215,181	216,954	216,951	216,768		176,021	174,381	173,142	173,663	175,801		
% of Prev. Year	100	100	99	100	99		97	98	100	100	99		
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/</b>							<b>31-Mar</b>	<b>7-Apr</b>	<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>21-Apr</b>	<b>28-Apr</b>		

\* 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 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 10, 2007. This was down 1 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 10, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through March 10, 2007 were 1.72 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.