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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 11 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.4 million during the week ending March 17, 2007. Placements were down 11 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.0 million, down 10 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

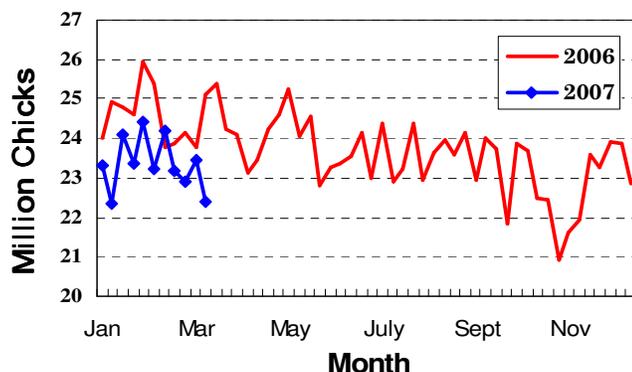
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 17, 2007, down 8 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the revised previous week.

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>		
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	23,452*	99	25,821	23,128*	90	31,376	28,240*	90
Mar. 17	25,114	22,410	89	25,709	23,023	90	30,561	28,016	92

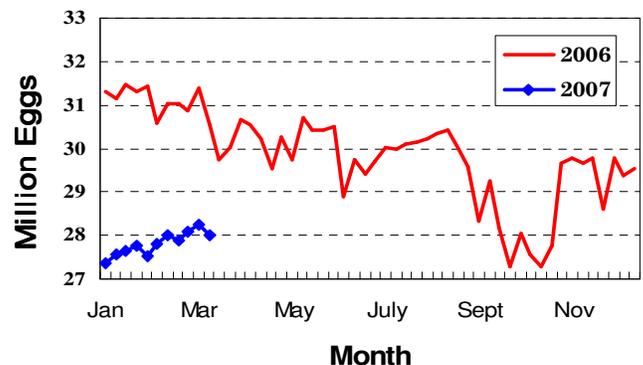
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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 17, 2007 - March 17, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	% 1/	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,912	30,904 *	30,944	30,166	30,707	97	20,150	20,504	20,640	20,491	20,132	91
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>27,995</b>	<b>27,872</b>	<b>28,089</b>	<b>28,240 *</b>	<b>28,016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>24,192</b>	<b>23,169</b>	<b>22,890</b>	<b>23,452 *</b>	<b>22,410</b>	<b>89</b>
Delaware	3,993	3,994	4,021	4,047	4,043	107	5,643	4,190	4,407	3,826	4,693	88
Florida	1,362	1,365	1,366	1,364	1,364	101	1,595	1,592	1,736	1,406	1,440	93
Georgia	35,777	35,637	35,732	35,527	34,527	102	28,819	28,793	28,851	28,817 *	28,436	102
Kentucky	7,388 *	7,365 *	7,666	7,755 *	7,528	112	6,212	6,034	5,733 *	6,390 *	6,228	107
Louisiana	3,833	3,802	3,786	3,833	3,893	94	3,597	3,592	3,890	3,454	3,998	104
Maryland	8,822	8,743	8,958	9,019	8,975	100	5,185	5,778	5,890	7,029	5,929	116
Mississippi	19,195	19,044	19,135	19,149	19,281	105	16,907	16,956	17,131	17,289 *	17,397	105
N. Carolina	19,102	19,003 *	19,624	19,538	19,305	105	15,834	15,494	15,638	15,852	15,472	98
Oklahoma	6,526	6,542	6,684	6,603 *	6,689	100	4,667	5,252	5,100	5,061 *	5,574	133
Pennsylvania	4,104	3,890	3,999 *	3,943 *	3,834	91	2,705	2,824	2,602 *	2,946 *	2,910	97
S. Carolina	5,499	5,452	5,624	5,383	5,479	106	4,165	4,303	4,200	4,792	5,242	111
Texas	14,576	14,639	14,639	14,935	15,169	100	11,552	11,967	12,182	12,228	12,275	94
Virginia	6,116	6,179	6,168	6,203	6,246	95	4,725	5,011	5,122	4,819	4,901	87
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,545 *	20,164	20,238	19,981 *	19,912	111	15,661	17,170	17,421	16,741 *	16,708	94
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>214,745 *</b>	<b>214,595 *</b>	<b>216,673 *</b>	<b>215,686 *</b>	<b>214,968</b>		<b>171,609</b>	<b>172,629</b>	<b>173,433 *</b>	<b>174,593 *</b>	<b>173,745</b>	
Prev. Year Total	215,181	216,954	216,951	216,768	213,555		174,381	173,142	173,663	175,801	177,396	
% of Prev. Year	100	99	100	100	101		98	100	100	99	98	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/</b>							<b>7-Apr</b>	<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>21-Apr</b>	<b>28-Apr</b>	<b>5-May</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 Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 17, 2007. This was up 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 17, 2007. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through March 17, 2007 were 1.90 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.