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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending March 31, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.4 million, down 10 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

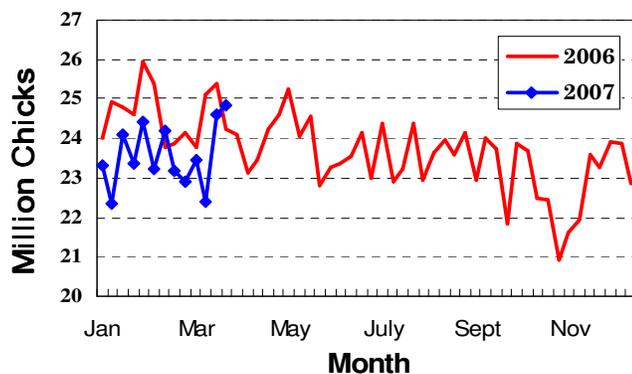
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 31, 2007, down 7 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

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>		
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
Mar. 24	25,370	24,627	97	25,556	23,231	91	29,754	27,095	91
Mar. 31	24,238	24,830	102	26,005	23,439	90	30,034	27,991	93

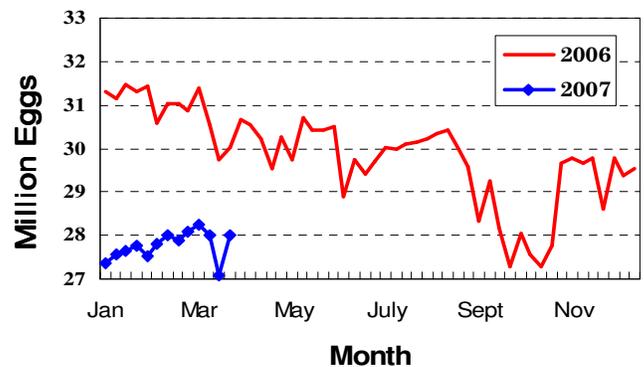
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, March 3, 2007 - March 31, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending						Week Ending						
	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	% 1/	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	30,794	30,124 *	30,707	31,090 *	31,304	101	20,640	20,491	20,132	20,395 *	20,197	93	
Arkansas	28,089	28,240	28,016	27,095	27,991	93	22,890	23,452	22,410	24,627	24,830	102	
Delaware	4,021	4,047	4,043	4,047	4,039	111	4,407	3,826	4,693	5,768 *	4,449	71	
Florida	1,366	1,364	1,364	1,365	1,364	100	1,736	1,406	1,440	1,419	1,450	99	
Georgia	35,732	35,527	34,875	35,870	35,361	101	28,851	28,955 *	28,527 *	29,227 *	28,940	104	
Kentucky	7,699 *	7,556 *	7,497	7,584 *	7,569	102	5,733	6,390	6,545	6,360 *	6,349	106	
Louisiana	3,848 *	3,833	3,893	3,924 *	3,924	97	3,890	3,454	3,998	3,756 *	3,655	88	
Maryland	8,958	9,019	8,975	8,952	8,985	101	5,890	7,029	5,929	5,663 *	6,778	141	
Mississippi	19,135	19,149	19,281	19,193	18,936	103	17,131	17,289	17,397	17,043	17,335	105	
N. Carolina	19,485	19,400 *	19,305	19,326	18,348	98	15,638	15,852	15,472	15,867	15,885	102	
Oklahoma	6,684	6,603	6,689	6,690	6,357	100	5,100	5,061	5,574	4,548	4,365	82	
Pennsylvania	3,999	4,005	3,929 *	3,799 *	3,866	92	2,602	2,909	2,744 *	2,785 *	2,860	97	
S. Carolina	5,624	5,383	5,479	5,422	5,388	107	4,200	4,792	5,206	4,823	4,429	98	
Texas	14,639	14,935	15,169	15,105	15,016	100	12,182	12,228	12,275	12,302	12,578	96	
Virginia	6,168	6,203	6,246	6,399	6,495	99	5,122	4,819	4,901	4,593	4,758	97	
CA,MO,TN&WV	20,243	20,039 *	20,024	19,660 *	20,436	113	17,425	16,820 *	16,941	16,132 *	16,969	97	
19 State Total	216,484 *	215,427 *	215,492 *	215,521 *	215,379		173,437	174,773 *	174,184 *	175,308 *	175,827		
Prev. Year Total	216,951	216,768	213,555	211,053	213,715		173,663	175,801	177,396	176,996	176,993		
% of Prev. Year	100	99	101	102	101		100	99	98	99	99		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May		

* 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 31, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 31, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through March 31, 2007 were 2.25 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.