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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 6 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.4 million during the week ending April 14, 2007. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.0 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

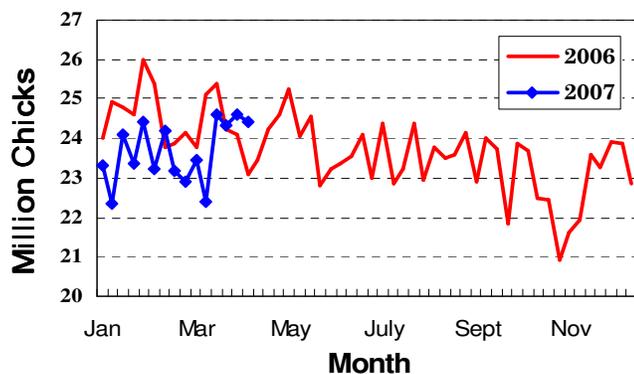
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 14, 2007, virtually unchanged from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

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>		
Mar. 10	23,759	23,452	99	24,235	23,128	95	29,474	28,240	96
Mar. 17	25,112	22,410	89	24,106	23,023	96	28,657	28,079*	98
Mar. 24	25,368	24,627	97	23,949	23,231	97	27,853	27,393*	98
Mar. 31	24,237	24,337	100	24,421	23,533	96	28,130	27,991	100
Apr. 7	24,088	24,608*	102	23,861	23,548*	99	28,744	28,374*	99
Apr. 14	23,108	24,406	106	23,156	23,032	99	28,635	28,586	100

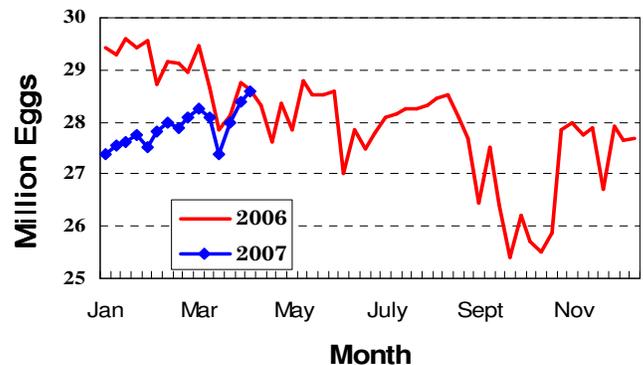
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 17, 2007 - April 14, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	% 1/	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,576	30,995 *	31,304	31,722 *	31,354	101	20,132	20,496 *	20,197	20,400 *	20,571	96	
Arkansas	28,079 *	27,393 *	27,991	28,374 *	28,586	100	22,410	24,627	24,337 *	24,608 *	24,406	106	
Delaware	4,043	4,047	4,039	4,107 *	4,160	120	4,693	5,768	4,449	5,115 *	5,220	106	
Florida	1,364	1,377 *	1,364	1,362	1,372	100	1,440	1,319 *	1,450	1,458	1,597	104	
Georgia	35,450	35,870	35,361	36,164	36,373	103	28,527	29,218	28,940	29,038	29,254	104	
Kentucky	7,350 *	7,602 *	7,569	7,405	7,373	99	6,471 *	6,420 *	6,353 *	6,186 *	5,283	86	
Louisiana	3,893	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	95	3,998	3,756	3,655	3,738	3,795	100	
Maryland	8,975	8,952	8,985	9,011 *	9,050	102	5,929	5,663	6,778	5,952 *	6,300	116	
Mississippi	19,281	19,193	18,936	18,998	19,104	105	17,397	17,173	17,415	17,719	17,494	107	
N. Carolina	19,207	19,292 *	18,341	19,407	19,705	106	15,472	15,867	15,872	16,161	15,706	107	
Oklahoma	6,689	6,690	6,474	6,650 *	6,771	100	5,574	4,548	4,406	4,745 *	4,628	81	
Pennsylvania	3,929	3,799	3,871 *	3,959	3,949	91	2,744	2,785	2,826 *	2,849	2,744	102	
S. Carolina	5,479	5,422	5,388	5,554	5,378	108	5,206	4,823	4,429	4,823	5,440	119	
Texas	15,075	15,104	15,015	14,963	15,007	100	12,275	12,302	12,577	12,840	12,797	112	
Virginia	6,246	6,399	6,495	6,451	6,529	100	4,901	4,593	4,758	5,164	4,889	89	
CA,MO,TN&WV	20,052	19,688	20,019	20,151 *	20,221	100	17,005	16,172	17,050	15,634 *	16,759	96	
19 State Total	215,688 *	215,747 *	215,076 *	218,202 *	218,856		174,174 *	175,530 *	175,492 *	176,430 *	176,883		
Prev. Year Total	213,637	211,079	213,785	215,794	214,981		177,690	177,961	177,711	175,414	172,785		
% of Prev. Year	101	102	101	101	102		98	99	99	101	102		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun		

* 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 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 14, 2007. This was up 2 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 14, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through April 14, 2007 were 2.60 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.