

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 5 Percent From Last Year

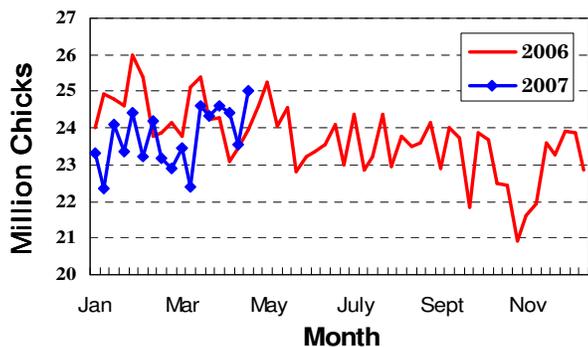
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending April 28, 2007. Placements were Up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and up 6 percent from the previous week, and included 3.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2006 through April 28, 2007 were 403.4 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.6 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

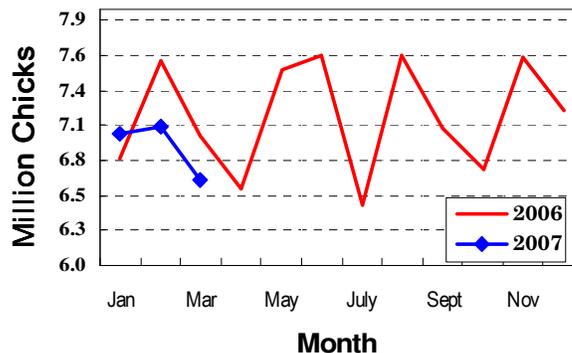
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 28, 2007, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.66 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2007, down 5 percent from March 2006.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2006-2007



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2006 - 2007



Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006	2007	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Mar. 24	25,368	24,627	97
Mar. 31	24,237	24,337	100
Apr. 7	24,288	24,608	101
Apr. 14	23,108	24,406	106
Apr. 21	23,467	23,531	100
Apr. 28	23,952	25,030	105

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005-2006	2006-2007	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Oct.	6,944	6,744	97
Nov.	7,298	7,618	104
Dec.	7,112	7,176	101
Jan.	6,825	7,015	103
Feb.	7,593	7,071	93
Mar.	7,012	6,660	95

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

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Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, March 31, 2007 - April 28, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	% 1/	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,304	31,722	31,354	31,737	31,504	100	20,197	20,400	20,571	20,652	20,668	97
Arkansas	27,991	28,374	28,586	28,327	28,086	102	24,337	24,608	24,406	23,531	24,030	99
Delaware	4,039	4,107	4,187 *	4,064	4,064	114	4,449	5,115	5,258 *	5,507	5,599	109
Florida	1,397	1,382 *	1,372	1,383	1,384	100	1,450	1,455 *	1,597	1,497	1,555	96
Georgia	35,362	36,359 *	36,491	37,540	36,542	106	28,940	29,038	29,472	28,445 *	30,063	104
Kentucky	7,831 *	7,543 *	7,373	7,767	7,823	108	6,353	6,255 *	5,358	6,549 *	6,230	98
Louisiana	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	99	3,655	3,738	3,795	3,765	3,901	100
Maryland	8,985	9,011	9,050	8,941	8,932	101	6,778	5,952	6,316 *	5,833 *	5,980	107
Mississippi	18,936	18,998	19,104	19,090	18,856	106	17,415	17,719	17,494	17,370	17,549	107
N. Carolina	19,487	19,757 *	19,705	19,625	19,856	103	15,872	16,161	15,706	15,907	16,434	110
Oklahoma	6,474	6,650	6,771	6,771	6,583	99	4,406	4,745	4,628	5,298	5,038	98
Pennsylvania	3,964 *	3,819 *	4,197 *	4,152 *	3,890	102	3,180 *	2,983 *	2,899 *	2,990 *	2,928	99
S. Carolina	5,388	5,554	5,378	5,775	5,659	105	4,429	4,823	5,258	4,971	4,999	106
Texas	15,015	14,963	15,007	15,069	15,142	113	12,577	12,840	12,797	12,709	12,670	98
Virginia	6,495	6,451	6,529	6,540	6,478	100	4,758	5,164	4,889	5,203 *	5,225	102
CA,MO,TN & WW	20,019	20,151	20,036 *	20,278 *	19,595	103	17,050	15,634	16,843 *	18,034 *	17,900	98
19 State Total	216,611 *	218,765 *	219,064 *	220,983 *	218,318		175,846 *	176,630 *	177,287 *	178,261 *	180,769	
Prev. Year Total	213,785	215,794	214,981	212,327	210,570		177,711	175,414	172,785	175,809	177,833	
% of Prev. Year	101	101	102	104	104		99	101	103	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-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 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 28, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 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 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 28, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through April 28, 2007 were 2.96 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.