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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending May 12, 2007. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but up 4 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.7 million, virtually unchanged from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

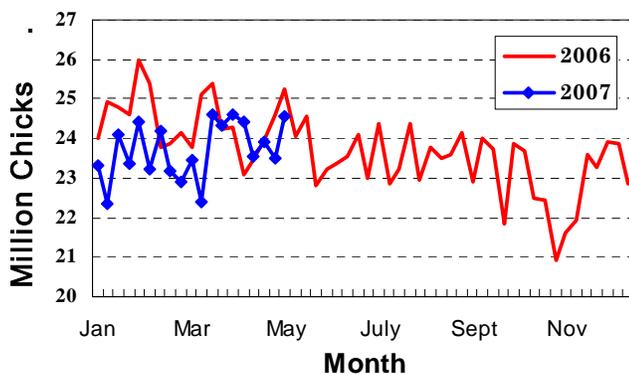
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 12, 2007, up 4 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

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>		
Apr. 7	24,288	24,608	101	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
Apr. 21	23,467	23,531	100	23,269	23,419	101	28,332	28,327	100
Apr. 28	23,952	23,898	100	23,924	23,830	100	27,628	28,547	103
May 5	24,608	23,518	96	23,900	23,914	100	28,366	29,200	103
May 12	25,231	24,560	97	23,631	23,660	100	27,847	29,002	104

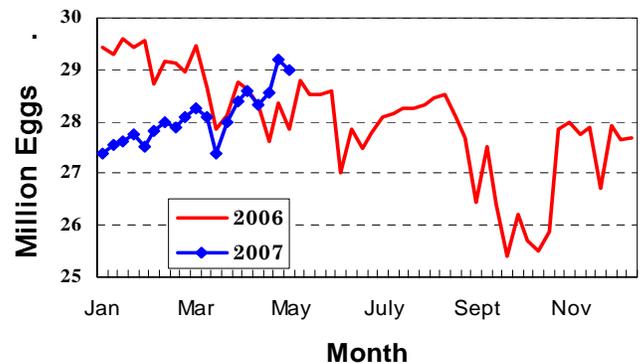
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, April 14, 2007 - May 12, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	% 1/	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,354	31,737	31,504	31,092 *	31,184	99	20,571	20,652	20,656	20,558 *	20,994	100	
Arkansas	28,586	28,327	28,547	29,200	29,002	104	24,406	23,531	23,898	23,518	24,560	97	
Delaware	4,187	4,064	4,108	4,160	4,086	115	5,258	5,507	5,467	4,801 *	5,307	88	
Florida	1,372	1,383	1,384	1,376 *	1,377	104	1,597	1,497	1,555	1,468 *	1,622	123	
Georgia	36,491	36,540 *	36,488	35,761 *	36,205	104	29,472	28,447	30,065	30,111 *	29,147	103	
Kentucky	7,597 *	7,767	7,787	7,705 *	7,769	106	5,366	6,337	5,851	6,068 *	6,302	106	
Louisiana	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,955	3,955	101	3,795	3,765	3,901	3,892	3,833	101	
Maryland	9,050	8,941	8,932	8,776	8,926	101	6,316	5,833	6,047	5,881 *	6,666	143	
Mississippi	19,104	19,090	18,856	18,826	19,104	104	17,494	17,370	17,559	17,429	17,502	111	
N. Carolina	19,889	19,625	19,856	19,506	19,949	105	15,706	15,907	16,434	16,370	15,837	107	
Oklahoma	6,771	6,771	6,583	6,633	6,636	104	4,628	5,298	5,007	5,623	4,862	116	
Pennsylvania	4,197	4,152	3,920	4,037 *	4,122	103	2,899	2,990	3,153	3,181 *	3,136	106	
S. Carolina	5,378	5,775	5,659	5,473	5,643	106	5,258	4,971	5,415	4,671	5,572	121	
Texas	14,987	15,049	15,122	14,971	15,073	102	12,801	12,713	12,675	12,606	12,663	99	
Virginia	6,529	6,540	6,478	6,480	6,553	101	4,889	5,203	5,225	6,157	4,516	88	
CA,MO,TN & WW	20,244 *	20,318 *	19,850 *	20,465 *	20,477	102	16,879 *	18,091 *	17,751 *	18,370 *	18,033	101	
19 State Total	219,660 *	220,003 *	218,998 *	218,416 *	220,061		177,335 *	178,112 *	180,659 *	180,704 *	180,552		
Prev. Year Total	214,981	212,327	210,570	211,844	213,524		172,785	175,809	177,833	176,955	174,308		
% of Prev. Year	102	104	104	103	103		103	101	102	102	104		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-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 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2007. This was up 3 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 12, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through May 12, 2007 were 3.32 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.