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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 4 percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.1 million during the week ending June 9, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but down 6 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 24.3 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

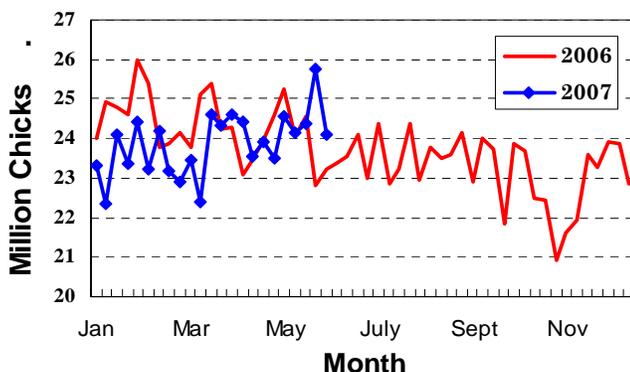
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 9, 2007, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and virtually unchanged from the previous week.

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>		
May 5	24,608	23,518	96	23,900	23,914	100	28,366	29,219	103
May 12	25,231	24,560	97	23,631	23,660	100	27,847	29,294	105
May 19	24,058	24,148	100	23,001	23,824	104	28,806	28,818*	100
May 26	24,544	24,378	99	23,670	24,504	104	28,525	28,790	101
Jun. 2	22,810	25,750*	113	23,260	24,592*	106	28,537	28,778*	101
Jun. 9	23,245	24,091	104	23,912	24,250	101	28,596	28,755	101

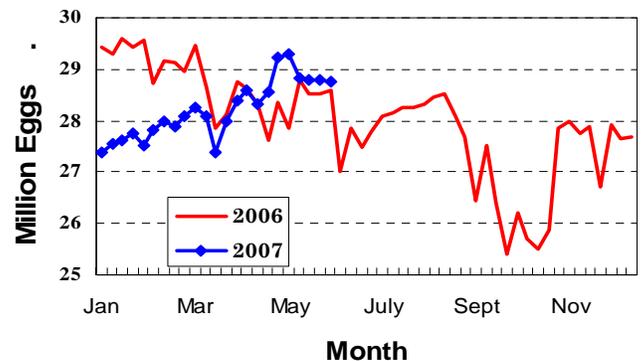
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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, May 12, 2007 - June 9, 2007**

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	% 1/		12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,217	31,404 *	31,224	31,481 *	31,647	99		21,030	21,786	20,647	21,765 *	20,822	98
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>29,294</b>	<b>28,818 *</b>	<b>28,790</b>	<b>28,778 *</b>	<b>28,755</b>	<b>101</b>		<b>24,560</b>	<b>24,148</b>	<b>24,378</b>	<b>25,750 *</b>	<b>24,091</b>	<b>104</b>
Delaware	4,086	4,115	4,121	4,188 *	4,154	105		5,307	4,913	4,526	4,948 *	4,913	77
Florida	1,377	1,291 *	1,359	1,333	1,343	98		1,830	1,390	1,427	1,342	1,268	140
Georgia	36,101	36,294	36,361	36,119 *	36,718	104		29,934	28,603	30,298	29,693 *	29,863	101
Kentucky	7,727 *	8,070 *	7,853	7,893 *	7,884	111		6,640	6,360 *	6,779 *	6,933 *	7,234	125
Louisiana	3,955	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	100		3,833	3,947	3,987	3,625	3,931	110
Maryland	8,926	8,852	8,851	8,907	8,977	102		6,666	6,285	6,658	6,435 *	6,510	135
Mississippi	19,104	18,938 *	19,029	18,970	18,850	105		17,502	16,994	16,935	17,218 *	17,345	109
N. Carolina	19,922	19,727 *	19,648	19,769	19,915	106		15,837	16,142	15,717	15,876	15,991	103
Oklahoma	6,636	6,852	6,704	6,745	6,722	105		4,862	4,699	5,240	5,795	5,742	107
Pennsylvania	4,017	4,024	4,088 *	4,031 *	4,041	101		3,165	2,833	3,135 *	3,082 *	3,166	107
S. Carolina	5,643	5,604	5,946	5,525	5,752	109		4,611	5,602	4,439	4,742	5,347	131
Texas	15,119 *	15,127 *	15,408 *	15,312 *	15,348	103		12,701 *	12,810 *	12,723 *	12,846 *	12,873	100
Virginia	6,553	6,507	6,479	6,438	6,454	101		4,446	5,255	5,394	5,333	4,987	103
CA,MO,TN & WW	20,669	20,623	20,125	19,833 *	20,525	104		18,119	17,510	17,706	15,864 *	17,406	96
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>220,346 *</b>	<b>220,169 *</b>	<b>219,909 *</b>	<b>219,245 *</b>	<b>221,008</b>			<b>181,043 *</b>	<b>179,277 *</b>	<b>179,989 *</b>	<b>181,247 *</b>	<b>181,489</b>	
Prev. Year Total	213,524	213,197	213,886	213,519	214,378			174,308	172,844	174,620	175,872	175,179	
% of Prev. Year	103	103	103	103	103			104	104	103	103	104	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/</b>								30-Jun	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	

\* 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 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 9, 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 84 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 June 9, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through June 9, 2007 were 4.05 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.