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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent From Last Year

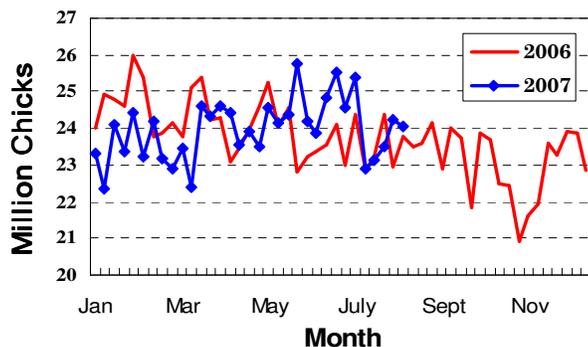
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 24.1 million during the week ending August 18, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2006 through August 18, 2007 were 790.9 million, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 23.6 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier and up 1 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

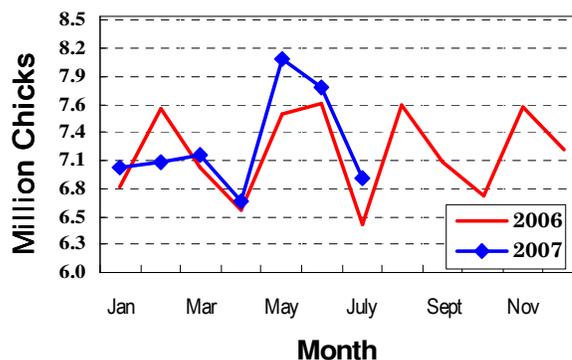
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 18, 2007, virtually unchanged from the same period last year and from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.91 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2007, up 7 percent from July 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>		
July 14	24,376	25,377	104
July 21	22,878	22,879	100
July 28	23,222	23,136	100
Aug 4	24,380	23,512	96
Aug 11	22,939	24,226*	106
Aug 18	23,756	24,065	101

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006	2007	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Feb	7,593	7,071	93
Mar	7,012	7,135	102
Apr	6,593	6,692	102
May	7,531	8,083	107
Jun	7,636	7,799*	102
Aug	6,456	6,912	107

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

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, July 21, 2007 - August 18, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	21-Jul	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	% 1/	21-Jul	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,197	32,847	32,769 *	32,236 *	32,060	101	21,346	20,537	21,389	21,401 *	21,072	94
Arkansas	27,830	28,036	28,256	28,414	28,305	100	22,879	23,136	23,512	24,226 *	24,065	101
Delaware	4,188	4,188	4,173	4,169 *	4,186	104	5,124	5,167	5,714	4,513 *	5,130	97
Florida	1,363	1,376 *	1,343	1,362	1,374	100	1,478	1,511	1,481	1,419	1,461	97
Georgia	35,812	35,613	35,864	35,928	35,706	102	28,662	30,435	30,600	29,154 *	29,243	103
Kentucky	7,802 *	7,759 *	7,751	7,780	7,857	109	5,719	6,240	6,619	6,882 *	6,595	109
Louisiana	3,923	3,954	4,014	4,014	4,044	102	3,927	3,891	3,380	3,900	3,618	100
Maryland	8,778	8,673	8,730	8,752	8,823	100	5,606	6,175	5,755	7,059 *	5,431	93
Mississippi	18,741	18,802 *	18,741	18,726	18,656	106	16,544	16,845	16,972	16,978	16,918	106
N. Carolina	19,416	19,599 *	19,651	19,651	19,131	104	15,895	15,873	16,315	16,073	16,428	106
Oklahoma	6,796	6,657	6,930	6,574 *	6,572	105	5,133	4,922	6,034	4,173 *	4,880	89
Pennsylvania	4,090	4,102	4,003	4,187	4,188	109	2,873 *	3,099 *	3,170 *	2,987 *	3,116	103
S. Carolina	5,747	5,646 *	5,566	5,743	5,554	106	4,690	4,392	4,444	5,657	5,076	115
Texas	15,314 *	15,200 *	14,281 *	14,737 *	15,012	101	11,865 *	12,808 *	12,946 *	12,909 *	12,830	104
Virginia	6,175	6,313	6,242	6,249	6,245	106	4,971	4,721	5,411	4,584	4,820	97
CA,MO,TN & WW	19,356	19,758	19,116 *	19,058	19,071	96	16,266	17,475	16,972 *	16,816 *	17,330	100
19 State Total	217,528 *	218,523 *	217,430 *	217,580 *	216,784		172,978 *	177,227 *	180,714 *	178,731 *	178,013	
Prev. Year Total	214,110	214,549	213,198	212,573	212,830		171,142	173,121	175,451	175,423	175,536	
% of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	102		101	102	103	102	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							8-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	6-Oct	

* 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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 18, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through August 18, 2007 were 5.83 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.