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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.6 million during the week ending September 1, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and down slightly from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.8 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

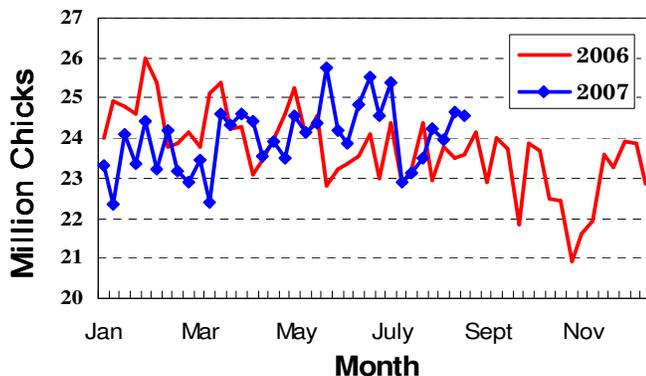
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 1, 2007, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and up fractionally from the revised previous week.

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>		
Jul. 28	23,222	23,136	100	23,176	23,306	101	28,271	28,036	99
Aug. 4	24,380	23,512	96	23,409	23,601	101	28,252	28,256	100
Aug. 11	22,939	24,226	106	23,325	23,437	100	28,334	28,414	100
Aug. 18	23,756	23,964	101	23,355	23,648	101	28,442	28,305	100
Aug. 25	23,489	24,673	105	23,410	23,774	102	28,526	28,234*	99
Sep. 1	23,584	24,551	104	23,214	23,810	103	28,083	28,271	101

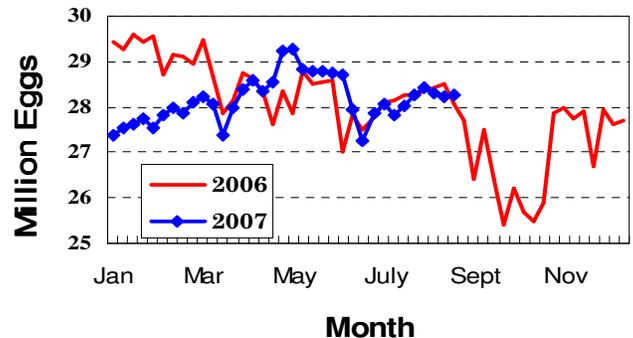
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, August 4, 2007 - September 1, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	1-Sep	% 1/	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	1-Sep	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,404	32,236	32,061	31,528 *	31,163	97	21,389	21,401	21,217 *	21,361 *	21,512	102	
Arkansas	28,256	28,414	28,305	28,234 *	28,271	101	23,512	24,226	23,964	24,673	24,551	104	
Delaware	4,173	4,169	4,186	3,958	3,974	106	5,714	4,513	5,130	5,224 *	4,935	92	
Florida	1,367	1,342 *	1,374	1,366	1,344	99	1,481	1,419	1,461	1,374	1,474	102	
Georgia	35,864	35,928	35,744	35,676 *	36,031	101	30,600	29,154	29,268	30,272 *	28,900	101	
Kentucky	7,624 *	7,801 *	7,857	7,666	7,575	105	6,619	6,882	6,582 *	6,040 *	6,672	105	
Louisiana	4,014	4,014	4,044	4,044	4,038	102	3,380	3,900	3,618	3,835	3,865	99	
Maryland	8,730	8,752	8,823	8,624 *	8,360	94	5,755	7,059	5,431	5,575 *	6,108	108	
Mississippi	18,741	18,726	18,656	17,771	17,633	104	16,972	16,978	16,920	17,090	17,135	108	
N. Carolina	19,707	19,713 *	19,161	19,885	19,341	110	16,315	16,073	16,428	16,123	16,300	106	
Oklahoma	6,630	6,574	6,627	6,780	6,720	106	6,034	4,173	4,918	4,205	4,383	87	
Pennsylvania	3,940	4,232	4,181	4,246	4,173	102	3,136	3,051	3,176	2,954	3,121	112	
S. Carolina	5,566	5,743	5,554	5,592	5,370	101	4,444	5,657	5,076	4,430	4,830	111	
Texas	14,281	14,737	15,012	14,981	14,956	100	12,946	12,909	12,830	12,016	12,341	98	
Virginia	6,242	6,249	6,245	6,349	6,274	102	5,411	4,584	4,820	5,080	4,734	98	
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,116	19,058	19,065	19,255 *	19,717	103	16,972	16,816	17,398	17,309 *	17,123	101	
19 State Total	216,655 *	217,688 *	216,895	215,955 *	214,940		180,680	178,795	178,237 *	177,561 *	177,984		
Prev. Year Total	213,198	212,573	212,830	213,141	211,613		175,451	175,423	175,536	174,052	173,686		
% of Prev. Year	102	102	102	101	102		103	102	102	102	102		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							22-Sep	29-Sep	6-Oct	13-Oct	20-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 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 1, 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 1, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through September 1, 2007 were 6.19 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.