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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.1 million during the week ending October 13, 2007. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but up 2 percent from the previous week. The placements included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 22.9 million, virtually unchanged from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 3 percent the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

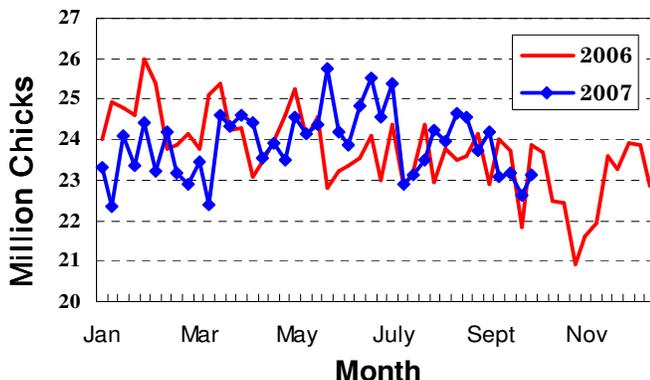
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 13, 2007, up 3 percent from the same period last year, but down 2 percent from the previous week.

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>		
Sep. 8	24,145	23,745	98	23,543	23,565	100	27,701	27,225	98
Sep. 15	22,924	24,169	105	23,561	23,478	100	26,430	26,429	100
Sep. 22	24,011	23,070	96	23,309	23,636	101	27,503	27,324	99
Sep. 29	23,718	23,197	98	23,060	23,002	100	26,398	26,379	100
Oct. 6	21,849	22,630*	104	21,979	22,237*	101	25,413	27,403*	108
Oct. 13	23,860	23,143	97	22,845	22,945	100	26,198	26,967	103

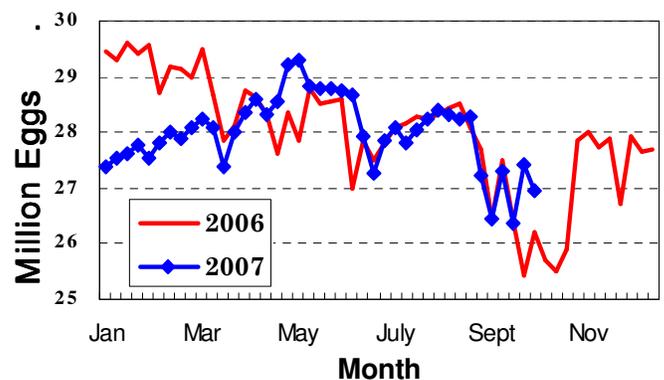
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 Week, September 15, 2007 - October 13, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	6-Oct	13-Oct	% 1/	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	6-Oct	13-Oct	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,385	31,536 *	30,715 *	31,282 *	30,396	103	20,991	20,803 *	20,039 *	20,316 *	20,747	100
Arkansas	26,429	27,324	26,379	27,403 *	26,967	103	24,169	23,070	23,197	22,630 *	23,143	97
Delaware	3,885	3,870	4,218	3,996	4,189	114	4,841	5,259	4,540	4,790	4,844	122
Florida	1,374	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344	98	1,343	1,427 *	1,393	1,083 *	1,519	107
Georgia	34,299	34,639 *	33,548	35,453	35,144	100	29,387	28,786	28,243	28,411 *	28,984	105
Kentucky	7,003	8,144 *	6,891	7,630 *	6,925	108	5,911	6,436	5,832	5,957 *	6,633	111
Louisiana	3,999	3,978	3,712	4,015	3,829	101	3,905	4,225	4,057	3,552	3,881	104
Maryland	7,950	8,512	8,732	8,495	8,460	101	5,783	5,408	6,343	5,429	5,636	83
Mississippi	17,881	17,434	17,106	17,409	17,559	103	16,238	16,172	16,586 *	16,434 *	16,096	106
N. Carolina	19,135	19,516 *	18,396	18,271	18,702	108	16,414	15,950	14,872	15,897	16,579	109
Oklahoma	6,049	6,877 *	6,373	6,584 *	6,472	100	5,383	5,619	5,097	4,951 *	4,922	116
Pennsylvania	4,058	4,297	4,360 *	4,313 *	4,175	109	3,252	3,139	3,119 *	3,028 *	3,250	109
S. Carolina	5,547	5,518	5,728	5,394	5,343	108	4,513 *	5,087	4,663	4,890	3,846	90
Texas	13,224	13,982	14,173	14,689 *	14,476	100	12,385	12,519	12,202	11,154 *	11,816	100
Virginia	5,810	6,223	5,855	6,264	6,324	102	5,353	4,866	4,887	4,561	5,096	108
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,133 *	18,858 *	19,587 *	19,588 *	19,298	104	16,868 *	17,772 *	16,914 *	16,080 *	16,350	106
19 State Total	206,161 *	212,052 *	207,117 *	212,130 *	209,603		176,736 *	176,538 *	171,984 *	169,163 *	173,342	
Prev. Year Total	202,441	207,521	203,118	205,727	203,451		174,374	173,499	167,530	164,849	167,994	
% of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103	103		101	102	103	103	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	1-Dec	

* 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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 13, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 13, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through October 13, 2007 were 7.23 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.