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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent From Last Year

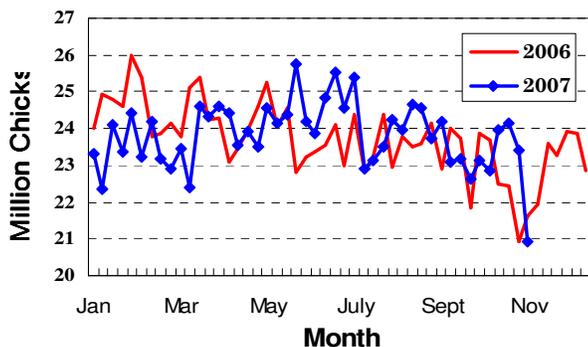
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 20.9 million during the week ending November 17, 2007. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2006 and down 11 percent from the previous week. Placements included 3.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2006 through November 17, 2007 were 1.1 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 19.9 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier and down 7 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82 percent.

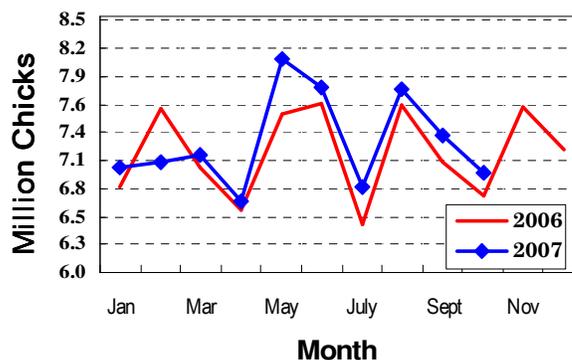
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 17, 2007, up 3 percent from the same period last year and up slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.97 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2007, up 17 percent from October 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>		
Oct. 13	23,860	23,143	97
Oct. 20	23,700	22,846	96
Oct. 27	22,473	23,948	107
Nov. 3	22,443	24,126	108
Nov. 10	20,936	23,406	112
Nov. 17	21,611	20,903	97

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006	2007	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
May	7,531	8,083	107
Jun.	7,636	7,799	102
Jul.	6,456	6,818	106
Aug.	7,631	7,792	102
Sep.	7,063	7,327	104
Oct.	6,744	6,970	103

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

*Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, October 20, 2007 - November 17, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	20-Oct	27-Oct	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	% 1/	20-Oct	27-Oct	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,477	27,913 *	28,679	31,467	32,169	106	20,528	21,110	20,083 *	20,189	19,361	112
Arkansas	25,563	24,231	26,388	28,752 *	28,849	103	22,846	23,948	24,126	23,406 *	20,903	97
Delaware	4,121	3,956	4,188	4,173	4,155	108	5,415	4,912	4,357	5,053	4,910	117
Florida	1,364	1,362 *	1,358	1,356	1,361	101	1,432	1,522	1,393	1,283	1,126	93
Georgia	33,614	35,230 *	34,040	35,370	35,360	101	27,222	27,443	28,526	28,060	27,876	105
Kentucky	6,607	7,300 *	6,796	7,417	7,672	100	6,115	5,923	5,561 *	5,415	5,751	91
Louisiana	3,939	3,923	3,769	3,924	3,924	106	3,576	3,938	3,598	3,937	3,876	115
Maryland	7,791	7,806	8,938	8,897	7,999	93	5,805	5,946	6,297	4,789	5,379	89
Mississippi	17,601	17,551	18,203	18,903	17,851	101	15,846	15,804	16,276	15,875	15,905	124
N. Carolina	18,360	18,699 *	18,647	19,665	19,466	103	15,516	15,223	15,144	14,972	15,391	105
Oklahoma	6,371	6,661	6,124	6,036	6,576	100	4,474	4,596	4,719	4,550	5,070	105
Pennsylvania	4,117 *	4,026 *	4,237 *	4,159 *	4,235	106	3,184 *	3,289 *	3,127 *	3,069 *	3,011	116
S. Carolina	5,641	5,590	4,549	5,471	5,218	95	5,481	5,476	4,015	4,272	4,618	106
Texas	13,482	13,477	15,061	15,537	14,439	101	11,907	12,495	12,104	11,442	11,429	107
Virginia	6,184	6,165 *	6,008	6,309	6,372	102	4,560	4,933 *	5,293	5,352	4,824	100
C.A.,M.O.,T.N. & V.W.	18,329 *	18,491 *	18,838 *	19,853 *	19,826	101	16,126 *	17,874 *	17,369 *	16,278 *	16,267	108
19 State Total	203,561 *	202,381 *	205,823 *	217,289 *	215,472		170,033 *	174,432 *	171,988 *	167,942 *	165,697	
Prev. Year Total	196,782	192,800	198,175	207,802	211,187		165,109	167,680	165,516	160,423	156,497	
% of Prev. Year	103	105	104	105	102		103	104	104	105	106	
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							8-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	5-Jan	

* 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 November 17, 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 17, 2007. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through November 17, 2007 were 8.08 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.