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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.2 million during the week ending December 1, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and up 13 percent from the previous week. The placements included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.6 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 8 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 83 percent.

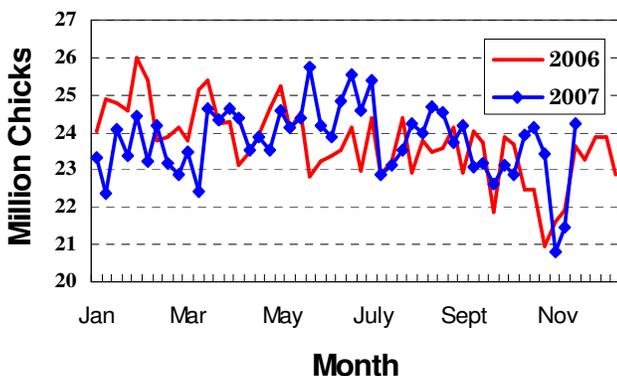
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and virtually unchanged from the previous week.

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>		
Oct. 27	22,473	23,948	107	21,086	23,424	111	25,500	24,231	95
Nov. 3	22,443	24,126	108	21,667	22,651	105	25,884	26,061	101
Nov. 10	20,936	23,406	112	21,373	21,389	100	27,851	28,320*	102
Nov. 17	21,611	20,800	96	20,972	19,900	95	27,996	28,849	103
Nov. 24	21,929	21,474*	98	21,450	21,761*	101	27,743	28,940	104
Dec. 1	23,605	24,211	103	23,012	23,576	102	27,887	28,947	104

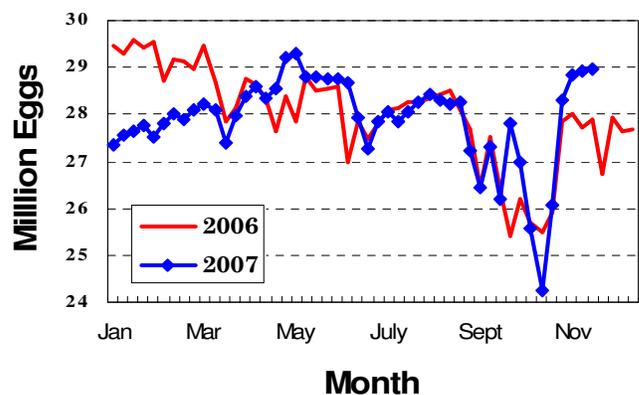
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, November 3, 2007 - December 1, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending							Week Ending					
	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	1-Dec	% 1/	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	1-Dec	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	28,680	31,920 *	31,939 *	32,233 *	32,560	105	20,017	19,834	19,271 *	19,202 *	20,763	100	
Arkansas	26,061	28,320 *	28,849	28,940	28,947	104	24,126	23,406	20,800	21,474 *	24,211	103	
Delaware	4,188	4,173	4,155	4,161	4,163	106	4,357	5,053	4,910	4,766 *	4,959	100	
Florida	1,358	1,356	1,361	1,362	1,362	108	1,393	1,283	1,126	1,304 *	1,291	108	
Georgia	34,040	35,370	35,774	36,119	36,174	101	28,526	28,060	27,116 *	27,455 *	28,675	108	
Kentucky	6,637	7,250 *	7,672	7,594	7,436	94	5,561	5,415	5,751	4,795	5,910	105	
Louisiana	3,769	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,877	104	3,598	3,937	3,876	3,726	4,114	119	
Maryland	8,938	8,897	7,999	8,715	8,821	104	6,297	4,789	5,379	6,354 *	6,224	117	
Mississippi	18,203	18,903	17,851	18,478	19,151	113	16,322	15,605	15,844	16,158	17,201	112	
N. Carolina	19,648	19,907 *	19,441	19,752 *	19,668	104	15,144	14,972	15,433	16,367 *	16,823	108	
Oklahoma	6,124	6,036	6,656	6,634 *	6,694	104	4,719	4,550	5,070	5,279 *	4,147	86	
Pennsylvania	4,237	4,297	4,368 *	4,339 *	4,388	109	3,127	3,054	2,989 *	3,121 *	3,208	113	
S. Carolina	4,549	5,471	5,218	5,610	5,690	102	4,015	4,272	4,618	4,316	4,764	95	
Texas	15,061	15,537	14,439	15,258	15,396	108	12,104	11,442	11,429	12,693	13,045	112	
Virginia	6,008	6,309	6,372	6,372	6,353	99	5,293	5,352	4,824	4,819 *	4,967	99	
CA,MO,TN&WV	18,838	19,874	19,849	19,643 *	20,142	101	17,369	16,273	16,205	17,110 *	18,068	110	
19 State Total	206,339	217,544 *	215,867 *	219,134 *	220,822		171,968	167,297	164,641 *	168,939 *	178,370		
Prev. Year Total	198,175	207,802	211,187	211,184	212,782		165,516	160,423	156,497	162,192	168,076		
% of Prev. Year	104	105	102	104	104		104	104	105	104	106		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							22-Dec	29-Dec	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-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 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2007. This was up 4 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2007. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 1, 2007 were 8.43 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.