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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent From Last Year

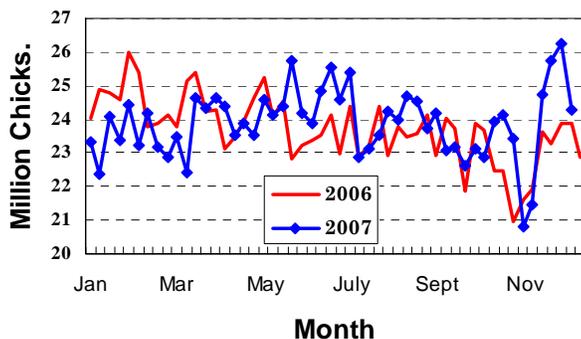
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 24.3 million during the week ending December 22, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but down 8 percent from the previous week. Placements included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2006 through December 22, 2007 were 1.2 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 24.2 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

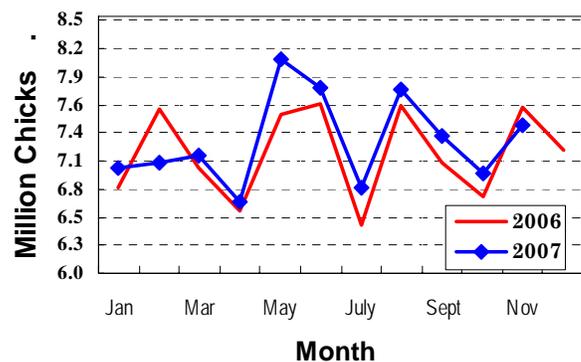
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 22, 2007, virtually the same as last year, but down slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.44 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2007, down 2 percent from November 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> | | |
| Nov. 17 | 21,611 | 20,800 | 96 |
| Nov. 24 | 21,929 | 21,474 | 98 |
| Dec. 1 | 23,605 | 24,712 | 105 |
| Dec. 8 | 23,249 | 25,744 | 111 |
| Dec. 15 | 23,902 | 26,266* | 110 |
| Dec. 22 | 23,868 | 24,290 | 102 |

| Month | U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed | | |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Year | | % of Prev. Year |
| | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | |
| 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 |
| Nov. | 7,618 | 7,438 | 98 |

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

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 24, 2007 - December 22, 2007

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|--|
| | Week Ending | | | | | | | Week Ending | | | | | |
| | 24-Nov | 1-Dec | 8-Dec | 15-Dec | 22-Dec | % 1/ | 24-Nov | 1-Dec | 8-Dec | 15-Dec | 22-Dec | % 1/ | |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | |
| Alabama | 32,525 * | 32,854 * | 32,181 | 31,820 * | 31,967 | 105 | 19,202 | 20,717 | 20,549 | 21,738 * | 21,963 | 104 | |
| Arkansas | 28,940 | 28,947 | 27,993 | 27,866 * | 27,717 | 100 | 21,474 | 24,712 | 25,744 | 26,266 * | 24,290 | 102 | |
| Delaware | 4,161 | 4,163 | 4,159 * | 4,159 * | 4,133 | 116 | 4,766 | 4,959 | 5,061 * | 5,343 * | 4,482 | 91 | |
| Florida | 1,344 | 1,362 | 1,343 | 1,344 | 1,339 | 101 | 1,304 | 1,291 | 1,341 | 1,313 | 1,367 | 90 | |
| Georgia | 36,119 | 36,181 | 35,206 | 36,213 | 35,997 | 103 | 27,515 | 28,675 | 29,179 | 29,652 | 29,296 | 100 | |
| Kentucky | 7,609 | 7,958 * | 7,487 | 7,691 | 7,641 | 103 | 4,786 | 5,984 | 6,131 | 6,318 | 6,306 | 102 | |
| Louisiana | 3,924 | 3,877 | 3,923 | 3,846 | 3,877 | 104 | 3,726 | 4,114 | 3,864 | 3,586 | 4,031 | 106 | |
| Maryland | 8,715 | 8,821 | 8,707 | 8,669 | 9,015 | 106 | 6,354 | 6,224 | 5,666 * | 5,489 * | 6,255 | 105 | |
| Mississippi | 18,478 | 19,151 | 18,720 | 18,924 | 19,075 | 104 | 16,158 | 17,201 | 16,461 | 17,081 | 17,284 | 113 | |
| N. Carolina | 19,379 | 19,696 * | 18,743 | 19,624 | 19,697 | 105 | 16,367 | 16,522 | 16,218 | 16,335 | 16,432 | 107 | |
| Oklahoma | 6,634 | 6,709 | 6,013 | 6,560 | 6,597 | 102 | 5,279 | 4,147 | 4,308 | 3,797 | 4,515 | 95 | |
| Pennsylvania | 4,374 | 4,364 | 4,136 * | 4,064 | 4,315 | 112 | 3,150 | 3,168 | 3,265 * | 3,223 | 3,295 | 114 | |
| S. Carolina | 5,610 | 5,690 | 5,156 | 5,607 | 5,669 | 108 | 4,316 | 4,764 | 4,985 | 4,363 | 4,959 | 109 | |
| Texas | 15,426 | 15,390 | 15,315 | 14,733 | 15,467 | 110 | 12,690 | 13,043 | 12,135 | 12,865 | 12,833 | 106 | |
| Virginia | 6,372 | 6,353 | 6,239 | 6,226 | 6,207 | 101 | 4,819 | 4,967 | 4,862 | 5,206 | 5,330 | 101 | |
| CA,MO,TN & WW | 19,657 | 20,494 | 18,388 | 20,227 | 19,918 | 105 | 17,093 | 18,064 | 17,584 | 16,927 | 16,641 | 100 | |
| 19 State Total | 219,267 * | 222,010 * | 213,709 * | 217,573 * | 218,631 | | 168,999 | 178,552 | 177,353 * | 179,502 * | 179,279 | | |
| Prev. Year Total | 211,184 | 212,782 | 207,215 | 211,893 | 209,627 | | 162,192 | 168,076 | 171,423 | 172,412 | 173,573 | | |
| % of Prev. Year | 104 | 104 | 103 | 103 | 104 | | 104 | 106 | 103 | 104 | 103 | | |
| Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/ | | | | | | | 12-Jan | 19-Jan | 26-Jan | 2-Feb | 9-Feb | | |

* 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 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 22, 2007 were 8.97 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.