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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.4 million during the week ending February 2, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 3 percent from the previous week. The placements included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.4 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

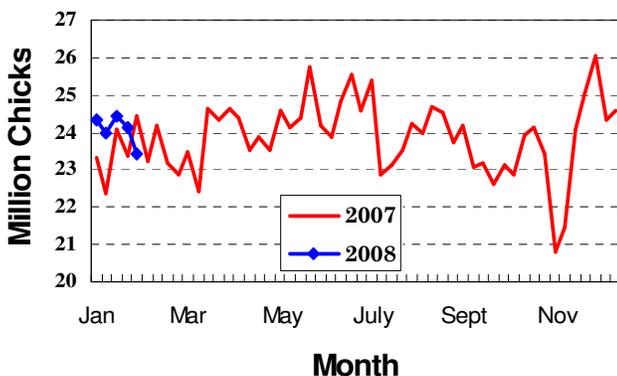
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 2, 2008, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending <sup>1</sup>	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006-2007	2007-2008	% of Prev. Year	2006-2007	2007-2008	% of Prev. Year	2006-2007	2007-2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
<b>Dec. 29</b>	22,868	24,567	107	22,257	23,346	105	27,686	28,434	103
<b>Jan. 5</b>	23,300	24,311	104	23,166	23,359	101	27,371	28,401	104
<b>Jan. 12</b>	22,353	23,960	107	22,957	23,516	102	27,552	28,042*	102
<b>Jan. 19</b>	24,096	24,422	101	23,128	23,804	103	27,627	28,312	102
<b>Jan. 26</b>	23,381	24,147	103	22,888	23,685	103	27,758	28,269	102
<b>Feb. 2</b>	24,410	23,399	96	23,004	23,382	102	27,525	28,566	104

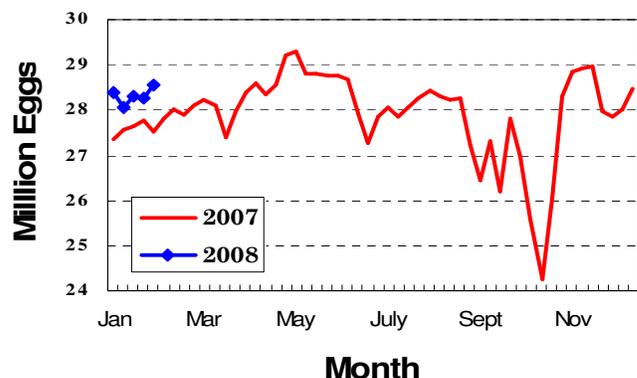
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* Revised in current week

**Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008**



**Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008**



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 5, 2008 - February 2, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	% 1/	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,796	32,012	32,339	31,551 *	31,501	104	21,166	21,432	21,012	20,843 *	21,215	104
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,401</b>	<b>28,042 *</b>	<b>28,312</b>	<b>28,269</b>	<b>28,566</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>24,311</b>	<b>23,960</b>	<b>24,422</b>	<b>24,147</b>	<b>23,399</b>	<b>96</b>
Delaware	4,182	4,057	4,026	4,162	4,162	108	5,228	5,353	4,586	5,651	4,958	89
Florida	1,359	1,369	1,368	1,368	1,369	100	1,375	1,394	1,469	1,332	1,384	79
Georgia	36,719	35,299	35,480	35,973	36,441	104	29,961	29,703	29,169	30,116	28,309	102
Kentucky	7,646 *	7,570 *	7,795	7,828	7,418	96	5,838	6,189	6,150	5,972 *	6,157	96
Louisiana	3,706	3,685	3,920	3,893	3,863	104	3,849	3,467	3,698	3,627	3,913	115
Maryland	9,042	8,969	8,980	9,005	9,025	112	6,173	5,608	5,996	5,725	5,943	116
Mississippi	17,832	18,495	18,769	18,717	18,851	100	17,450	17,622	17,337	16,482	16,838	105
N. Carolina	19,648	19,822 *	19,798	19,624	19,548	105	16,444	16,012	16,299	15,687 *	16,384	107
Oklahoma	6,660	6,585 *	6,613	6,490	6,661	102	5,219	4,854	4,892	5,091	4,752	108
Pennsylvania	4,404	4,345	4,405	4,223 *	4,261	108	3,030	3,203	3,180	3,183 *	3,285	113
S. Carolina	5,515	5,660	5,345	5,435	5,440	99	4,304	5,170	5,214	4,860	4,972	90
Texas	15,344 *	14,934 *	15,574 *	15,645 *	15,663	108	12,376 *	12,937 *	12,885 *	12,812 *	12,513	103
Virginia	6,197	5,999	6,324	6,321	6,325	102	4,397	5,138	5,531	5,152	4,831	99
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,636	18,977	18,728	19,649 *	19,944	101	17,707	17,158	17,548	17,874 *	17,429	108
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>218,087 *</b>	<b>215,820 *</b>	<b>217,776 *</b>	<b>218,153 *</b>	<b>219,038</b>		<b>178,828 *</b>	<b>179,200 *</b>	<b>179,388 *</b>	<b>178,554 *</b>	<b>176,282</b>	
Prev. Year Total	210,475	211,204	208,591	210,236	211,617		172,967	171,178	172,806	171,642	171,953	
% of Prev. Year	104	102	104	104	104		103	105	104	104	103	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/</b>							<b>23-Feb</b>	<b>1-Mar</b>	<b>8-Mar</b>	<b>15-Mar</b>	<b>22-Mar</b>	

\* 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 February 2, 2008. 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 2, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 2, 2008 were 892 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.