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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.7 million during the week ending February 9, 2008. Placements were down 2 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 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

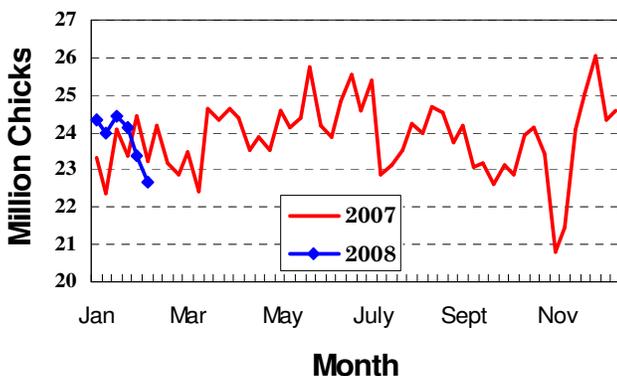
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 9, 2008, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

| Week Ending ¹ | Chicks Placed | | | Chicks Hatched | | | Eggs Set | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | % of Prev. Year | 2007 | 2008 | % of Prev. Year | 2007 | 2008 | % of Prev. Year |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | |
| Jan. 5 | 23,300 | 24,311 | 104 | 23,166 | 23,359 | 101 | 27,371 | 28,401 | 104 |
| Jan. 12 | 22,353 | 23,960 | 107 | 22,957 | 23,516 | 102 | 27,552 | 28,042 | 102 |
| Jan. 19 | 24,096 | 24,422 | 101 | 23,128 | 23,804 | 103 | 27,627 | 28,286* | 102 |
| Jan. 26 | 23,381 | 24,147 | 103 | 22,888 | 23,685 | 103 | 27,758 | 28,269 | 102 |
| Feb. 2 | 24,410 | 23,399 | 96 | 23,004 | 23,382 | 102 | 27,525 | 28,566 | 104 |
| Feb. 9 | 23,244 | 22,692 | 98 | 23,116 | 23,369 | 101 | 27,822 | 28,749 | 103 |

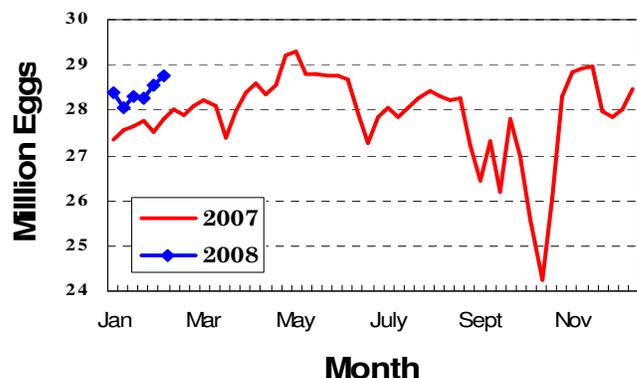
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 12, 2008 - February 9, 2008

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|--|
| | Week Ending | | | | | | Week Ending | | | | | | |
| | 12-Jan | 19-Jan | 26-Jan | 2-Feb | 9-Feb | % 1/ | 12-Jan | 19-Jan | 26-Jan | 2-Feb | 9-Feb | % 1/ | |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 32,012 | 32,173 * | 31,551 | 31,501 | 31,908 | 103 | 21,432 | 21,012 | 20,843 | 21,221 * | 20,876 | 106 | |
| Arkansas | 28,042 | 28,286 * | 28,269 | 28,566 | 28,749 | 103 | 23,960 | 24,422 | 24,147 | 23,399 | 22,692 | 98 | |
| Delaware | 4,057 | 4,026 | 4,162 | 4,095 * | 3,868 | 97 | 5,353 | 4,586 | 5,651 | 4,889 * | 4,917 | 107 | |
| Florida | 1,369 | 1,368 | 1,368 | 1,369 | 1,369 | 100 | 1,394 | 1,469 | 1,332 | 1,384 | 1,417 | 91 | |
| Georgia | 34,851 * | 35,121 * | 35,348 * | 35,796 * | 35,361 | 100 | 28,947 * | 28,519 * | 29,572 * | 27,723 * | 28,616 | 101 | |
| Kentucky | 7,570 | 7,306 * | 7,828 | 7,478 * | 7,861 | 103 | 6,177 * | 6,138 * | 5,959 * | 6,126 * | 6,229 | 93 | |
| Louisiana | 3,685 | 3,920 | 3,893 | 3,863 | 3,893 | 104 | 3,467 | 3,698 | 3,627 | 3,913 | 4,033 | 114 | |
| Maryland | 8,969 | 8,980 | 9,005 | 9,025 | 9,104 | 104 | 5,608 | 5,996 | 5,725 | 5,978 * | 6,197 | 104 | |
| Mississippi | 18,495 | 18,769 | 18,717 | 18,826 * | 18,661 | 98 | 17,622 | 17,337 | 16,482 | 16,803 * | 17,234 | 105 | |
| N. Carolina | 19,822 | 19,512 * | 19,624 | 19,548 | 19,506 | 106 | 16,012 | 16,299 | 15,687 | 16,384 | 16,078 | 108 | |
| Oklahoma | 6,585 | 6,351 * | 6,490 | 6,661 | 6,553 | 101 | 4,942 * | 4,723 * | 4,598 * | 4,752 | 5,086 | 106 | |
| Pennsylvania | 4,345 | 4,405 | 4,223 | 4,261 | 4,294 | 128 | 3,203 | 3,180 | 3,183 | 3,285 | 3,408 | 119 | |
| S. Carolina | 5,660 | 5,345 | 5,435 | 5,440 | 5,726 | 108 | 5,170 | 5,214 | 4,860 | 4,972 | 4,854 | 92 | |
| Texas | 14,934 | 15,586 * | 15,645 | 15,663 | 15,543 | 106 | 12,937 | 12,885 | 12,812 | 12,513 | 12,929 | 109 | |
| Virginia | 5,999 | 6,324 | 6,118 * | 6,326 * | 6,341 | 103 | 5,138 | 5,531 | 5,088 * | 5,108 * | 5,010 | 101 | |
| CA,MO,TN&WV | 19,049 * | 19,027 * | 19,657 * | 19,920 * | 19,562 | 100 | 17,150 * | 17,774 * | 17,846 * | 17,477 * | 17,148 | 107 | |
| 19 State Total | 215,444 * | 216,499 * | 217,333 * | 218,338 * | 218,299 | | 178,512 * | 178,783 * | 177,412 * | 175,927 | 176,724 | | |
| Prev. Year Total | 211,204 | 208,591 | 210,236 | 211,617 | 212,295 | | 171,178 | 172,806 | 171,642 | 171,953 | 170,798 | | |
| % of Prev. Year | 102 | 104 | 103 | 103 | 103 | | 104 | 103 | 103 | 102 | 103 | | |
| Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/ | | | | | | | 1-Mar | 8-Mar | 15-Mar | 22-Mar | 29-Mar | | |

* 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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 9, 2008. 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 9, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 9, 2008 were 1.07 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.