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

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.2 million during the week ending February 16, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but up 3 percent from the previous week. The placements included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.1 million, virtually unchanged from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82 percent.

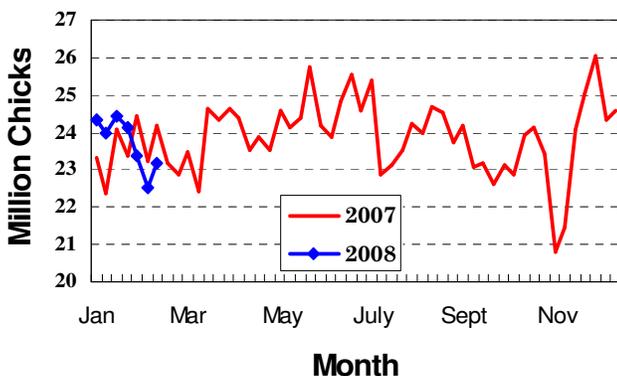
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 16, 2008, up 1 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending <sup>1</sup>	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. 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	22,526*	97	23,116	23,383*	101	27,822	28,518*	103
Feb. 16	24,192	23,171	96	23,086	23,081	100	27,995	28,156	101

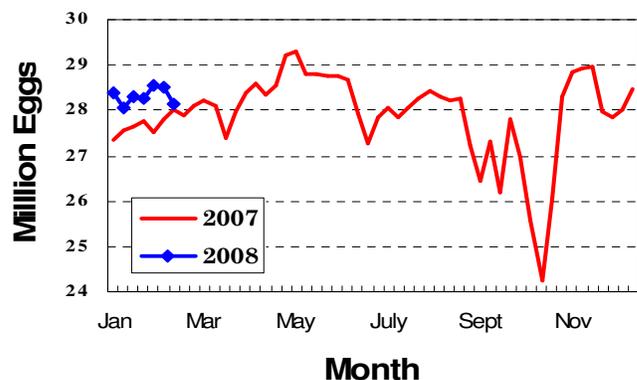
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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 19, 2008 - February 16, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending						Week Ending						
	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	% 1/	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	32,173	31,655 *	31,428 *	31,908	31,899	103	21,012	20,862 *	21,220 *	21,019 *	20,836	103	
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,286</b>	<b>28,269</b>	<b>28,566</b>	<b>28,518 *</b>	<b>28,156</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>24,422</b>	<b>24,147</b>	<b>23,399</b>	<b>22,526 *</b>	<b>23,171</b>	<b>96</b>	
Delaware	4,026	4,162	4,095	3,868	3,999	100	4,586	5,651	4,889	4,917	4,397	78	
Florida	1,368	1,368	1,369	1,369	1,369	101	1,469	1,332	1,384	1,417	1,382	87	
Georgia	35,121	35,523 *	35,895 *	35,460 *	35,318	99	28,519	29,572	27,825 *	28,747 *	28,930	100	
Kentucky	7,306	7,890 *	7,478	7,861	7,393	100	6,138	5,959	6,126	6,229	6,652	107	
Louisiana	3,920	3,893	3,863	3,984 *	3,924	102	3,698	3,627	3,913	4,033	3,606	100	
Maryland	8,980	9,005	9,025	9,104	9,067	103	5,996	5,725	5,978	6,197	7,230	139	
Mississippi	18,769	18,717	18,826	18,661	18,510	96	17,337	16,482	16,803	17,234	17,136	101	
N. Carolina	19,512	19,664 *	19,548	19,506	19,870	104	16,299	15,687	16,384	16,153 *	16,057	101	
Oklahoma	6,351	6,490	6,661	6,305 *	6,487	99	4,723	4,598	4,752	5,171 *	5,688	122	
Pennsylvania	4,405	4,223	4,261	4,334 *	4,391	107	3,180	3,183	3,256 *	3,339 *	3,208	119	
S. Carolina	5,345	5,435	5,440	5,714 *	5,693	104	5,214	4,860	4,972	4,789 *	5,061	122	
Texas	15,586	15,656 *	15,663	15,543	15,710	108	12,885	12,812	12,513	12,929	12,890	112	
Virginia	6,324	6,118	6,326	6,341	6,428	105	5,531	5,088	5,108	5,010	4,700	99	
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,027	19,657	19,920	19,548 *	19,817	101	17,774	17,846	17,477	17,164 *	16,897	108	
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>216,499</b>	<b>217,725 *</b>	<b>218,364 *</b>	<b>218,024 *</b>	<b>218,031</b>		<b>178,783</b>	<b>177,431 *</b>	<b>175,999 *</b>	<b>176,874 *</b>	<b>177,841</b>		
Prev. Year Total	208,591	210,236	211,617	212,295	214,750		172,806	171,642	171,953	170,798	171,611		
% of Prev. Year	104	104	103	103	102		103	103	102	104	104		
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/</b>							<b>8-Mar</b>	<b>15-Mar</b>	<b>22-Mar</b>	<b>29-Mar</b>	<b>5-Apr</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 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 2008. 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2008. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 16, 2008 were 1.24 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.