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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.1 million during the week ending March 8, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and up 8 percent from the previous week. The placements included 2.6 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 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

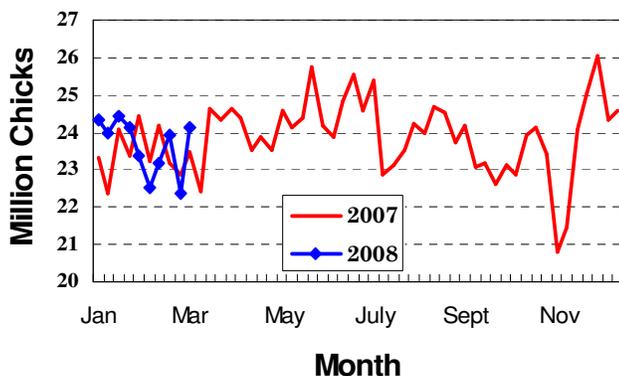
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 8, 2008, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and from the previous week.

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>		
Feb. 2	24,410	23,399	96	23,004	23,382	102	27,525	28,592	104
Feb. 9	23,244	22,526	97	23,116	23,383	101	27,822	27,784	100
Feb. 16	24,192	23,171	96	23,086	23,081	100	27,995	28,156	101
Feb. 23	23,169	23,908	103	22,816	23,291	102	27,872	28,455	102
Mar. 1	22,890	22,362	98	23,057	22,748	99	28,089	28,418	101
Mar. 8	23,452	24,135	103	23,128	23,568	102	28,240	28,061	99

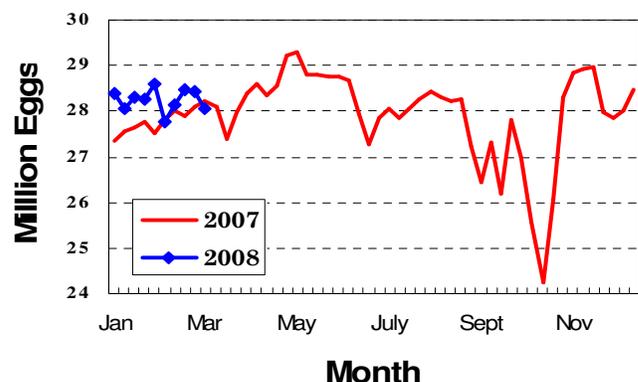
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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, February 9, 2008 - March 8, 2008**

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	% 1/	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,879	31,899	31,920	31,882 *	32,195	107	21,019	20,895 *	20,671 *	21,620 *	21,131	103
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>27,784</b>	<b>28,156</b>	<b>28,455</b>	<b>28,418</b>	<b>28,061</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>22,526</b>	<b>23,171</b>	<b>23,908</b>	<b>22,362</b>	<b>24,135</b>	<b>103</b>
Delaware	3,868	3,999	3,997 *	3,982 *	3,969	98	4,917	4,397	4,880 *	5,668 *	4,908	128
Florida	1,379	1,389 *	1,369	1,358	1,368	100	1,417	1,382	1,317	1,302	1,459	104
Georgia	35,460	35,318	35,314	35,129	35,088	99	28,747	29,045 *	29,334 *	28,745 *	29,438	102
Kentucky	7,432	7,371 *	7,922	8,017	8,019	106	5,812 *	6,563 *	6,439 *	6,348 *	5,718	89
Louisiana	3,984	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	102	4,033	3,606	3,835	3,747	3,897	113
Maryland	9,104	9,067	8,975	9,138	8,904	99	6,197	7,291	6,618 *	5,271 *	6,413	91
Mississippi	18,661	18,722 *	18,755	18,774	18,865	99	17,234	17,136	17,290	16,945	17,056	99
N. Carolina	19,796	19,970 *	19,775	20,142	19,995	103	16,153	16,257	16,404	16,322	16,694	105
Oklahoma	6,305	6,487	6,516	6,451	6,508	99	5,171	5,688	5,374	5,575 *	5,086	100
Pennsylvania	4,295	4,395 *	3,998 *	4,179 *	4,198	105	3,289	3,233 *	3,344 *	3,234 *	3,362	116
S. Carolina	5,714	5,693	5,518	5,800	5,585	104	4,789	4,243	4,306	5,336	3,987	83
Texas	15,708 *	15,806 *	15,869	15,948	15,977	107	12,930	12,890	12,827	12,970	13,296	109
Virginia	6,341	6,428	6,443	6,443	6,413	103	5,010	4,880	4,860	5,142	4,818	100
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,561	19,825	20,203	20,231	19,544	98	17,169	16,847	16,841	16,918	17,796	106
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>217,271 *</b>	<b>218,449 *</b>	<b>218,953 *</b>	<b>219,816 *</b>	<b>218,613</b>		<b>176,413 *</b>	<b>177,524 *</b>	<b>178,248 *</b>	<b>177,505 *</b>	<b>179,194</b>	
Prev. Year Total	212,295	214,750	214,659	216,547	215,392		170,798	171,611	172,634	173,482	174,818	
% of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	101		103	103	103	102	103	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/.....</b>							29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	

\* 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 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 2008. This was up 1 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 March 8, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 8, 2008 were 1.78 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.