

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent From Last Year

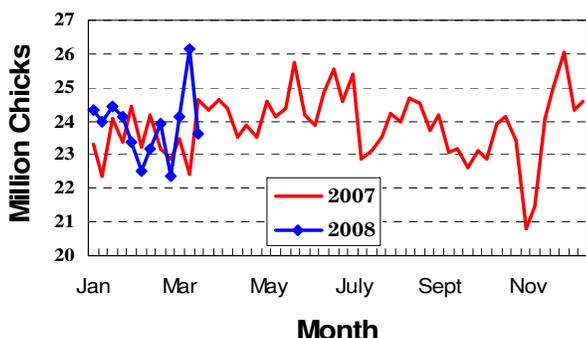
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 23.6 million during the week ending March 22, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2007 and down 10 percent from the previous week. Placements included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2007, through March 22, 2008, were 286 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 23.9 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

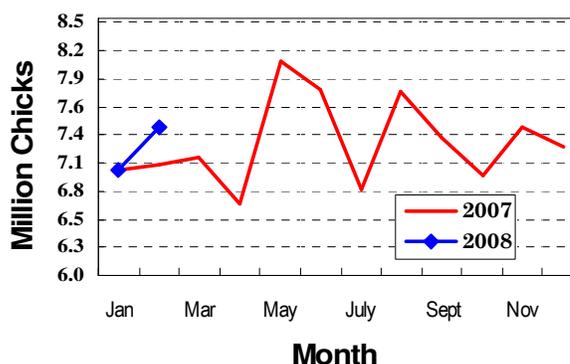
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 22, 2008, down 1 percent from last year and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.43 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2008, up 5 percent from February 2007.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2007-2008



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2007-2008



Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2007	2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Feb. 16	24,192	23,171	96
Feb. 23	23,169	23,908	103
Mar. 1	22,890	22,362	98
Mar. 8	23,452	24,135	103
Mar. 15	22,410	26,128	117
Mar. 22	24,627	23,625	96

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006-2007	2007-2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Sep.	7,063	7,327	104
Oct.	6,744	6,970	103
Nov.	7,618	7,438	98
Dec.	7,176	7,248	101
Jan.	7,015	7,012	100
Feb.	7,071	7,426	105

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

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 23, 2008 - March 22, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	23-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	% 1/	23-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,024	31,986 *	32,195	32,497	32,257	104	20,671	21,620	21,221	21,768	21,580	105
Arkansas	28,455	28,444 *	28,061	28,100	27,080	99	23,908	22,362	24,135	26,128	23,625	96
Delaware	3,997	3,982	3,969	3,960	3,983	98	4,880	5,668	4,939	5,058	5,338	93
Florida	1,369	1,403 *	1,368	1,369	1,414	103	1,317	1,302	1,459	1,353	1,305	99
Georgia	35,314	35,129	35,088	35,245	34,444	96	29,334	28,745	29,438	29,305	29,686	102
Kentucky	7,926 *	8,017	7,988	7,744	7,812	101	6,439	6,348	5,505	6,259 *	6,169	96
Louisiana	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,893	99	3,835	3,747	3,897	3,655	3,883	103
Maryland	8,975	9,138	8,904	9,097	8,833	99	6,618	5,271	6,403	5,836	5,745	101
Mississippi	18,907	18,774	18,865	19,031	18,802	98	17,282	16,945	17,056	17,438	17,307	101
N. Carolina	19,748	19,953 *	19,995	20,134 *	20,053	104	16,404	16,322	16,694	16,147 *	16,461	104
Oklahoma	6,516	6,451	6,508	6,387	6,497	97	5,374	5,575	5,086	3,606	4,613	101
Pennsylvania	3,998	4,179	4,130 *	4,457 *	4,205	111	3,344	3,234	3,315 *	3,072 *	3,236	103
S. Carolina	5,518	5,800	5,585	5,765 *	5,600	103	4,306	5,336	3,987	4,646	4,438	92
Texas	15,869	16,182 *	15,977	15,695	15,541	103	12,827	12,970	13,296	13,420	13,695	111
Virginia	6,443	6,443	6,413	6,080	6,621	103	4,860	5,142	4,818	5,021	5,128	112
CA,MO,TN & WW	20,283	20,030	20,084	19,598	19,756	100	16,841	16,918	17,866	17,372	18,752	116
19 State Total	219,266 *	219,835 *	219,054 *	219,083 *	216,791		178,240	177,505	179,115 *	180,084 *	180,961	
Prev. Year Total	214,659	216,547	215,392	215,713	215,836		172,634	173,482	174,818	174,417	175,877	
% of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	100		103	102	102	103	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/							12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	10-May	

* 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 Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 22, 2008. This was up slightly 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 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 22, 2008 were 2.14 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.