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

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.8 million during the week ending April 5, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but up 1 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 23.7 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

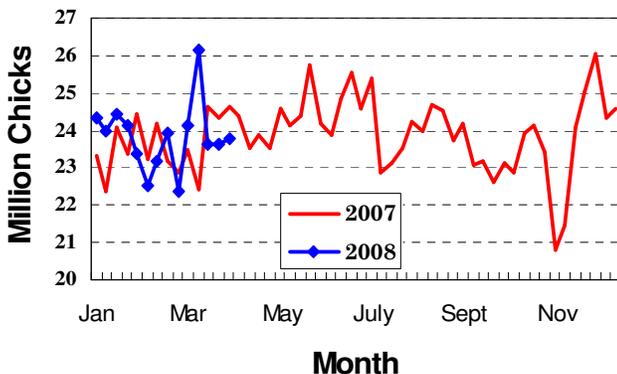
Arkansas hatcheries set 26.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 5, 2008, down 6 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

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>		
Mar. 1	22,890	22,362	98	23,057	22,748	99	28,089	28,444	101
Mar. 8	23,452	24,135	103	23,128	23,568	102	28,240	28,124	100
Mar. 15	22,410	26,128	117	23,023	23,829	104	28,079	28,100	100
Mar. 22	24,627	23,625	96	23,231	23,870	103	27,393	27,080	99
Mar. 29	24,337	23,607	97	23,533	23,578	100	27,991	26,038	93
Apr. 5	24,608	23,798	97	23,548	23,690	101	28,374	26,530	94

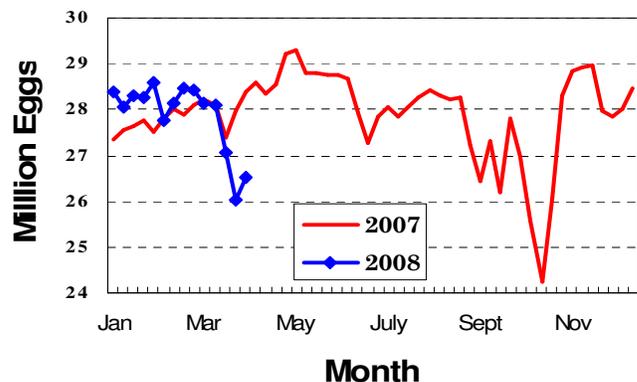
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* 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, March 8, 2008 - April 5, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	5-Apr	% 1/	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	5-Apr	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,195	32,300 *	32,257	32,323 *	32,572	103	21,221	21,768	21,579	22,103 *	21,879	107
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,124</b>	<b>28,100</b>	<b>27,080</b>	<b>26,038</b>	<b>26,530</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>24,135</b>	<b>26,128</b>	<b>23,625</b>	<b>23,607</b>	<b>23,798</b>	<b>97</b>
Delaware	3,969	3,960	3,957 *	4,065 *	4,089	100	4,939	5,058	5,191 *	5,203 *	5,157	101
Florida	1,418	1,414 *	1,414	1,419	1,413	102	1,459	1,353	1,305	1,353	1,291	89
Georgia	35,088	35,245	34,444	34,663	34,910	96	30,115	29,386	29,748	28,943 *	28,965	100
Kentucky	7,925	7,899 *	7,870	8,127	7,851	104	5,508	6,271	6,217	5,952	6,210	102
Louisiana	3,893	3,847	3,893	3,984	3,937	100	3,897	3,655	3,883	3,730	3,715	99
Maryland	8,904	9,097	8,831 *	8,939 *	9,095	101	6,403	5,836	5,989 *	5,561 *	6,448	108
Mississippi	18,865	19,031	18,802	18,863	18,926	100	17,056	17,438	17,307	17,262 *	17,340	98
N. Carolina	19,995	20,190 *	20,080	20,119 *	20,312	103	16,694	16,147	16,344	16,196 *	16,072	99
Oklahoma	6,508	6,387	6,497	6,135	6,394	96	5,086	3,606	4,613	4,913	5,173	109
Pennsylvania	4,130	4,457	4,294 *	4,231 *	4,307	105	3,317	3,077	3,240 *	3,240 *	3,446	115
S. Carolina	5,585	5,765	5,600	5,436	5,501	99	3,987	4,646	4,438	4,877	5,100	106
Texas	16,006 *	15,686 *	15,531 *	15,732 *	15,683	105	13,320 *	13,444 *	13,719 *	13,573 *	13,099	102
Virginia	6,413	6,080	6,621	6,350	6,269	97	4,818	5,021	5,149	5,448	4,694	91
CA,MO,TN&WV	20,347 *	19,567 *	19,743 *	19,974 *	20,028	99	17,849 *	17,503 *	18,701 *	18,306 *	17,739	113
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>219,365 *</b>	<b>219,025 *</b>	<b>216,914 *</b>	<b>216,398 *</b>	<b>217,817</b>		<b>179,804 *</b>	<b>180,337 *</b>	<b>181,048 *</b>	<b>180,267 *</b>	<b>180,126</b>	
Prev. Year Total	215,392	215,713	215,836	216,641	219,106		174,818	174,417	175,877	175,861	176,469	
% of Prev. Year	102	102	100	100	99		103	103	103	103	102	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/</b>							<b>26-Apr</b>	<b>3-May</b>	<b>10-May</b>	<b>17-May</b>	<b>24-May</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 Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 5, 2008. This was down 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2008. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 5, 2008 were 2.50 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.