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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 5 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.2 million during the week ending April 12, 2008. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 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 22.9 million, down slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 85 percent.

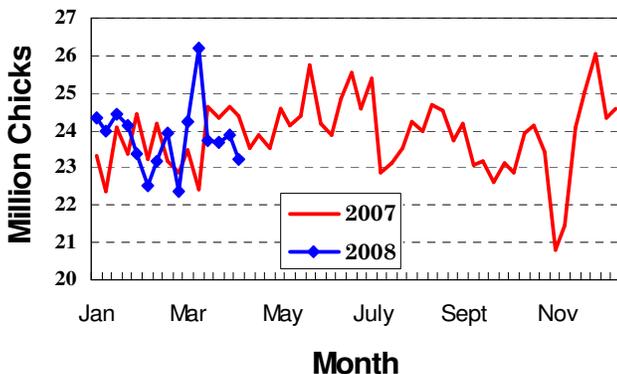
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 12, 2008, down 5 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

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>		
Mar. 8	23,452	24,210*	103	23,128	23,568	102	28,240	28,124	100
Mar. 15	22,410	26,218*	117	23,023	23,829	104	28,079	28,100	100
Mar. 22	24,627	23,727*	96	23,231	23,870	103	27,393	27,080	99
Mar. 29	24,337	23,655*	97	23,533	23,578	100	27,991	26,038	93
Apr. 5	24,608	23,889*	97	23,548	23,690	101	28,374	26,530	94
Apr. 12	24,406	23,223	95	23,032	22,944	100	28,586	27,136	95

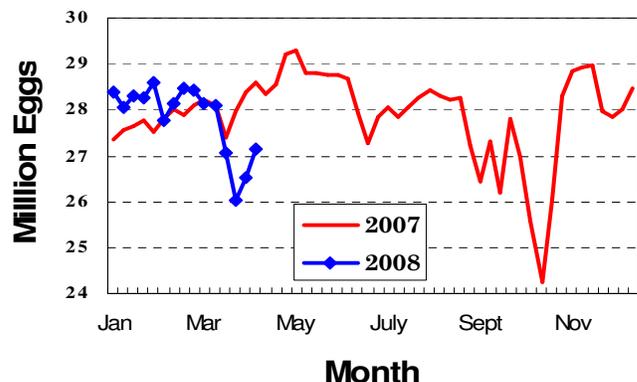
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, March 15, 2008 - April 12, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending						Week Ending						
	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	% 1/	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	32,300	31,727 *	32,323	32,574 *	31,927	102	21,768	21,579	22,103	21,853 *	21,317	104	
Arkansas	28,100	27,080	26,038	26,530	27,136	95	26,218 *	23,727 *	23,655 *	23,889 *	23,223	95	
Delaware	3,960	3,957	4,065	4,090 *	4,027	96	5,058	5,191	5,203	4,902 *	4,804	91	
Florida	1,414	1,414	1,419	1,413	1,413	103	1,353	1,305	1,353	1,291	1,333	80	
Georgia	35,245	34,426 *	34,663	34,911 *	34,137	96	29,386	29,748	28,943	28,899 *	28,216	98	
Kentucky	7,959 *	7,718 *	8,127	7,909 *	7,902	104	6,271	6,165 *	5,929 *	6,229 *	6,316	118	
Louisiana	3,847	3,712 *	3,984	3,937	3,712	95	3,655	3,883	3,730	3,715	3,726	98	
Maryland	9,097	8,831	8,939	9,106 *	8,779	97	5,836	5,989	5,561	6,917 *	6,095	97	
Mississippi	19,031	19,164 *	18,863	18,926	19,242	101	17,438	17,307	17,262	17,340	17,375	99	
N. Carolina	20,190	20,233 *	20,119	20,312	20,370	102	16,147	16,344	16,196	16,072	16,658	106	
Oklahoma	6,455 *	6,497	6,135	6,368 *	6,580	91	3,605 *	4,613	4,913	5,173	5,632	122	
Pennsylvania	4,457	4,294	4,290 *	4,265 *	4,358	104	3,077	3,240	3,215 *	3,435 *	3,362	116	
S. Carolina	5,765	5,726 *	5,436	5,501	5,611	104	4,646	4,438	4,877	5,159 *	4,776	91	
Texas	15,686	15,531	15,732	15,683	15,574	104	13,444	13,719	13,573	13,109 *	13,010	101	
Virginia	6,080	6,621	6,350	6,269	6,416	98	5,021	5,149	5,448	5,069 *	5,720	117	
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,567	19,743	19,890 *	20,145 *	20,281	100	17,503	18,701	18,306	17,862 *	17,031	98	
19 State Total	219,153 *	216,674 *	216,373 *	217,939 *	217,465		180,426 *	181,098 *	180,267	180,914 *	178,594		
Prev. Year Total	215,611	215,509	216,513	218,877	219,385		174,791	176,045	176,014	177,141	177,312		
% of Prev. Year	102	101	100	100	99		103	103	102	102	101		
Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/							3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-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 Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 12, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2008. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 12, 2008 were 2.68 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.