

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.2 million during the week ending April 26, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but up 5 percent from the previous week.

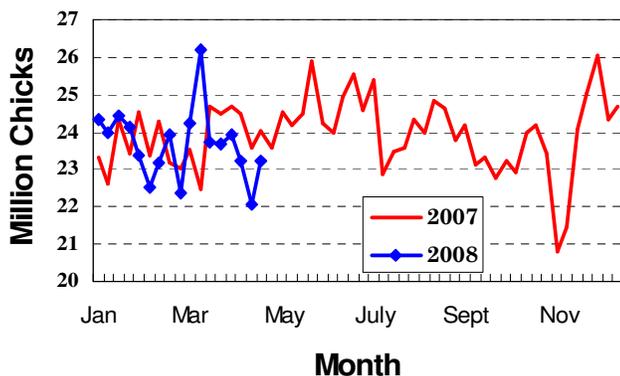
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 26, 2008, down 5 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Mar. 22	24,667	23,727	96	27,393	27,080	99
Mar. 29	24,458	23,655	97	27,991	26,038	93
Apr. 5	24,661	23,914*	97	28,374	26,966*	95
Apr. 12	24,500	23,223	95	28,586	27,171	95
Apr. 19	23,551	22,047*	94	28,327	27,408*	97
Apr. 26	24,018	23,230	97	28,547	27,071	95

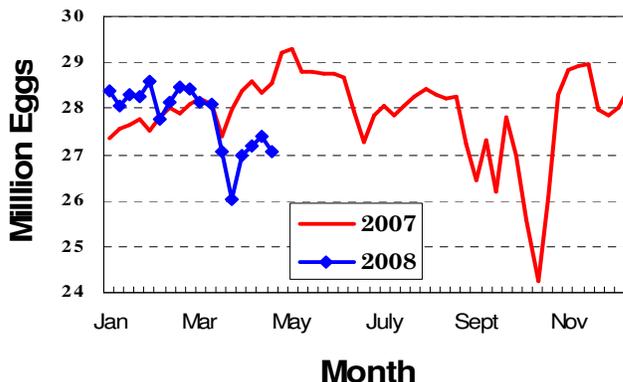
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 29, 2008 - April 26, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	% 1/	29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,597	31,799 *	31,838 *	31,928 *	32,248	102	22,103	21,853	21,303 *	21,674 *	20,738	101
Arkansas	26,038	26,966 *	27,171	27,408 *	27,071	95	23,655	23,914 *	23,233	22,047 *	23,230	97
Delaware	4,065	4,090	4,027	3,942	3,721	91	5,203	4,902	4,804	4,867	4,584	84
Florida	1,419	1,413	1,413	1,327	1,306	94	1,353	1,291	1,333	1,191	1,255	76
Georgia	34,663	34,911	34,137	34,651	33,997	95	28,943	28,899	28,232	28,784 *	29,038	99
Kentucky	8,111	8,042 *	7,902	7,702	7,391	96	5,929	6,229	6,054	6,589 *	6,683	113
Louisiana	3,712	3,937	3,712	3,712	3,712	95	3,730	3,715	3,726	3,607	3,344	86
Maryland	8,939	9,106	8,779	8,995	8,223	92	5,561	6,917	6,095	6,590	7,121	123
Mississippi	18,863	18,926	19,242	18,877	18,999	101	17,262	17,340	17,375	17,291	17,359	99
N. Carolina	19,419	19,609 *	19,589 *	19,587	19,714	99	16,196	16,072	15,997 *	15,649	16,118	98
Oklahoma	6,135	6,368	6,580	6,682 *	6,252	88	4,913	5,173	5,632	4,964	5,213	104
Pennsylvania	4,290	4,265	4,198	4,349 *	4,217	110	3,215	3,435	3,352	3,323 *	3,340	106
S. Carolina	5,436	5,391 *	5,611	5,406	5,420	96	4,877	5,159	4,776	4,418	4,434	82
Texas	15,732	15,683	15,574	15,063	15,333	101	13,573	13,109	13,010	13,097	12,719	100
Virginia	6,350	6,269	6,416	6,164	6,211	96	5,448	5,069	5,720	5,021	4,767	91
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,890	20,139	20,224	20,107 *	19,413	98	18,309 *	17,846	17,035	18,143 *	18,165	101
19 State Total	214,659 *	216,914 *	216,413 *	215,900 *	213,228		180,270 *	180,923 *	177,677 *	177,255 *	178,108	
Prev. Year Total	216,513	218,877	219,385	220,515	218,515		176,014	177,141	177,312	177,312	180,188	
% of Prev. Year	99	99	99	98	98		102	102	100	100	99	

* Revised in current week. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 2008. This was down 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 26, 2008 were 3.03 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.