

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.9 million during the week ending May 3, 2008. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

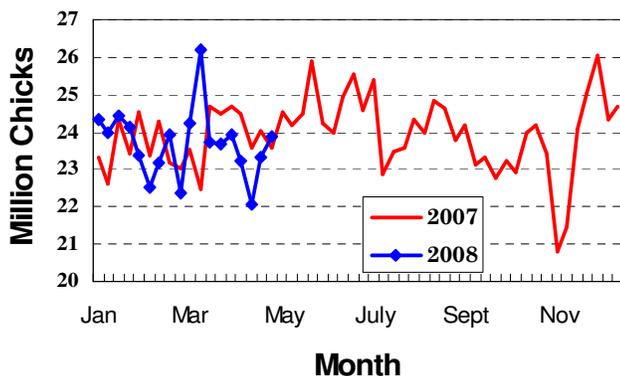
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 3, 2008, down 7 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Mar. 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	23,316*	97	28,547	27,071	95
May 3	23,581	23,873	101	29,219	27,317	93

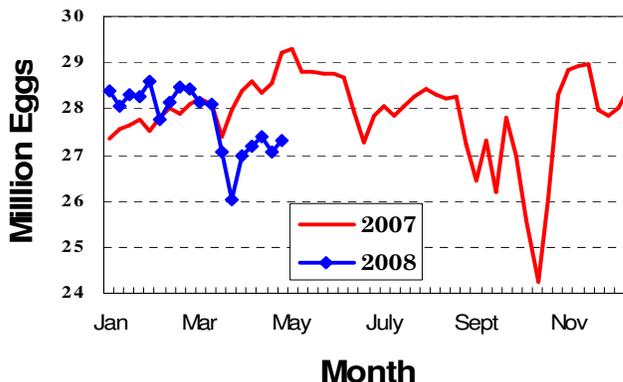
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, April 5, 2008 - May 3, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	% 1/	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,799	31,687 *	31,928	32,248	31,637	102	21,853	21,303	21,674	20,738	21,517	105
Arkansas	26,966	27,171	27,408	27,071	27,317	93	23,914	23,233	22,047	23,316 *	23,873	101
Delaware	4,090	4,027	3,942	3,721	3,721	89	4,902	4,804	4,867	4,584	4,851	101
Florida	1,413	1,413	1,327	1,306	1,346	98	1,291	1,333	1,191	1,255	1,145	73
Georgia	34,911	34,137	34,651	33,997	34,630	99	28,995 *	28,232	28,784	29,038	27,781	95
Kentucky	8,086 *	7,899 *	7,702	7,391	8,034	101	6,229	6,054	6,569 *	6,679 *	6,515	106
Louisiana	3,937	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	94	3,715	3,726	3,607	3,344	3,784	97
Maryland	9,106	8,779	8,995	8,223	8,812	100	6,917	6,095	6,590	7,121	6,258	110
Mississippi	18,926	18,879 *	18,877	18,999	18,266	97	17,340	17,375	17,291	17,359	17,060	98
N. Carolina	19,609	19,617 *	19,587	19,604 *	19,326	99	16,072	15,997	15,649	16,128 *	16,478	101
Oklahoma	6,368	6,580	6,682	6,252	6,655	95	5,173	5,632	4,964	5,213	4,447	79
Pennsylvania	4,265	4,198	4,323 *	4,202 *	4,148	104	3,435	3,352	3,270 *	3,323 *	3,207	98
S. Carolina	5,391	5,611	5,406	5,420	5,371	95	5,159	4,776	4,418	4,434	5,151	110
Texas	15,697 *	15,588 *	15,076 *	15,346 *	14,656	98	13,121 *	13,022 *	13,108 *	12,730 *	13,324	105
Virginia	6,269	6,174 *	6,164	6,211	6,369	98	5,069	5,720	5,021	4,767	4,860	79
CA,MO,TN&WV	20,139	20,224	20,107	19,433 *	19,567	97	17,846	17,035	18,143	18,127 *	16,983	92
19 State Total	216,972 *	215,696 *	215,887 *	213,136 *	213,567		181,031 *	177,689 *	177,193 *	178,156 *	177,234	
Prev. Year Total	218,877	219,385	220,515	218,515	218,353		177,141	177,312	177,312	180,188	180,084	
% of Prev. Year	99	98	98	98	98		102	100	100	99	98	

* 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 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 3, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 3, 2008 were 3.21 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.