

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.6 million during the week ending May 10, 2008. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 5 percent from the previous week.

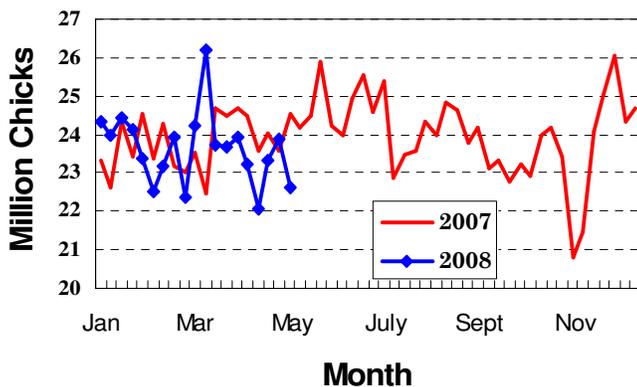
Arkansas hatcheries set 26.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 10, 2008, down 9 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
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	26,532*	94
Apr. 26	24,018	23,316	97	28,547	27,071	95
May 3	23,581	23,873	101	29,219	27,317	93
May 10	24,537	22,599	92	29,294	26,670	91

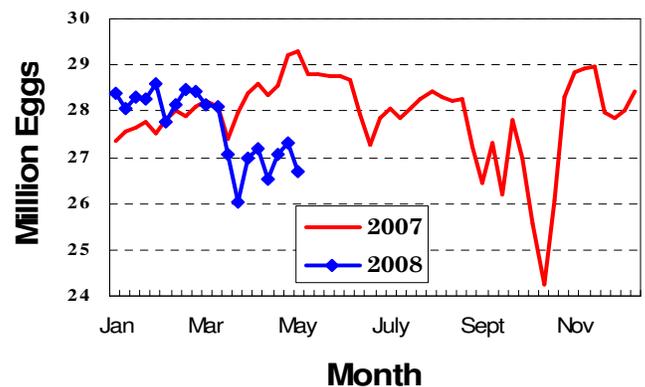
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 12, 2008 - May 10, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	10-May	% 1/	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	10-May	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,687	31,966 *	32,248	31,637	31,858	102	21,303	21,674	20,738	21,475 *	21,111	102
Arkansas	27,171	26,532 *	27,071	27,317	26,670	91	23,233	22,047	23,316	23,873	22,599	92
Delaware	4,027	3,942	3,721	3,721	3,718	91	4,804	4,867	4,584	4,851	5,746	108
Florida	1,413	1,327	1,306	1,346	1,336	97	1,333	1,191	1,255	1,145	1,271	67
Georgia	34,137	34,651	33,997	34,630	33,949	96	28,232	28,784	29,038	27,781	28,476	97
Kentucky	7,899	7,925 *	7,391	8,034	8,124	105	6,054	6,569	6,894 *	6,730 *	6,248	94
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	94	3,726	3,607	3,344	3,784	3,147	82
Maryland	8,779	8,995	8,223	8,812	8,840	99	6,095	6,590	7,121	6,258	6,021	92
Mississippi	18,879	18,877	18,999	18,266	18,893	99	17,375	17,291	17,359	17,060	17,145	98
N. Carolina	19,617	19,533 *	19,604	19,355 *	19,679	99	15,997	15,649	16,128	16,510 *	16,008	101
Oklahoma	6,580	6,682	6,252	6,655	6,822	95	5,632	4,964	5,213	4,447	5,430	112
Pennsylvania	4,318 *	4,400 *	4,193 *	4,188 *	4,272	106	3,346 *	3,271 *	3,212 *	3,244 *	3,283	103
S. Carolina	5,611	5,554 *	5,420	5,371	5,491	97	4,776	4,418	4,434	5,151	4,812	104
Texas	15,588	15,076	15,346	14,656	14,846	98	13,022	13,108	12,730	13,324	12,709	100
Virginia	6,174	5,791 *	6,211	6,369	5,939	91	5,720	5,021	4,767	4,860	4,077	92
CA,MO,TN&WV	20,333 *	19,966 *	19,477 *	19,605 *	19,551	95	17,060 *	18,201 *	18,143 *	17,051 *	18,447	99
19 State Total	215,925 *	214,929 *	213,171 *	213,674 *	213,700		177,708 *	177,252 *	178,276 *	177,544 *	176,530	
Prev. Year Total	219,385	220,515	218,515	218,353	219,938		177,312	177,312	180,188	180,084	180,594	
% of Prev. Year	98	97	98	98	97		100	100	99	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 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 2008. This was down 3 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 10, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 10, 2008 were 3.39 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.