

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.6 million during the week ending May 17, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but up slightly from the previous week.

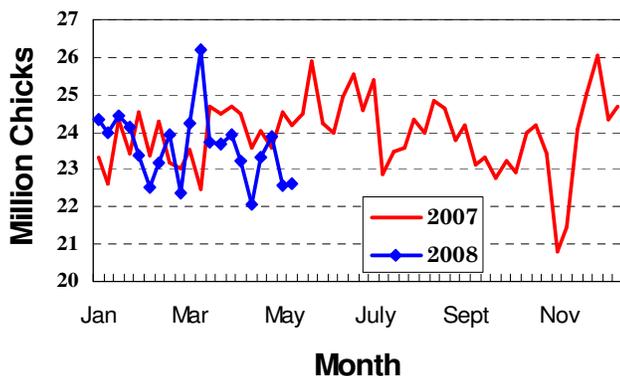
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 17, 2008, down 6 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Apr. 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	22,589*	92	29,294	26,611*	91
May 17	24,188	22,624	94	28,818	27,150	94

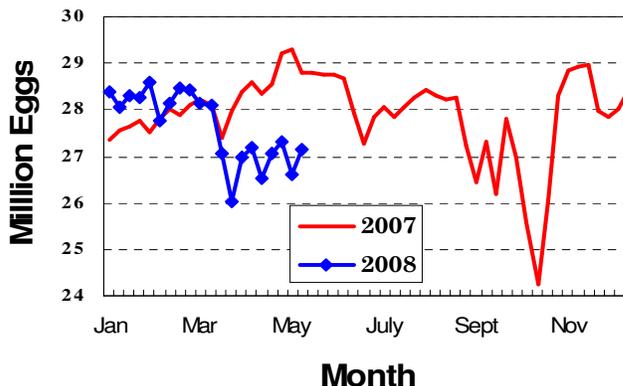
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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 19, 2008 - May 17, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	10-May	17-May	% 1/	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	10-May	17-May	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,966	32,212 *	31,637	31,858	32,089	102	21,674	20,738	21,475	21,111	21,200	98
Arkansas	26,532	27,071	27,317	26,611 *	27,150	94	22,047	23,316	23,873	22,589 *	22,624	94
Delaware	3,942	3,721	3,721	3,718	3,726	91	4,867	4,584	4,851	5,746	4,625	94
Florida	1,327	1,331 *	1,346	1,336	1,331	103	1,191	1,255	1,145	1,271	1,138	77
Georgia	34,651	33,997	34,630	34,053 *	34,854	98	28,784	29,038	27,781	28,571 *	28,094	101
Kentucky	7,925	7,255 *	8,034	8,124	8,125	101	6,467 *	6,793 *	6,730	6,248	5,434	86
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,650	93	3,607	3,344	3,784	3,147	3,634	92
Maryland	8,995	8,223	8,812	8,840	8,791	99	6,590	7,121	6,258	6,021	5,337	86
Mississippi	18,877	18,999	18,266	18,893	19,060	101	17,291	17,359	17,060	17,145	17,383	102
N. Carolina	19,533	19,475 *	19,355	19,631 *	19,711	100	15,649	16,128	16,510	16,014 *	16,120	100
Oklahoma	6,578 *	6,353 *	6,655	6,782 *	6,859	93	4,964	5,213	4,447	5,430	5,395	115
Pennsylvania	4,400	4,193	4,188	4,323 *	4,266	106	3,277 *	3,254 *	3,243 *	3,272 *	3,318	117
S. Carolina	5,554	5,420	5,371	5,491	5,718	102	4,418	4,434	5,151	4,812	4,997	89
Texas	15,076	15,346	14,656	14,846	15,477	102	13,108	12,730	13,324	12,709	12,859	100
Virginia	5,791	6,211	6,369	5,939	6,427	99	5,021	4,767	4,860	4,077	5,302	101
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,966	19,700 *	19,641 *	19,640 *	20,205	98	18,201	18,143	17,050 *	18,442 *	18,014	101
19 State Total	214,825 *	213,219 *	213,710 *	213,797 *	217,439		177,156 *	178,217 *	177,542 *	176,605 *	175,474	
Prev. Year Total	220,515	218,515	218,353	219,938	219,938		177,686	180,188	180,084	180,594	178,545	
% of Prev. Year	97	98	98	97	99		100	99	99	98	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 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 17, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 17, 2008 were 3.56 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.