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Broiler Hatchery

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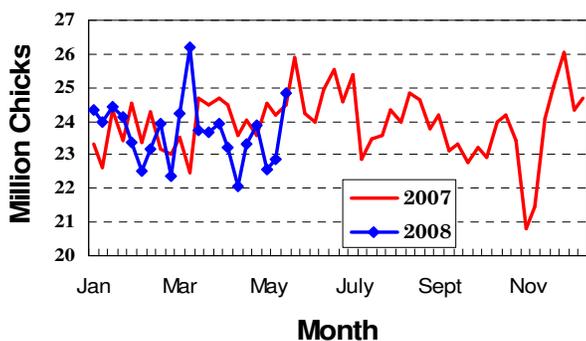
Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 24.8 million during the week ending May 24, 2008. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2007 and up 9 percent from the previous week.

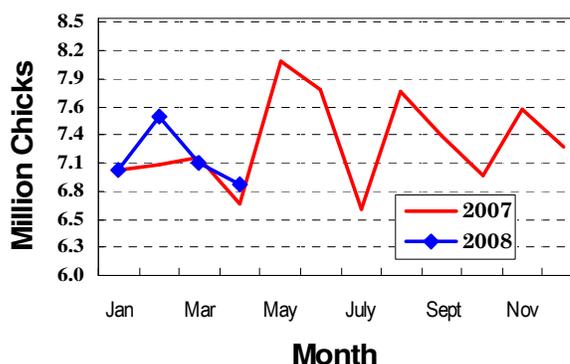
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 24, 2008, down 5 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.87 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2008, up 3 percent from April 2007.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2007-2008



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2007-2008



Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2007	2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Apr. 19	23,551	22,047	94
Apr. 26	24,018	23,316	97
May 3	23,581	23,873	101
May 10	24,537	22,589	92
May 17	24,188	22,853*	94
May 24	24,471	24,833	101

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006-2007	2007-2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
Nov.	7,618	7,606	100
Dec.	7,176	7,248	101
Jan.	7,015	7,012	100
Feb.	7,071	7,536	107
Mar.	7,135	7,090	99
Apr.	6,692	6,867	103

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised

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					
	26-Apr	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	% 1/	26-Apr	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,212	31,637	31,858	32,089	31,900	102	20,738	21,475	21,111	21,200	21,743	107
Arkansas	27,071	27,317	26,611	27,150	27,244	95	23,316	23,873	22,589	22,853 *	24,833	101
Delaware	3,721	3,721	3,718	3,728 *	3,717	90	4,584	4,851	5,746	4,321 *	4,949	109
Florida	1,331	1,346	1,336	1,331	1,336	98	1,255	1,145	1,271	1,138	1,136	80
Georgia	33,997	34,630	34,053	34,854	34,500	97	29,038	27,781	28,571	28,094	29,100	99
Kentucky	7,255	8,089 *	8,124	8,125	8,110	104	6,793	6,730	6,246 *	5,434	6,197	92
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,650	3,682	94	3,344	3,784	3,147	3,634	3,474	87
Maryland	8,223	8,812	8,840	8,796 *	8,771	99	7,121	6,258	6,021	5,712 *	6,008	92
Mississippi	18,999	18,266	18,893	19,060	18,948	99	17,359	17,060	17,145	17,383	16,556	98
N. Carolina	19,475	19,314 *	19,631	19,711	19,815	101	16,128	16,510	16,014	16,120	16,089	102
Oklahoma	6,353	6,655	6,782	6,859	6,761	95	5,213	4,447	5,430	5,136 *	3,882	74
Pennsylvania	4,193	4,231 *	4,442 *	4,345 *	4,334	105	3,254	3,234 *	3,254 *	3,298 *	3,250	104
S. Carolina	5,420	5,371	5,491	5,718	5,556	93	4,434	5,151	4,812	4,997	4,618	104
Texas	15,346	14,656	14,846	15,477	15,495	100	12,730	13,324	12,709	12,859	12,535	99
Virginia	6,211	6,444 *	5,939	6,429 *	6,257	97	4,767	4,948 *	4,077	5,113 *	4,976	92
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,700	19,641	19,640	20,205	20,027	100	18,143	17,050	18,442	18,014	17,229	96
19 State Total	213,219	213,842 *	213,916 *	217,527 *	216,453		178,217	177,621 *	176,585 *	175,306 *	176,575	
Prev. Year Total	218,515	218,353	219,938	219,938	219,527		180,188	180,084	180,594	178,545	179,069	
% of Prev. Year	98	98	97	99	99		99	99	98	98	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 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 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 84 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 24, 2008 were 3.74 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.