

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 23.7 million during the week ending May 31, 2008. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 5 percent from the previous week.

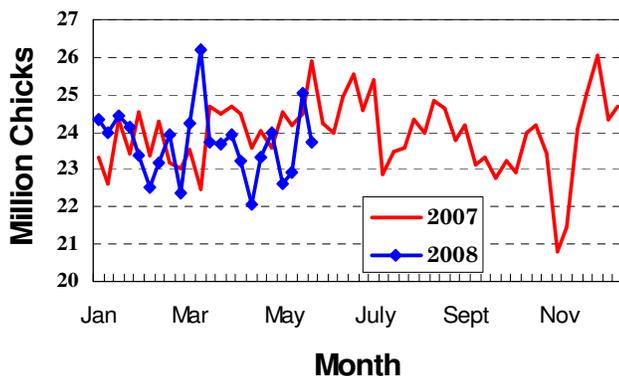
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 31, 2008, down 6 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Apr. 26	24,018	23,338*	97	28,547	27,071	95
May 3	23,581	23,995*	102	29,219	27,317	93
May 10	24,537	22,615*	92	29,294	26,611	91
May 17	24,188	22,940*	95	28,818	27,150	94
May 24	24,471	25,035*	102	28,790	27,244	95
May 31	25,876	23,736	92	28,778	27,138	94

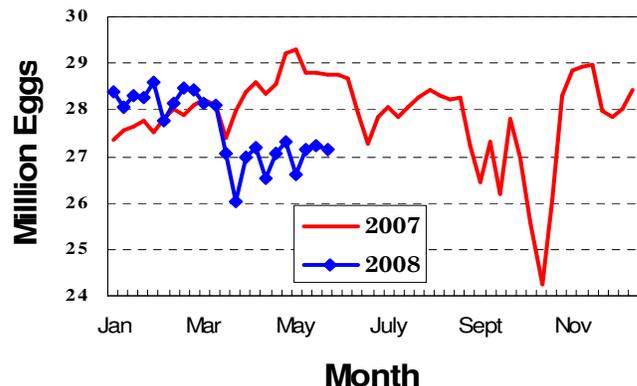
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* 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, May 3, 2008 - May 31, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	% 1/	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,637	31,858	32,089	31,905 *	32,156	102	21,475	21,111	21,200	21,782 *	20,382	95
Arkansas	27,317	26,611	27,150	27,244	27,138	94	23,995 *	22,615 *	22,940 *	25,035 *	23,736	92
Delaware	3,721	3,718	3,728	3,717	3,721	89	4,851	5,746	4,321	4,949	5,206	105
Florida	1,346	1,336	1,331	1,336	1,346	97	1,145	1,271	1,138	1,136	1,383	94
Georgia	34,630	34,041 *	34,854	34,509 *	34,004	96	27,781	28,571	28,094	28,981 *	28,628	99
Kentucky	8,102 *	8,159 *	8,125	8,213 *	8,154	103	6,730	6,246	5,431 *	6,177 *	6,117	93
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,650	3,682	3,620	92	3,784	3,147	3,634	3,474	3,683	102
Maryland	8,812	8,840	8,796	8,771	8,601	97	6,258	6,021	5,712	6,008	5,602	89
Mississippi	18,266	18,893	19,060	18,948	18,981	100	17,060	17,145	17,383	16,614 *	17,259	100
N. Carolina	19,314	19,740 *	19,711	19,587 *	19,577	99	16,510	16,014	16,120	16,087 *	16,076	101
Oklahoma	7,215 *	7,446 *	7,399 *	7,301 *	7,204	100	4,445 *	5,430	5,136	3,883 *	4,608	80
Pennsylvania	4,231	4,232 *	4,405 *	4,442 *	4,523	115	3,234	3,262 *	3,254 *	3,261 *	3,220	106
S. Carolina	5,371	5,491	5,718	5,556	5,490	99	5,151	4,812	4,997	4,618	4,756	100
Texas	14,656	14,846	15,477	15,495	15,609	102	13,324	12,709	12,859	12,535	12,424	97
Virginia	6,444	5,939	6,429	6,257	6,242	97	4,948	4,077	5,113	4,976	4,858	91
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,641	19,640	19,889 *	19,723	20,114	101	17,050	18,442	18,014	17,271 *	17,632	109
19 State Total	214,415 *	214,502 *	217,811 *	216,686 *	216,480		177,741 *	176,619 *	175,346 *	176,787 *	175,570	
Prev. Year Total	218,353	219,938	219,938	219,527	218,990		180,084	180,594	178,545	179,069	180,055	
% of Prev. Year	98	98	99	99	99		99	98	98	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 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 31, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 31, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 31, 2008 were 3.92 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.