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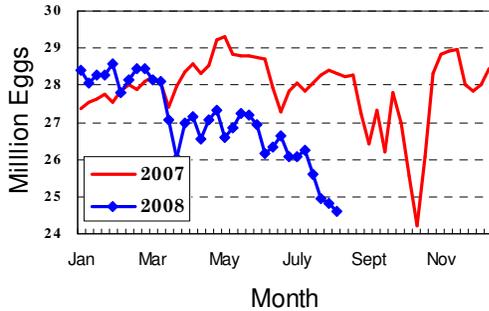
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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

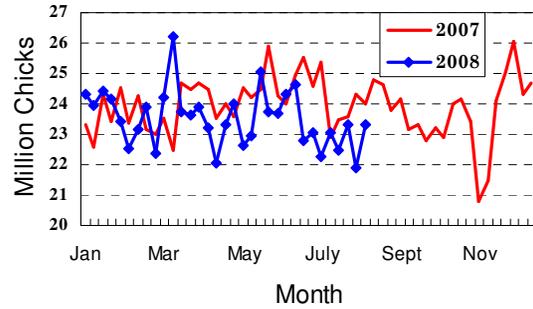
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.3 million during the week ending August 16, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but up 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 16, 2008, down 13 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

**Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008**



**Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008**



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, July 19, 2008 - August 16, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	19-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	19-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	30,988	30,737	29,630	29,855	29,845	21,112	20,686	21,021	21,452 *	21,466
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>26,250</b>	<b>25,591 *</b>	<b>24,958</b>	<b>24,801 *</b>	<b>24,608</b>	<b>23,028</b>	<b>22,469</b>	<b>23,314</b>	<b>21,884 *</b>	<b>23,324</b>
Delaware	3,629	3,653 *	3,657	3,644	3,631	4,388	3,949	4,497	4,959 *	5,213
Florida	1,323	1,231 *	1,271	1,306	1,316	1,227	1,180	1,282	1,134	1,032
Georgia	33,591	33,274	32,701	32,918	32,590	27,913	27,048	28,161	27,630 *	27,736
Kentucky	8,051	7,967 *	7,974	7,739	7,789	5,390	6,420	5,912	6,115	6,115
Louisiana	3,621	3,621	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,465	3,572	3,359	3,757	3,269
Maryland	8,762	8,919	8,763	8,811 *	8,871	5,454	5,851	6,316	5,555 *	5,866
Mississippi	18,732	18,560	18,561	18,598	18,160	16,553	16,717	16,826	16,845	16,794
N. Carolina	18,615	19,303 *	19,076 *	19,055 *	19,101	15,849	15,295	15,021	15,566	15,725
Oklahoma	6,947	6,855 *	6,863	6,658 *	6,998	5,103	4,919	3,910	5,155 *	3,618
Pennsylvania	4,511	4,492	4,339 *	4,239 *	4,066	3,406	3,219	3,319 *	3,381 *	3,421
S. Carolina	5,659	5,494	5,528	5,309	5,645	4,737	4,624	4,819	4,789	4,676
Texas	15,633	14,993	14,632	15,034	15,489	12,350	13,214	13,080	13,113	12,493
Virginia	6,328	6,388	6,250	6,250	6,325	5,407	5,449	4,557	5,080	5,283
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,980	18,894	19,198	19,105 *	19,092	17,059	16,367	17,506	16,756 *	17,085
19 State Total	211,620	209,972 *	206,871 *	206,792 *	206,996	172,441	170,979	172,900 *	173,171 *	173,116
Prev. Year Total	216,979	217,989	216,255	217,312	216,594	172,031	176,538	179,654	177,691	178,515
% of Prev. Year	98	96	96	95	96	100	97	96	97	97

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 16, 2008. This was down 4 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 16, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 16, 2008 were 5.85 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.