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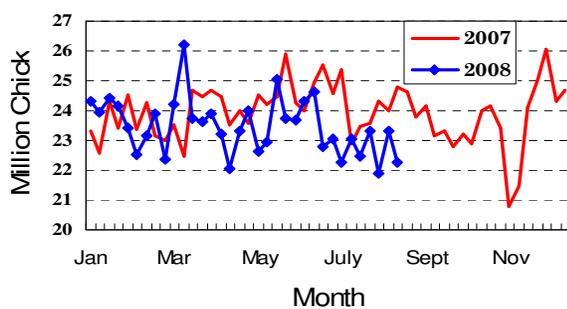
Arkansas Chick Placements Down 10 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.2 million during the week ending August 23, 2008. Placements were down 10 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 5 percent from the previous week.

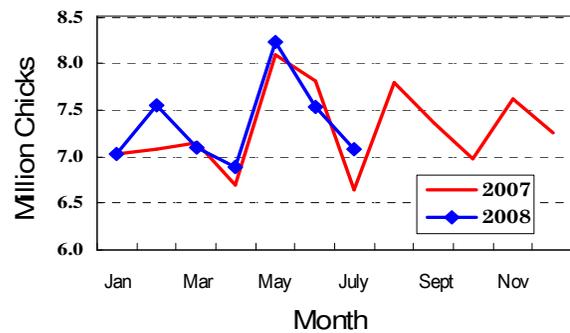
Arkansas hatcheries set 24.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 23, 2008, down 12 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.07 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2008, up 6 percent from July 2007.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



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



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, July 26, 2008 - August 23, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	26-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	26-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	30,737	29,539 *	29,855	29,846 *	29,694	20,686	21,021	21,452	21,432 *	20,609
Arkansas	25,591	25,143 *	24,801	24,608	24,764	22,469	23,314	21,884	23,301 *	22,247
Delaware	3,653	3,657	3,644	3,631	3,543	3,949	4,497	4,959	5,213	4,874
Florida	1,231	1,281 *	1,306	1,316	1,306	1,180	1,282	1,134	1,032	1,124
Georgia	33,274	32,840 *	32,918	32,590	32,694	27,048	28,161	27,630	27,560 *	27,722
Kentucky	7,968 *	7,927 *	7,739	7,790 *	7,741	6,420	5,911 *	6,105 *	6,512 *	6,222
Louisiana	3,621	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,501	3,572	3,359	3,757	3,269	3,659
Maryland	8,919	8,900 *	8,811	8,871	8,738	5,851	6,316	5,555	5,933 *	5,987
Mississippi	18,560	18,561	18,598	18,160	18,428	16,717	16,826	16,845	16,815 *	16,632
N. Carolina	19,294 *	18,810 *	19,055	19,114 *	18,856	15,295	15,021	15,566	15,741 *	15,557
Oklahoma	6,855	7,063 *	6,658	6,998	7,008	4,919	3,910	5,155	3,618	4,521
Pennsylvania	4,492	4,339	4,239	4,002 *	3,992	3,219	3,319	3,381	3,408 *	3,206
S. Carolina	5,494	5,528	5,309	5,645	5,735	4,624	4,819	4,789	4,676	4,333
Texas	14,993	14,632	15,034	15,489	15,498	13,214	13,080	13,113	12,493	12,318
Virginia	6,388	6,250	6,250	6,325	6,313	5,449	4,557	5,080	5,283	5,592
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,894	19,198	19,096 *	18,904 *	19,006	16,367	17,506	16,756	16,896 *	15,925
19 State Total	209,964 *	207,138 *	206,783 *	206,759 *	206,817	170,979	172,899 *	173,161 *	173,182 *	170,528
Prev. Year Total	217,989	216,255	217,312	216,594	215,662	176,538	179,654	177,691	178,515	177,243
% of Prev. Year	96	96	95	95	96	97	96	97	97	96

* 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 23, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 23, 2008 were 6.02 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.