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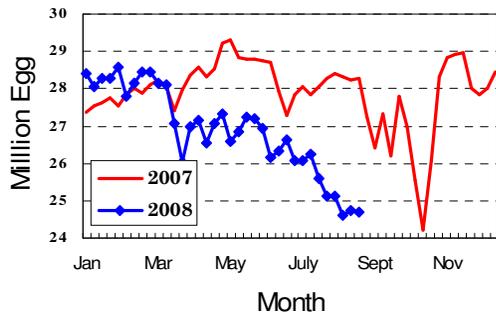
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**Arkansas Chick Placements Down 11 Percent from Last Year**

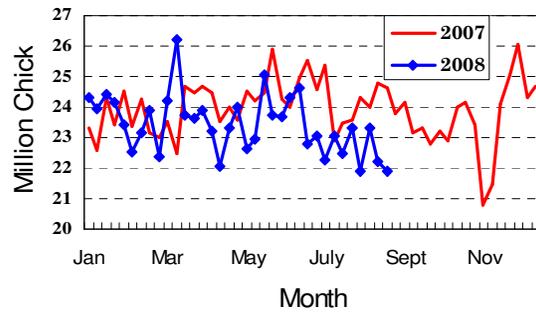
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.9 million during the week ending August 30, 2008. Placements were down 11 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 30, 2008, down 13 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly 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, August 2, 2008 - August 30, 2008**

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,539	29,855	29,846	29,694	29,948	21,021	21,452	21,432	20,609	20,485
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>25,143</b>	<b>25,107 *</b>	<b>24,608</b>	<b>24,742 *</b>	<b>24,697</b>	<b>23,314</b>	<b>21,884</b>	<b>23,301</b>	<b>22,221 *</b>	<b>21,874</b>
Delaware	3,657	3,644	3,631	3,543	3,506	4,497	4,959	5,213	4,874	4,760
Florida	1,281	1,326 *	1,316	1,306	1,326	1,282	1,134	1,032	1,124	1,197
Georgia	32,840	33,473 *	32,590	32,794 *	32,905	28,161	27,630	27,560	27,700 *	27,233
Kentucky	7,927	7,723 *	7,790	7,741	7,339	5,911	6,105	6,512	6,222	6,358
Louisiana	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,501	3,478	3,359	3,757	3,269	3,659	3,394
Maryland	8,900	8,811	8,871	8,738	8,696	6,316	5,555	5,933	5,987	6,226
Mississippi	18,561	18,598	18,160	18,428	17,853	16,826	16,845	16,815	16,632	16,751
N. Carolina	18,810	18,890 *	18,943 *	18,856	19,021	15,021	15,566	15,741	15,620 *	15,872
Oklahoma	7,063	6,477 *	6,998	7,076 *	7,117	3,910	5,154 *	3,618	4,539 *	4,830
Pennsylvania	4,339	4,028 *	4,002	3,850 *	4,255	3,328 *	3,390 *	3,414 *	3,207 *	3,056
S. Carolina	5,528	5,309	5,645	5,735	5,844	4,819	4,789	4,676	4,333	4,624
Texas	14,632	15,034	15,489	15,498	14,935	13,080	13,113	12,493	12,318	12,556
Virginia	6,250	6,250	6,325	6,313	6,249	4,557	5,080	5,283	5,592	4,525
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,198	18,951 *	18,904	18,901 *	18,248	17,506	16,756	16,896	16,162 *	15,977
19 State Total	207,138	206,946 *	206,588 *	206,716 *	205,417	172,908 *	173,169 *	173,188 *	170,799 *	169,718
Prev. Year Total	216,255	217,312	216,594	215,662	215,502	179,654	177,691	178,515	177,243	176,942
% of Prev. Year	96	95	95	96	95	96	97	97	96	96

\* Revised in current week.

**Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 5 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 30, 2008. This was down 5 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 30, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 30, 2008 were 6.19 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.