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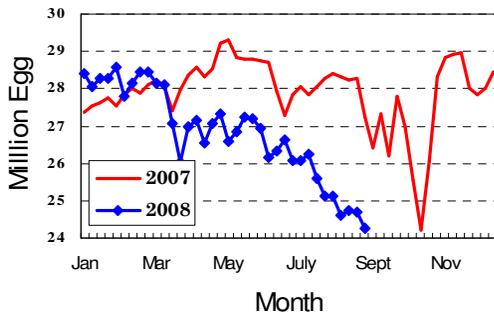
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**Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent from Last Year**

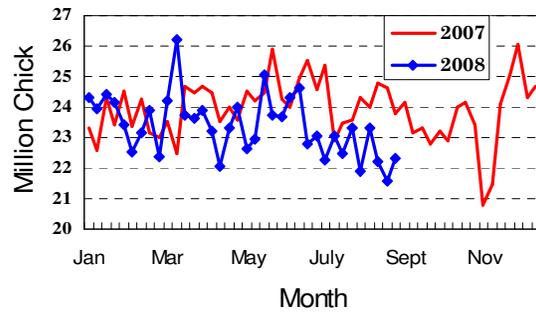
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.3 million during the week ending September 6, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but up 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 6, 2008, down 11 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 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, August 9, 2008 - September 6, 2008**

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	6-Sep	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	6-Sep
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,855	29,922 *	29,694	29,951 *	29,747	21,452	21,432	20,609	20,496 *	21,185
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>25,107</b>	<b>24,608</b>	<b>24,742</b>	<b>24,697</b>	<b>24,277</b>	<b>21,884</b>	<b>23,301</b>	<b>22,221</b>	<b>21,575 *</b>	<b>22,340</b>
Delaware	3,644	3,631	3,544 *	3,494 *	3,479	4,959	5,213	4,978 *	5,131 *	4,977
Florida	1,326	1,346 *	1,306	1,326	1,326	1,134	1,032	1,124	1,278 *	1,051
Georgia	33,473	32,822 *	32,794	32,860 *	32,032	27,630	27,560	27,700	27,317 *	26,821
Kentucky	7,683 *	7,744 *	7,741	7,339	7,428	6,105	6,512	6,219 *	6,345 *	6,517
Louisiana	3,470	3,470	3,501	3,501 *	3,501	3,757	3,269	3,659	3,521 *	3,243
Maryland	8,811	8,871	8,738	8,696	7,578	5,555	5,933	5,897 *	5,950 *	5,519
Mississippi	18,598	18,160	18,428	17,853	17,666	16,845	16,815	16,632	16,751	16,258
N. Carolina	18,890	18,797 *	18,856	19,011 *	18,546	15,566	15,741	15,620	15,883 *	15,655
Oklahoma	6,477	7,168 *	7,076	7,122 *	6,920	5,154	3,618	4,539	5,076 *	5,050
Pennsylvania	4,028	4,002	3,850	4,366 *	4,037	3,390	3,414	3,207	3,131 *	3,102
S. Carolina	5,309	5,645	5,735	5,844	5,208	4,789	4,676	4,333	4,624	5,130
Texas	15,035 *	15,486 *	15,494 *	14,932 *	15,290	13,114 *	12,494 *	12,319 *	12,557 *	12,941
Virginia	6,250	6,325	6,313	6,249	6,294	5,080	5,283	5,592	4,525	4,720
CA,MO,TN&WV	18,951	18,904	18,873 *	17,991 *	18,497	16,756	16,896	16,181 *	15,991 *	15,352
19 State Total	206,907 *	206,901 *	206,685 *	205,232 *	201,826	173,170 *	173,189 *	170,830 *	170,151 *	169,861
Prev. Year Total	217,312	216,594	215,662	215,502	208,821	177,691	178,515	177,243	176,942	175,893
% of Prev. Year	95	96	96	95	97	97	97	96	96	97

\* Revised in current week.

**Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2008. This was down 3 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 6, 2008 were 6.36 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.