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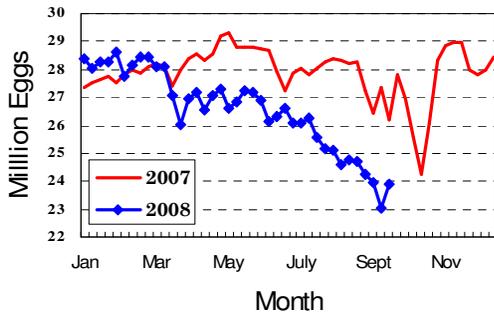
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 5 Percent from Last Year

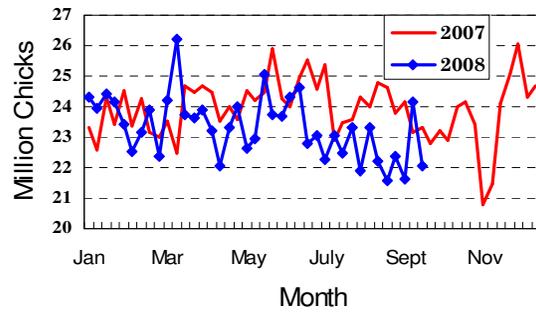
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.1 million during the week ending September 27, 2008. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 9 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 27, 2008, down 9 percent from the same period last year, but up 4 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 30, 2008 - September 27, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	30-Aug	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	30-Aug	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,920	29,707 *	28,812	28,833	29,424	20,496	21,188	21,212	20,194	20,466
Arkansas	24,697	24,259 *	23,930	23,055 *	23,882	21,575	22,352	21,646	24,134 *	22,051
Delaware	3,494	3,479	3,310	3,257	3,255	5,131	4,977	4,870	4,722	4,295
Florida	1,306	1,326	1,151	1,091	1,229	1,278	1,051	1,004	1,010	980
Georgia	32,860	32,439 *	30,895	30,930	31,746	27,317	26,821	27,100	26,583	26,615
Kentucky	7,628 *	7,378 *	7,640	7,496	7,792	6,708	6,810 *	6,307 *	5,526 *	6,034
Louisiana	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,183	3,521	3,243	3,425	3,431	3,260
Maryland	8,696	7,578	7,894	7,825	8,760	5,950	5,519	6,117	5,239	5,025
Mississippi	17,853	17,333 *	17,770	17,912	16,780	16,751	16,258	16,576	16,007	15,503
N. Carolina	19,130	18,487 *	17,695	18,225 *	18,311	15,883	15,655	15,817	15,628 *	14,652
Oklahoma	6,969	7,021 *	7,018	6,893	6,783	5,076	5,050	5,478	3,400	5,080
Pennsylvania	4,396	4,082	4,058 *	3,569 *	3,986	3,128	3,083	3,094 *	3,291 *	3,270
S. Carolina	5,844	5,208	5,709	5,755	5,249	4,624	5,130	4,541	5,023	5,132
Texas	14,913	15,271	15,094	13,312	14,011	12,560	12,925	13,006	12,490	12,781
Virginia	6,249	6,294	6,021	5,779	6,140	4,525	4,720	4,657	5,643	5,374
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,434 *	18,220 *	17,833 *	17,271 *	18,266	15,640 *	15,059 *	15,737 *	15,737 *	15,268
19 State Total	204,890 *	201,583 *	198,331 *	194,704 *	198,797	170,163 *	169,841 *	170,587 *	168,058 *	165,786
Prev. Year Total	215,502	208,821	205,863	212,015	207,513	176,942	175,893	175,527	175,642	171,244
% of Prev. Year	95	97	96	92	96	96	97	97	96	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 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 27, 2008 were 6.87 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.