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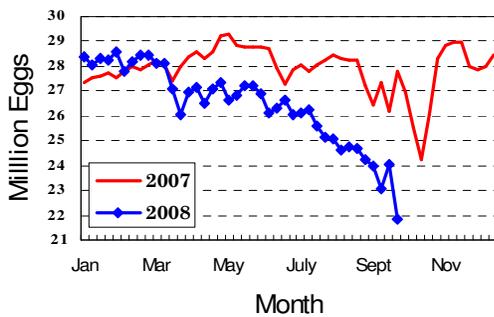
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

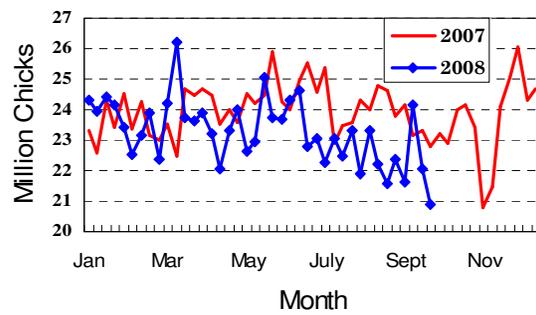
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.9 million during the week ending October 4, 2008. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 5 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 21.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 4, 2008, down 22 percent from the same period last year, and down 9 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, September 6, 2008 - October 4, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	4-Oct	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	4-Oct
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,707	28,812	28,833	29,424	27,732	21,188	21,212	20,194	20,466	19,482
Arkansas	24,259	23,956 *	23,055	24,055 *	21,817	22,352	21,646	24,134	22,051	20,901
Delaware	3,479	3,310	3,257	3,255	3,417	4,977	4,870	4,722	4,295	3,865
Florida	1,306 *	1,191 *	1,091	1,229	1,229	1,051	1,004	1,010	980	1,033
Georgia	32,439	30,895	30,930	31,829 *	29,759	26,821	27,100	26,583	26,557 *	26,083
Kentucky	7,417 *	7,611 *	7,496	7,792	7,497	6,797 *	6,293 *	5,513 *	6,020 *	5,832
Louisiana	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,183	3,501	3,243	3,425	3,431	3,260	3,215
Maryland	7,578	7,894	7,825	8,760	7,556	5,519	6,117	5,239	5,025	5,683
Mississippi	17,333	17,770	17,912	16,780	16,698	16,258	16,576	16,007	15,503	15,753
N. Carolina	18,487	17,360 *	18,225	18,311	16,891	15,655	15,817	15,628	14,652	14,321
Oklahoma	7,021	7,242 *	6,893	6,783	6,512	5,050	5,478	3,400	5,080	5,433
Pennsylvania	4,082	4,058	3,569	3,959 *	3,890	3,083	3,094	3,291	3,260 *	3,470
S. Carolina	5,208	5,709	5,755	5,249	4,693	5,130	4,541	5,023	5,131 *	4,518
Texas	15,997 *	14,644 *	13,028 *	13,997 *	14,406	12,940 *	13,021 *	12,505 *	12,796 *	12,333
Virginia	6,294	6,021	5,779	6,140	5,691	4,720	4,657	5,643	5,374	5,009
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,220	17,833	17,271	18,502 *	17,696	15,059	15,737	15,737	15,273 *	15,570
19 State Total	202,328 *	197,807 *	194,420 *	199,248 *	188,985	169,843 *	170,588 *	168,060 *	165,723 *	162,501
Prev. Year Total	208,821	205,863	212,015	207,513	213,532	175,893	175,527	175,642	171,244	168,385
% of Prev. Year	97	96	92	96	89	97	97	96	97	97

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 11 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 189 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 4, 2008. This was down 11 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 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through October 4, 2008 were 7.03 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.