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Minor League Baseball Attendance Surpasses 22.7 Million

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.--Minor League Baseball drew more than 8.2 million fans in June, pushing the season total to nearly 23 million. The industry's total of 22,722,519 fans is slightly ahead of last year's figure, when an attendance record was set for a fourth straight season.

The 176 clubs averaged 4,005 fans for 5,674 playing dates through June, compared to 4,131 fans in 2007. The 3.1% decline in average is mainly due to the inclement weather that affected many clubs last month, especially those impacted by the historic floods in the Midwest.

The Sacramento River Cats have attracted a Minor League Baseball-best 9,684 fans a game. Fellow Triple-A clubs Round Rock (9,405) and Louisville (9,114) are also averaging over 9,000 fans per opening.

Frisco (8,413), Corpus Christi (6,815) and Springfield (6,531) of the Texas League are the top drawing Double-A clubs. Perennial Class A attendance leader Dayton (8,622) is once again pacing its classification. Brooklyn, with its 7,333 average, leads all short-season clubs.

The Texas League is averaging 5,725 fans a game, 394 more than last year. The circuit's average represents the largest increase (7.4%) over last year, among the 15 leagues. The Northwest (4.2%), International (3.6%) and Carolina (0.9%) leagues also showed improvement over their 2007 average crowds.

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