



Arkansas Weekly Broiler Report

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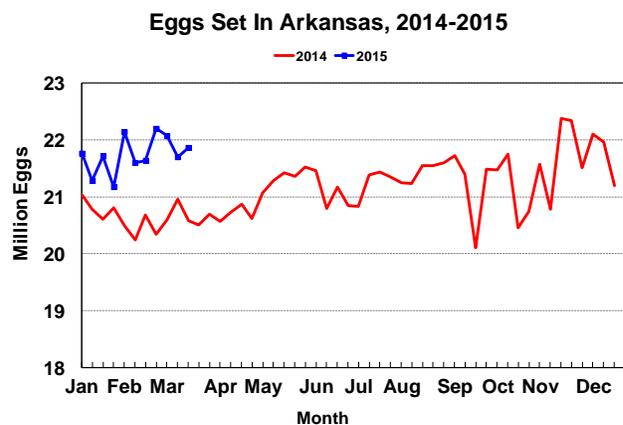
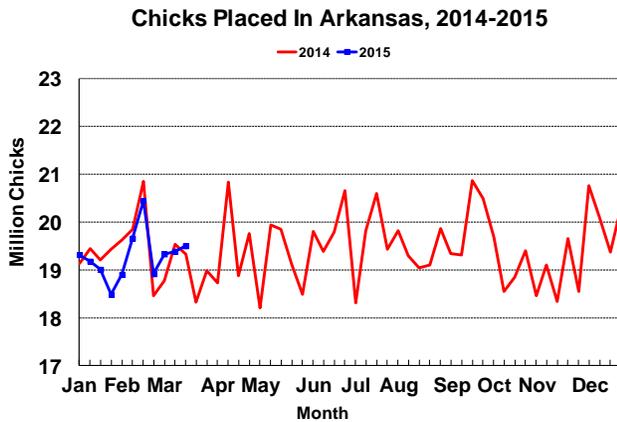


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 19.5 million during the week ending March 14, 2015. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2014 and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 21.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 6 percent from the same period last year and up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 14, 2015 - March 14, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,779	29,132	29,250	29,323	28,928	21,528	21,761	21,804	21,473	21,967
Arkansas	21,638	22,200	22,071	21,702	21,865	20,447	18,916	19,331	19,387	19,501
Delaware	4,883	4,771	4,903	4,766	4,829	5,156	4,864	5,479	5,200	4,827
Florida	1,221	1,051	1,046	1,068	1,192	1,303	1,020	1,303	1,364	1,163
Georgia	33,335	33,545	33,186	32,574	32,469	27,315	25,608	25,861	26,546	26,063
Kentucky	7,791	7,684	7,821	7,218	7,796	5,509	5,903	6,304	6,058	6,389
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,817	3,341	3,377	3,356	3,365	3,354
Maryland	7,809	7,621	7,784	7,744	7,751	5,903	6,291	5,864	5,840	6,110
Mississippi	18,000	17,985	17,841	17,576	17,914	14,697	15,065	15,155	14,959	14,946
Missouri	8,194	8,180	8,229	7,810	7,904	5,350	6,149	5,728	6,253	5,879
N. Carolina	21,151	21,084	21,174	20,999	21,466	16,969	16,806	17,336	17,591	16,481
Oklahoma	6,588	6,507	6,255	6,588	6,348	3,943	4,668	4,301	4,079	4,569
Pennsylvania	4,569	4,510	4,451	4,545	4,415	3,939	3,744	3,866	3,949	4,082
S. Carolina	5,567	5,471	5,517	5,586	5,592	4,679	5,005	4,723	4,437	5,045
Texas	15,351	15,277	15,288	15,411	13,745	11,944	12,300	12,366	12,236	12,406
Virginia	6,547	6,604	6,587	6,845	6,615	4,648	4,995	5,207	5,553	5,595
CA,TN & WV	12,175	12,184	12,099	11,874	11,593	11,247	11,265	10,531	11,824	11,288
19 State Total	208,431	207,639	207,335	205,462	204,239	167,918	167,737	168,515	170,114	169,665
% of Prev. Year	104	103	102	101	101	102	103	104	104	104
Other States	7,890	7,977	8,064	8,005	8,316	6,365	6,043	6,338	6,030	6,065
U.S. Total	216,321	215,616	215,399	213,467	212,555	174,283	173,780	174,853	176,144	175,730

Revisions made to the previous four-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 14, 2015 for the United States were 1.75 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.