



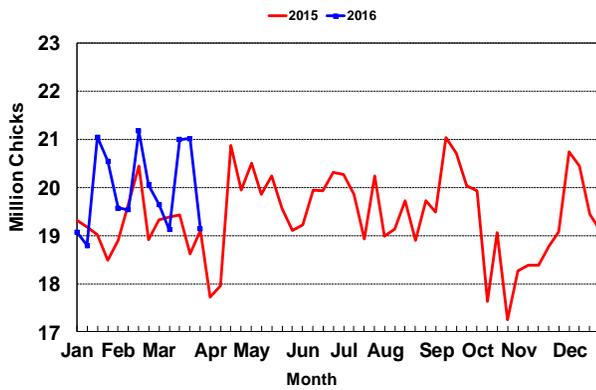
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Arkansas Chick Placements Up Slightly from Last Year

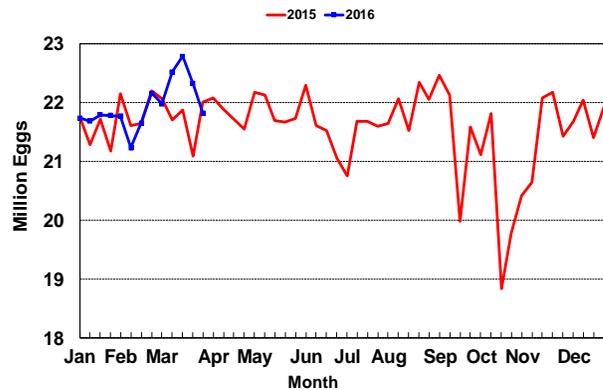
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 19.1 million during the week ending March 26, 2016. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2015 but down 9 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 21.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 26, 2016, down 1 percent from the same period last year and down 2 from the previous week.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2015-2016



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2015-2016



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 27, 2016 - March 26, 2016

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	27-Feb	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	27-Feb	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar
	<i>1,000 eggs</i>					<i>1,000 chicks</i>				
Alabama	29,094	28,684	29,167	28,963	28,732	21,314	21,527	21,731	21,356	21,101
Arkansas	21,975	22,516	22,784	22,319	21,817	19,647	19,126	20,995	21,011	19,134
Delaware	4,827	4,838	4,965	4,938	4,885	4,792	4,766	5,190	5,645	6,495
Florida	1,218	1,217	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,186	1,145	1,175	1,131	973
Georgia	35,045	34,413	34,950	34,590	34,735	28,417	28,000	27,474	27,860	27,813
Kentucky	8,017	7,816	7,633	7,423	7,511	6,329	6,557	6,089	6,076	6,426
Louisiana	3,697	3,651	3,605	3,422	3,378	3,271	3,271	3,044	3,183	3,160
Maryland	7,695	7,575	7,564	7,986	7,613	5,557	6,310	6,114	6,108	5,583
Mississippi	17,648	17,881	17,732	17,607	17,354	15,078	15,160	14,703	14,946	15,032
Missouri	8,010	7,984	7,992	7,962	8,094	5,034	6,629	5,673	6,103	6,032
N. Carolina	21,281	21,223	21,345	21,150	21,263	16,694	16,609	16,896	16,737	16,359
Oklahoma	6,659	6,712	6,638	6,876	6,730	5,259	4,372	3,363	3,366	5,779
Pennsylvania	4,651	4,628	4,706	4,801	4,629	3,842	3,791	3,772	3,500	3,599
S. Carolina	5,570	5,411	5,001	5,503	5,545	4,339	4,957	5,183	4,706	4,821
Texas	15,463	15,541	15,384	15,711	15,415	12,750	12,764	13,029	12,690	12,630
Virginia	6,408	6,745	6,510	6,378	6,334	5,943	5,628	5,428	5,215	5,267
CA, TN & WV	11,737	12,354	12,988	12,310	12,263	10,020	9,827	10,271	11,407	11,247
19 State Total	208,995	209,189	210,189	209,164	207,522	169,472	170,439	170,130	171,040	171,451
% of Prev. Year	101	102	103	102	100	100	100	100	101	102
Other States	8,130	8,505	8,309	8,689	8,499	6,771	6,566	6,685	6,534	6,816
U.S. Total	217,125	217,694	218,498	217,853	216,021	176,243	177,005	176,815	177,574	178,267

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 Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 26, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 26, 2016, down slightly from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 26, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 26, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through March 26, 2016 for the United States were 2.12 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.