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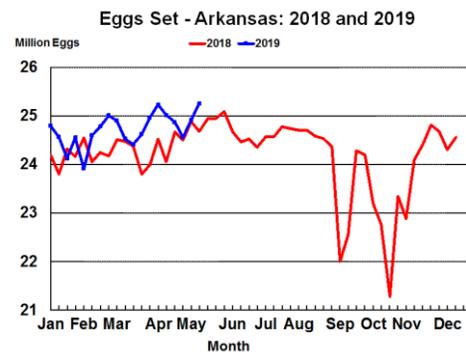
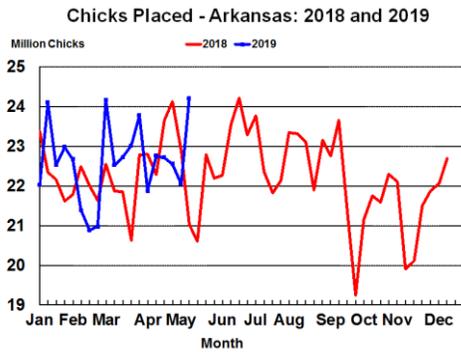
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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Report**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Chick Placements Up 15 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.2 million during the week ending May 11, 2019. Placements were up 15 percent from the comparable week in 2018 and up 10 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 25.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 11, 2019, up 2 percent from the same period last year and up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	4-May	11-May	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	4-May	11-May
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)								
Alabama	30,117	30,638	30,339	30,125	30,362	22,164	22,699	21,467	22,175	22,842
Arkansas	25,194	24,897	24,562	24,912	25,253	22,754	22,714	22,548	22,052	24,205
Delaware	5,433	5,489	5,303	5,452	5,416	4,785	5,730	4,645	5,650	5,364
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,298	1,332	1,315	1,212	1,309
Georgia	35,146	35,499	34,942	33,950	34,676	27,342	27,569	29,061	28,594	27,844
Kentucky	7,850	7,951	7,849	7,963	7,918	6,552	6,021	5,879	5,955	6,206
Louisiana	3,834	3,848	3,606	3,818	3,788	3,313	3,220	3,224	3,418	3,450
Maryland	8,349	8,307	8,361	7,913	7,975	6,030	5,875	6,649	5,484	5,867
Mississippi	19,111	19,334	19,081	18,956	19,303	16,041	16,015	16,106	16,003	16,286
Missouri	8,490	8,585	8,416	8,296	7,967	5,785	6,679	5,974	5,834	5,781
N. Carolina	23,718	23,980	23,804	23,869	23,234	19,408	18,625	18,898	19,010	19,143
Oklahoma	7,791	7,730	7,992	7,564	7,831	4,083	3,481	4,445	5,538	3,405
Pennsylvania	5,428	5,649	5,559	5,619	5,615	3,991	3,445	3,373	3,961	4,122
S. Carolina	5,980	5,594	5,832	6,029	5,892	5,304	5,112	4,418	5,207	5,508
Texas	17,373	17,338	17,706	17,850	17,487	13,991	14,096	14,182	14,141	14,054
Virginia	6,467	6,469	6,468	6,318	6,440	5,413	5,713	5,486	5,957	5,901
CA,TN & WV	12,156	12,430	12,357	12,441	12,633	10,455	10,664	11,079	10,687	10,588
Other States	9,943	9,938	9,736	9,808	9,822	7,275	7,715	7,463	7,899	7,820
U.S. Total	233,558	234,854	233,091	232,061	232,790	185,984	186,705	186,212	188,777	189,695
% of Prev. Year	102	102	101	100	101	102	102	101	102	102

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 11, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 11, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through May 11, 2019 for the United States were 3.52 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.