



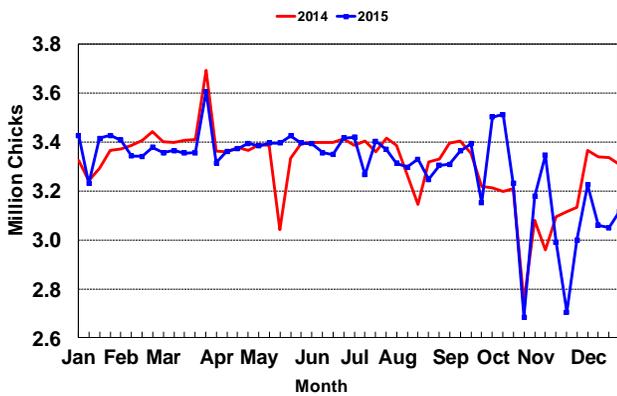
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Louisiana Chick Placements Down 6 Percent from Last Year

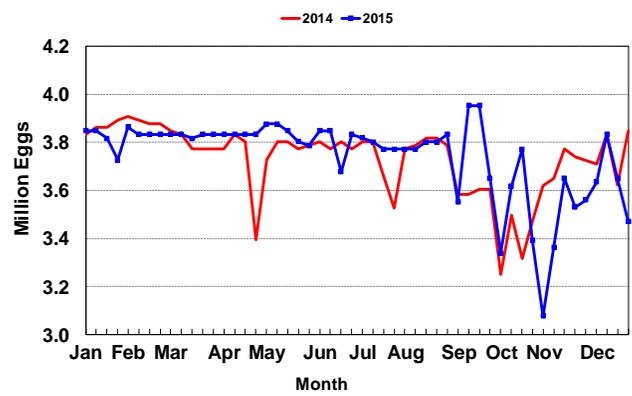
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 3.12 million during the week ending December 26, 2015. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2014 but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 3.47 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 26, 2015, down 10 percent from the same period last year and down 5 percent from the previous week.

Chicks Placed In Louisiana, 2014-2015



Eggs Set In Louisiana, 2014-2015



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 28, 2015 - December 26, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	30,196	28,609	29,536	29,902	30,063	21,087	21,609	21,674	21,424	21,243
Arkansas	21,425	21,740	22,096	21,522	21,924	19,073	20,735	20,450	19,815	19,454
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,751	4,755	4,755	4,546	4,873	6,057	4,330	5,154
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,182	1,272	1,289	1,373	1,477
Georgia	33,889	33,368	33,901	34,094	33,902	25,339	26,263	27,096	27,491	26,240
Kentucky	7,979	7,979	8,091	8,083	7,870	5,900	6,310	5,827	6,209	6,288
Louisiana	3,561	3,636	3,833	3,651	3,470	2,999	3,225	3,060	3,050	3,117
Maryland	7,600	7,577	7,868	7,773	7,980	6,803	5,058	5,557	7,705	5,385
Mississippi	17,705	17,798	18,006	18,360	17,535	14,265	14,923	15,087	14,825	15,060
Missouri	7,892	7,968	7,984	7,881	7,844	5,524	6,080	6,352	5,655	5,200
N. Carolina	20,617	20,188	20,918	20,585	20,473	16,002	16,204	16,961	16,475	16,295
Oklahoma	6,853	6,649	6,740	7,237	7,237	4,309	3,963	3,436	4,332	5,023
Pennsylvania	4,890	4,643	4,858	4,932	4,796	3,962	4,408	3,935	4,314	4,019
S. Carolina	5,270	5,344	5,368	5,706	5,681	4,747	5,693	5,316	4,676	5,159
Texas	15,446	14,349	14,911	14,603	14,953	11,652	12,250	12,749	13,037	12,196
Virginia	6,596	5,740	6,355	6,433	6,329	5,132	6,043	4,909	5,018	5,429
CA, TN & WV	12,739	11,256	11,471	11,971	11,646	9,938	10,966	11,068	11,622	10,080
19 State Total	208,638	202,824	207,912	208,713	207,683	162,460	169,875	170,823	171,351	166,819
% of Prev. Year	100	99	101	101	101	100	100	100	100	99
Other States	7,853	7,670	7,921	7,817	8,054	5,912	5,980	6,735	6,164	6,338
U.S. Total	216,491	210,494	215,833	216,530	215,737	168,372	175,855	177,558	177,515	173,157

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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 26, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 26, 2015, up 1 percent 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 26, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 26, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through December 26, 2015 for the United States were 8.92 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.