



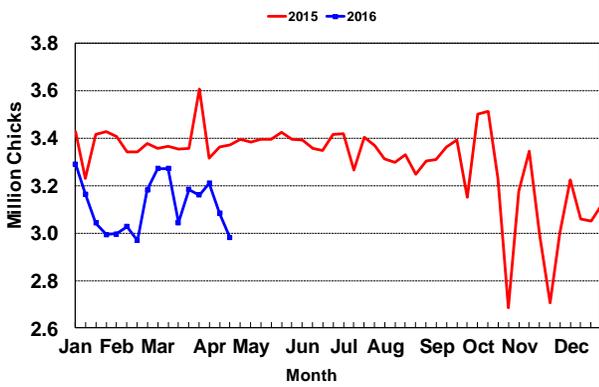
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**Louisiana Chick Placements Down 12 Percent from Last Year**

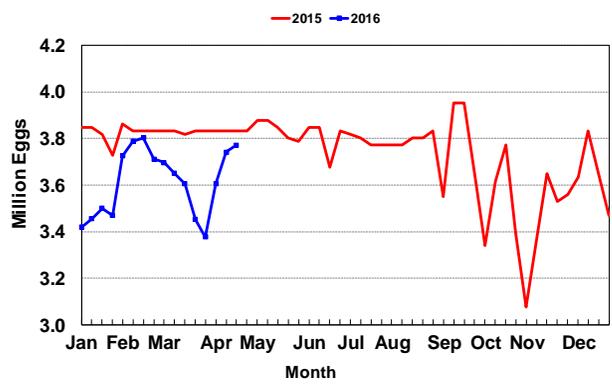
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 2.98 million during the week ending April 16, 2016. Placements were down 12 percent from the comparable week in 2015 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 3.77 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 16, 2016, down 2 percent from the same period last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.

**Chicks Placed In Louisiana, 2015-2016**



**Eggs Set In Louisiana, 2015-2016**



**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 19, 2016 - April 16, 2016**

| State             | Eggs Set       |                |                |                |                | Chicks Placed  |                |                |                |                |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | Week Ending    |                |                |                |                | Week Ending    |                |                |                |                |
|                   | 19-Mar         | 26-Mar         | 2-Apr          | 9-Apr          | 16-Apr         | 19-Mar         | 26-Mar         | 2-Apr          | 9-Apr          | 16-Apr         |
|                   | 1,000 eggs     |                |                |                |                | 1,000 chicks   |                |                |                |                |
| Alabama           | 28,963         | 28,737         | 28,279         | 28,075         | 27,897         | 21,356         | 21,062         | 21,823         | 21,654         | 21,558         |
| Arkansas          | 22,319         | 21,467         | 22,593         | 22,567         | 22,262         | 21,011         | 19,134         | 20,728         | 21,453         | 19,701         |
| Delaware          | 4,938          | 4,926          | 4,916          | 4,950          | 4,945          | 5,854          | 7,024          | 5,532          | 4,678          | 5,167          |
| Florida           | 1,225          | 1,224          | 1,225          | 1,225          | 1,225          | 1,131          | 973            | 1,133          | 1,359          | 1,155          |
| Georgia           | 34,590         | 34,879         | 34,719         | 34,597         | 35,190         | 27,860         | 27,814         | 27,510         | 27,292         | 27,894         |
| Kentucky          | 7,423          | 7,511          | 7,707          | 7,866          | 7,904          | 6,076          | 6,426          | 6,475          | 6,096          | 6,122          |
| Louisiana         | 3,453          | 3,378          | 3,606          | 3,742          | 3,772          | 3,183          | 3,160          | 3,210          | 3,083          | 2,980          |
| Maryland          | 7,992          | 7,614          | 7,772          | 7,275          | 8,079          | 5,990          | 5,135          | 6,497          | 7,539          | 5,655          |
| Mississippi       | 17,607         | 17,354         | 18,045         | 17,987         | 17,679         | 14,946         | 15,032         | 14,821         | 14,759         | 14,541         |
| Missouri          | 7,962          | 8,094          | 7,398          | 7,725          | 8,117          | 6,104          | 6,032          | 5,628          | 5,514          | 5,568          |
| N. Carolina       | 21,121         | 21,263         | 20,376         | 20,962         | 21,014         | 16,738         | 16,359         | 17,035         | 17,050         | 17,123         |
| Oklahoma          | 6,876          | 6,730          | 7,057          | 6,769          | 6,576          | 3,366          | 5,779          | 4,588          | 4,042          | 4,687          |
| Pennsylvania      | 4,898          | 4,727          | 4,662          | 4,660          | 4,740          | 3,475          | 3,621          | 3,646          | 3,766          | 3,630          |
| S. Carolina       | 5,505          | 5,575          | 5,180          | 5,604          | 5,568          | 4,735          | 4,857          | 4,430          | 4,651          | 4,873          |
| Texas             | 15,712         | 15,415         | 15,660         | 15,548         | 15,425         | 12,690         | 12,631         | 12,610         | 12,876         | 12,731         |
| Virginia          | 6,378          | 6,339          | 6,402          | 6,556          | 6,571          | 5,137          | 5,183          | 5,288          | 5,163          | 5,780          |
| CA,TN & WV        | 12,310         | 12,152         | 12,276         | 12,597         | 12,310         | 11,408         | 11,228         | 11,719         | 11,144         | 11,093         |
| 19 State Total    | 209,272        | 207,385        | 207,873        | 208,705        | 209,274        | 171,060        | 171,450        | 172,673        | 172,119        | 170,258        |
| % of Prev. Year   | 102            | 99             | 99             | 99             | 100            | 101            | 102            | 103            | 102            | 99             |
| Other States      | 8,689          | 8,499          | 8,048          | 8,119          | 8,240          | 6,538          | 6,811          | 6,492          | 7,233          | 7,035          |
| <b>U.S. Total</b> | <b>217,961</b> | <b>215,884</b> | <b>215,921</b> | <b>216,824</b> | <b>217,514</b> | <b>177,598</b> | <b>178,261</b> | <b>179,165</b> | <b>179,352</b> | <b>177,293</b> |

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 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 16, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 16, 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 Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 16, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 16, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through April 16, 2016 for the United States were 2.66 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.