

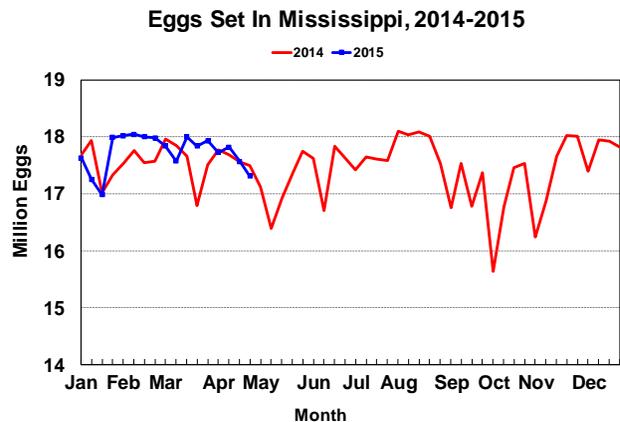
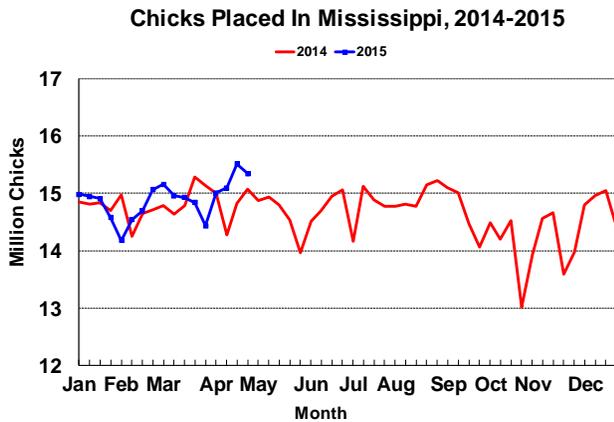


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Mississippi Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Mississippi were 15.3 million during the week ending April 25, 2015. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2014 but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Mississippi hatcheries set 17.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 25, 2015, down 1 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 28, 2015 - April 25, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	28,730	29,684	29,024	29,535	29,136	21,925	21,682	21,919	21,325	22,490
Arkansas	21,990	22,074	21,754	21,713	21,549	19,102	17,715	17,959	20,871	19,940
Delaware	4,670	4,670	4,922	4,736	4,717	5,425	5,541	4,293	5,226	5,043
Florida	1,199	1,201	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,209	1,320	1,455	1,328	1,336
Georgia	34,553	34,046	33,855	34,231	34,144	25,969	26,106	26,387	27,021	26,772
Kentucky	7,718	7,684	7,720	7,884	7,891	5,588	6,248	6,359	5,740	5,667
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,606	3,315	3,362	3,372	3,394
Maryland	7,838	7,856	7,896	7,989	7,723	5,986	5,675	6,115	6,575	6,541
Mississippi	17,935	17,728	17,823	17,567	17,310	14,436	15,007	15,097	15,512	15,347
Missouri	8,229	8,212	8,415	8,266	8,127	5,474	5,739	6,296	5,742	5,963
N. Carolina	21,286	21,249	21,580	20,711	21,453	15,944	17,410	16,905	17,247	17,311
Oklahoma	6,732	6,726	6,610	6,672	6,154	3,954	5,079	4,915	3,632	4,435
Pennsylvania	4,302	4,594	4,603	4,667	4,528	4,063	3,735	3,952	3,849	4,063
S. Carolina	5,721	5,761	5,516	5,851	5,488	6,019	4,789	4,856	4,689	4,585
Texas	15,304	15,633	15,859	15,538	15,304	12,748	11,619	11,909	12,536	12,826
Virginia	6,534	6,534	6,534	6,553	6,549	5,568	6,003	5,557	5,019	4,610
CA, TN & WW	11,797	12,899	12,551	12,802	12,326	11,103	11,191	10,624	11,382	12,237
19 State Total	208,371	210,384	209,717	209,771	207,454	168,119	168,174	167,960	171,066	172,560
% of Prev. Year	103	103	102	102	102	101	101	103	104	103
Other States	8,141	7,753	8,398	8,267	8,247	6,190	6,114	6,553	6,310	6,301
U.S. Total	216,512	218,137	218,115	218,038	215,701	174,309	174,288	174,513	177,376	178,861

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 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 2 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 Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 25, 2015 for the United States were 2.81 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.