

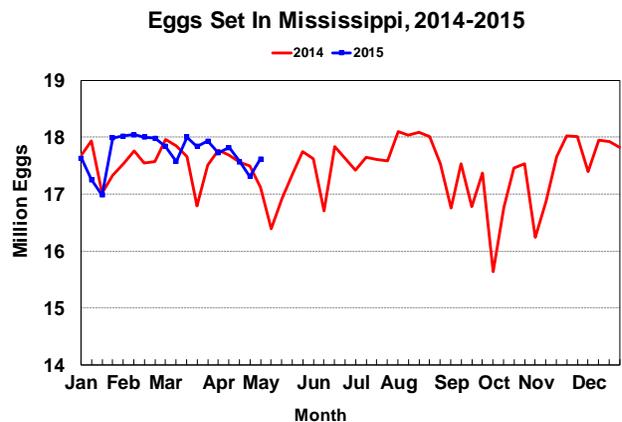
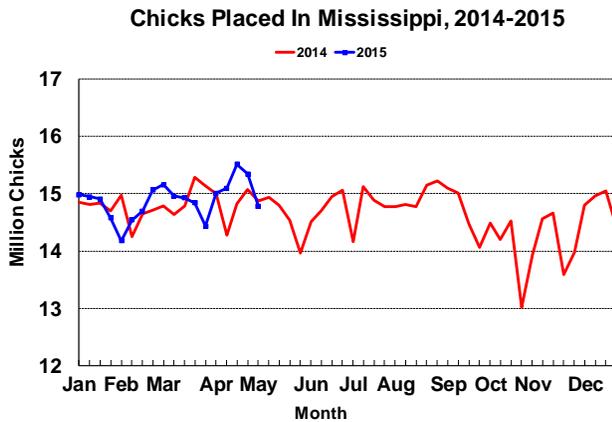


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Mississippi Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Mississippi were 14.8 million during the week ending May 2, 2015. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2014 and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Mississippi hatcheries set 17.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 3 percent from the same period last year and up 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 4, 2015 - May 2, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,684	29,280	29,535	29,136	28,905	21,682	21,919	21,325	22,490	21,866
Arkansas	22,074	21,878	21,713	21,549	22,173	17,715	17,959	20,871	19,940	20,505
Delaware	4,670	4,922	4,736	4,717	4,743	5,541	4,293	5,116	4,726	5,516
Florida	1,201	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,224	1,320	1,455	1,328	1,336	1,339
Georgia	34,046	33,955	34,231	34,144	34,394	26,106	26,387	27,021	26,772	27,141
Kentucky	7,684	7,720	7,884	7,891	7,797	6,248	6,359	5,740	5,667	6,734
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,878	3,315	3,362	3,372	3,394	3,383
Maryland	7,856	7,896	7,989	7,723	8,054	5,675	6,115	6,762	6,837	6,602
Mississippi	17,728	17,823	17,567	17,310	17,621	15,007	15,097	15,512	15,347	14,781
Missouri	8,212	8,415	8,266	8,127	8,105	5,739	6,296	5,742	5,963	5,456
N. Carolina	21,249	21,580	20,711	21,570	21,453	17,410	16,905	17,247	17,329	17,169
Oklahoma	6,726	6,610	6,672	6,154	6,768	5,079	4,915	3,632	4,435	4,383
Pennsylvania	4,594	4,603	4,667	4,506	4,529	3,735	3,952	3,849	4,060	3,937
S. Carolina	5,761	5,516	5,851	5,488	5,739	4,789	4,856	4,689	4,338	5,130
Texas	15,633	15,859	15,538	15,304	15,264	11,619	11,909	12,536	12,826	13,111
Virginia	6,534	6,529	6,553	6,549	6,591	6,003	5,557	4,940	4,873	5,008
CA, TN & WW	12,899	12,544	12,802	12,326	12,195	11,191	10,624	11,382	12,237	11,375
19 State Total	210,384	210,185	209,771	207,549	209,433	168,174	167,960	171,064	172,570	173,436
% of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	102	101	103	104	103	104
Other States	7,753	8,398	8,267	8,215	8,338	6,114	6,553	6,310	6,311	6,362
U.S. Total	218,137	218,583	218,038	215,764	217,771	174,288	174,513	177,374	178,881	179,798

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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 2, 2015 for the United States were 2.99 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.