

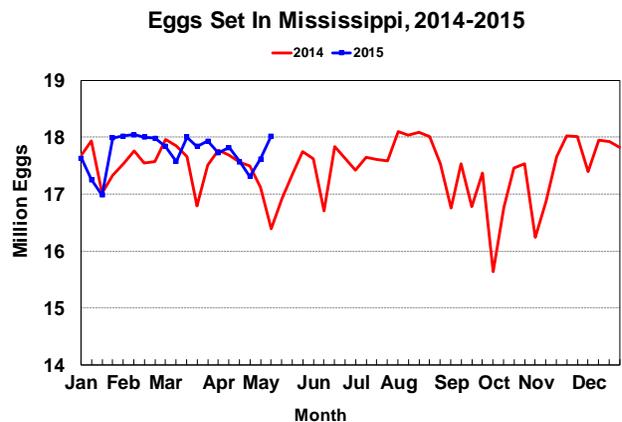
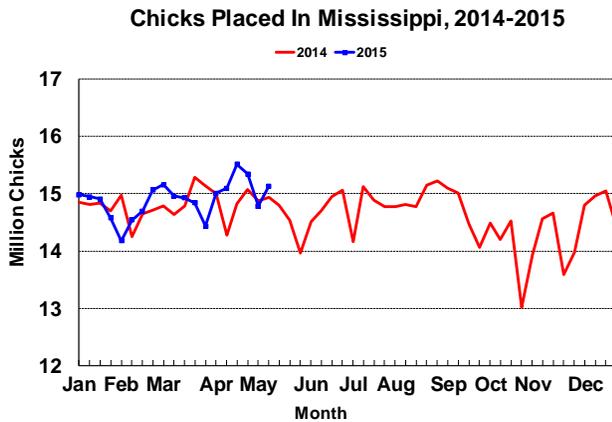


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### Mississippi Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Mississippi were 14.6 million during the week ending May 16, 2015. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2014 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Mississippi hatcheries set 18.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 16, 2015, up 6 percent from the same period last year but down slightly from the previous week.



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 18, 2015 - May 16, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	16-May	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	16-May
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,535	29,136	28,905	29,372	29,569	21,325	22,488	21,856	22,312	22,724
Arkansas	21,713	21,549	22,173	22,127	21,717	20,871	19,940	20,505	19,860	20,184
Delaware	4,736	4,717	4,743	4,759	4,774	5,116	4,726	5,516	5,824	4,820
Florida	1,223	1,222	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,327	1,332	1,340	1,411	1,229
Georgia	34,231	34,144	34,394	34,593	34,325	27,021	26,772	27,224	26,660	26,397
Kentucky	7,884	7,891	7,854	7,872	7,853	5,741	5,668	6,759	6,456	5,984
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,878	3,878	3,848	3,372	3,394	3,383	3,396	3,396
Maryland	7,989	7,723	8,054	7,984	8,068	6,764	6,837	6,603	5,798	6,648
Mississippi	17,737	17,310	17,621	18,022	17,974	15,512	15,347	14,781	15,132	14,629
Missouri	8,266	8,127	8,105	7,759	8,328	5,742	5,963	5,456	6,164	6,217
N. Carolina	20,780	21,570	21,486	21,565	21,656	17,246	17,330	17,063	16,404	16,501
Oklahoma	6,672	6,154	6,768	6,801	6,837	3,632	4,435	4,383	4,112	3,138
Pennsylvania	4,878	4,596	4,481	4,542	4,719	3,830	4,059	3,932	4,197	3,995
S. Carolina	5,851	5,488	5,739	5,705	5,703	4,689	4,338	5,130	4,882	4,943
Texas	15,538	15,304	15,264	15,336	15,105	12,536	12,826	13,111	12,813	12,600
Virginia	6,553	6,549	6,591	6,458	6,490	4,979	4,896	5,057	5,131	5,598
CA, TN & WW	12,799	12,265	12,955	12,462	12,698	11,380	12,204	11,374	12,277	12,040
19 State Total	210,218	207,578	210,235	210,460	210,889	171,083	172,555	173,473	172,829	171,043
% of Prev. Year	102	102	103	103	103	104	103	104	102	103
Other States	8,629	8,580	8,571	8,450	8,490	6,314	6,317	6,365	6,456	6,681
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>218,847</b>	<b>216,158</b>	<b>218,806</b>	<b>218,910</b>	<b>219,379</b>	<b>177,397</b>	<b>178,872</b>	<b>179,838</b>	<b>179,285</b>	<b>177,724</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 Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 16, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 16, 2015, up 3 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 16, 2015 for the United States were 3.34 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.