



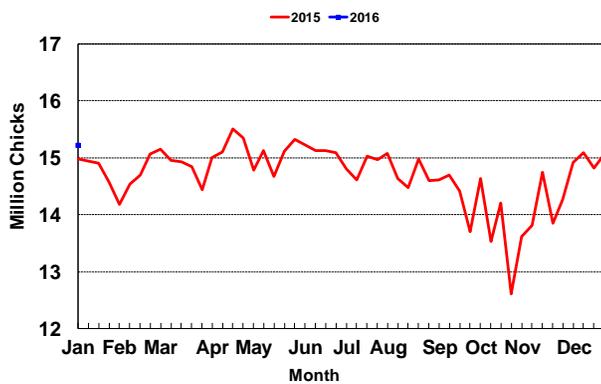
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Mississippi Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

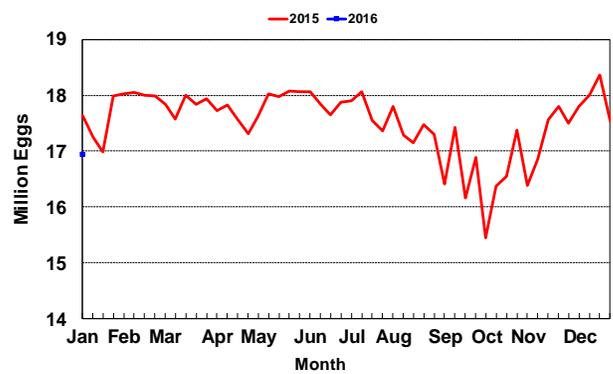
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Mississippi were 15.2 million during the week ending January 2, 2016. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2015 and up slightly percent from the previous week.

Mississippi hatcheries set 16.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 2, 2016, down 4 percent from the same period last year and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Chicks Placed In Mississippi, 2015-2016



Eggs Set In Mississippi, 2015-2016



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 5, 2015 - January 2, 2016

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 5-Dec | 12-Dec | 19-Dec | 26-Dec | 2-Jan | 5-Dec | 12-Dec | 19-Dec | 26-Dec | 2-Jan |
| | 1,000 eggs | | | | | 1,000 chicks | | | | |
| Alabama | 28,806 | 29,536 | 29,902 | 29,859 | 29,267 | 21,609 | 21,674 | 21,424 | 21,106 | 21,587 |
| Arkansas | 21,682 | 22,038 | 21,486 | 21,924 | 21,735 | 20,735 | 20,450 | 19,440 | 19,324 | 19,060 |
| Delaware | 4,755 | 4,751 | 4,755 | 4,755 | 4,755 | 4,873 | 6,057 | 4,330 | 5,154 | 4,727 |
| Florida | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,272 | 1,289 | 1,373 | 1,476 | 1,313 |
| Georgia | 33,369 | 33,901 | 34,094 | 33,892 | 33,348 | 26,263 | 27,096 | 27,491 | 26,182 | 27,517 |
| Kentucky | 7,979 | 8,091 | 8,083 | 7,870 | 7,783 | 6,310 | 5,827 | 6,209 | 6,292 | 6,129 |
| Louisiana | 3,636 | 3,833 | 3,651 | 3,470 | 3,419 | 3,225 | 3,060 | 3,050 | 3,117 | 3,291 |
| Maryland | 7,577 | 7,868 | 7,773 | 7,980 | 7,705 | 5,058 | 5,557 | 7,705 | 5,386 | 5,679 |
| Mississippi | 17,798 | 18,006 | 18,360 | 17,535 | 16,942 | 14,923 | 15,087 | 14,825 | 15,185 | 15,215 |
| Missouri | 7,968 | 7,984 | 7,881 | 7,844 | 8,062 | 6,080 | 6,352 | 6,039 | 5,200 | 5,657 |
| N. Carolina | 20,188 | 20,918 | 20,585 | 20,490 | 20,873 | 16,204 | 16,961 | 16,475 | 16,300 | 16,891 |
| Oklahoma | 6,649 | 6,186 | 7,237 | 6,850 | 6,752 | 3,963 | 3,436 | 4,332 | 5,419 | 5,014 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,643 | 4,858 | 4,932 | 4,763 | 4,838 | 4,408 | 3,935 | 4,314 | 4,022 | 4,214 |
| S. Carolina | 5,344 | 5,368 | 5,706 | 5,586 | 5,804 | 5,693 | 5,316 | 4,676 | 5,020 | 4,745 |
| Texas | 14,349 | 14,911 | 14,603 | 14,953 | 14,522 | 12,250 | 12,749 | 13,037 | 12,203 | 12,622 |
| Virginia | 5,740 | 6,320 | 6,433 | 6,329 | 6,315 | 6,043 | 4,909 | 5,018 | 5,380 | 6,066 |
| CA, TN & WV | 11,256 | 11,471 | 11,971 | 11,630 | 11,775 | 10,966 | 11,068 | 11,622 | 10,109 | 10,289 |
| 19 State Total | 202,964 | 207,265 | 208,677 | 206,955 | 205,120 | 169,875 | 170,823 | 171,360 | 166,875 | 170,016 |
| % of Prev. Year | 99 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 |
| Other States | 7,670 | 7,921 | 7,836 | 8,059 | 7,208 | 5,980 | 6,735 | 6,164 | 6,311 | 6,585 |
| U.S. Total | 210,634 | 215,186 | 216,513 | 215,014 | 212,328 | 175,855 | 177,558 | 177,524 | 173,186 | 176,601 |

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 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 2, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 2, 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2016, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through January 2, 2016 for the United States were 9.10 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.