

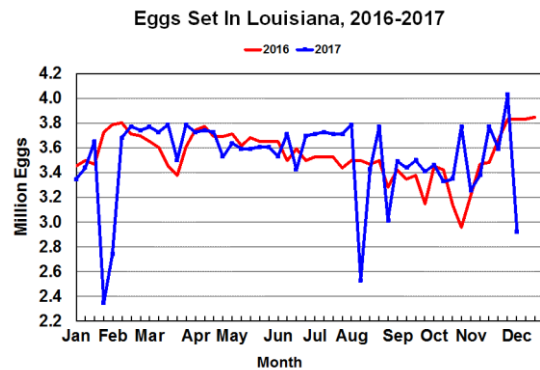
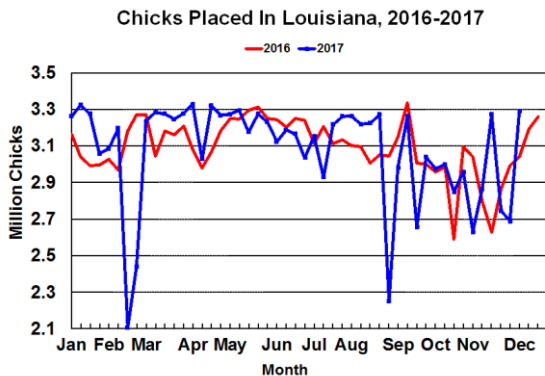


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### Louisiana Chick Placements Up 8 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 3.29 million during the week ending December 9, 2017. Placements were up 8 percent from the comparable week in 2016 and up 22 percent from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 2.93 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 9, 2017, down 24 percent from the same period last year and down 27 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 11, 2017 - December 9, 2017

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,464	30,274	29,632	30,488	29,876	21,346	21,340	20,304	21,303	22,978
Arkansas	23,828	23,709	23,859	23,860	23,718	21,084	21,137	22,396	21,916	22,288
Delaware	4,890	4,890	4,916	4,913	4,916	5,454	5,703	4,490	5,757	4,972
Florida	1,225	1,223	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,345	1,582	1,461	1,429	1,532
Georgia	34,395	35,034	35,099	35,486	34,427	28,347	26,481	25,822	27,014	27,009
Kentucky	7,752	7,854	7,080	7,977	7,709	5,078	5,720	5,959	6,411	6,447
Louisiana	3,379	3,772	3,591	4,029	2,926	2,865	3,272	2,747	2,689	3,291
Maryland	7,811	8,259	8,254	8,256	8,249	6,193	6,098	7,428	4,995	6,678
Mississippi	17,741	18,527	18,405	18,451	18,663	15,028	14,865	14,354	14,875	15,649
Missouri	8,072	8,319	8,319	8,317	8,316	6,414	5,315	5,397	5,889	6,758
N. Carolina	21,291	22,041	21,935	23,130	20,893	16,689	16,702	17,643	17,567	17,523
Oklahoma	7,692	7,560	7,718	7,684	7,288	2,504	4,599	3,095	4,378	3,206
Pennsylvania	5,441	5,349	5,482	5,330	5,352	3,665	3,066	3,931	4,063	3,839
S. Carolina	5,377	5,734	5,617	5,803	5,572	4,005	5,245	4,898	4,437	5,275
Texas	16,114	16,143	16,085	16,613	15,519	12,853	12,531	12,157	13,047	13,334
Virginia	5,727	6,549	6,452	6,563	6,289	5,666	5,731	5,488	5,221	5,412
CA, TN & WV	11,906	11,991	12,041	12,575	11,057	10,540	11,354	10,218	9,720	10,172
19 State Total	212,105	217,228	215,709	220,700	211,995	169,076	170,741	167,788	170,711	176,363
% of Prev. Year	102	103	102	105	101	103	103	100	100	102
Other States	9,674	9,621	9,394	9,363	8,913	6,876	6,741	7,102	7,302	7,204
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>221,779</b>	<b>226,849</b>	<b>225,103</b>	<b>230,063</b>	<b>220,908</b>	<b>175,952</b>	<b>177,482</b>	<b>174,890</b>	<b>178,013</b>	<b>183,567</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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 9, 2017, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 9, 2017, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through December 9, 2017 for the United States were 8.83 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

