

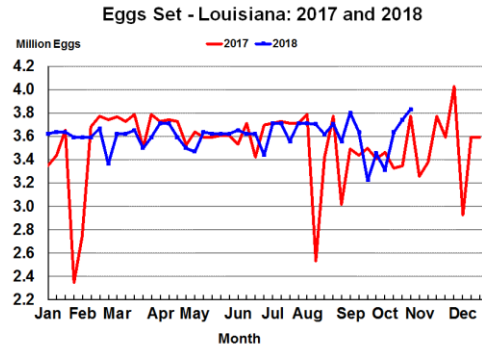
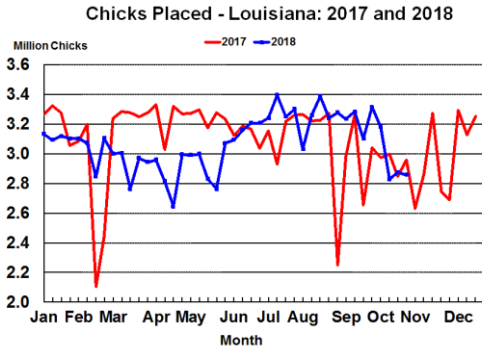


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Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 2.86 million during the week ending October 27, 2018. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2017 and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 3.83 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 27, 2018, up 2 percent from the same period last year and up 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: September 29, 2018 - October 27, 2018

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 29-Sep | 6-Oct | 13-Oct | 20-Oct | 27-Oct | 29-Sep | 6-Oct | 13-Oct | 20-Oct | 27-Oct |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) |
| Alabama | 27,720 | 29,199 | 29,854 | 29,410 | 29,467 | 22,539 | 22,988 | 22,668 | 22,135 | 22,526 |
| Arkansas | 24,198 | 23,193 | 22,770 | 21,289 | 23,340 | 19,254 | 21,153 | 21,752 | 21,596 | 22,292 |
| Delaware | 4,732 | 4,732 | 4,790 | 4,738 | 4,667 | 5,702 | 5,515 | 5,351 | 4,695 | 5,109 |
| Florida | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,105 | 1,100 | 631 | 338 | 704 | 694 | 741 |
| Georgia | 33,037 | 34,083 | 33,428 | 31,975 | 32,824 | 27,531 | 24,757 | 27,478 | 24,790 | 26,985 |
| Kentucky | 7,566 | 7,524 | 7,081 | 6,910 | 6,290 | 5,684 | 5,170 | 5,883 | 6,010 | 5,953 |
| Louisiana | 3,455 | 3,313 | 3,634 | 3,741 | 3,833 | 3,313 | 3,178 | 2,827 | 2,875 | 2,856 |
| Maryland | 8,200 | 7,682 | 7,741 | 7,353 | 7,979 | 5,294 | 5,053 | 5,810 | 6,072 | 5,064 |
| Mississippi | 17,004 | 17,605 | 16,672 | 17,963 | 18,454 | 13,887 | 14,169 | 14,961 | 13,800 | 14,340 |
| Missouri | 7,114 | 8,641 | 8,001 | 8,183 | 8,222 | 5,802 | 5,068 | 6,940 | 5,580 | 5,932 |
| N. Carolina | 19,718 | 19,117 | 19,976 | 20,608 | 22,032 | 16,351 | 15,923 | 16,365 | 15,472 | 15,411 |
| Oklahoma | 7,799 | 7,632 | 7,190 | 7,618 | 7,861 | 4,740 | 4,155 | 3,754 | 4,349 | 3,374 |
| Pennsylvania | 5,438 | 5,147 | 5,708 | 5,571 | 5,314 | 4,109 | 3,966 | 3,778 | 4,045 | 3,878 |
| S. Carolina | 5,670 | 5,727 | 5,598 | 5,890 | 5,483 | 4,739 | 5,096 | 4,959 | 4,862 | 4,152 |
| Texas | 14,877 | 14,596 | 15,331 | 15,872 | 15,834 | 12,865 | 12,494 | 12,593 | 12,206 | 12,236 |
| Virginia | 6,255 | 6,116 | 6,270 | 5,817 | 6,150 | 5,202 | 4,644 | 5,472 | 5,833 | 5,604 |
| CA,TN & WV | 11,186 | 11,677 | 11,559 | 10,560 | 11,236 | 9,463 | 9,463 | 8,863 | 10,103 | 10,357 |
| Other States | 9,030 | 9,338 | 9,378 | 9,154 | 8,924 | 7,274 | 7,361 | 6,989 | 7,043 | 7,225 |
| U.S. Total | 214,099 | 216,422 | 216,081 | 213,757 | 219,010 | 174,380 | 170,491 | 177,147 | 172,160 | 174,035 |
| % of Prev. Year | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 100 |

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 27, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 27, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through October 27, 2018 for the United States were 7.85 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.