

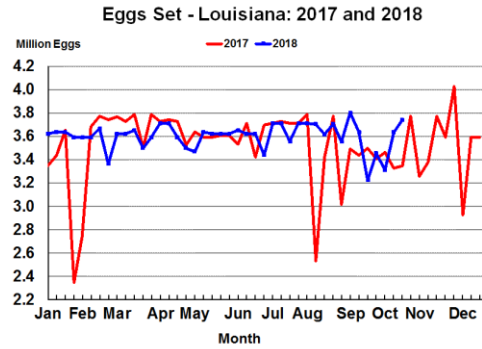
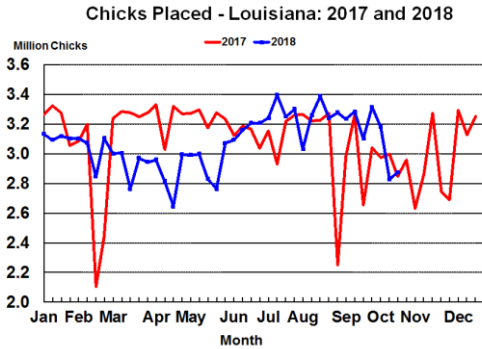


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Chick Placements Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 2.87 million during the week ending October 20, 2018. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2017 and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 3.74 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 20, 2018, up 12 percent from the same period last year and up 3 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: September 22, 2018 - October 20, 2018

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	22-Sep	29-Sep	6-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	22-Sep	29-Sep	6-Oct	13-Oct	20-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	29,743	27,720	29,578	29,912	29,483	22,654	22,539	22,879	22,557	22,058
Arkansas	24,286	24,198	23,034	22,770	21,289	21,311	19,254	21,153	21,752	21,590
Delaware	4,609	4,732	4,735	4,790	4,738	5,055	5,702	5,427	5,351	4,695
Florida	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,105	588	631	338	708	695
Georgia	34,653	33,037	33,891	33,428	31,975	26,419	27,531	24,866	27,669	24,850
Kentucky	7,260	7,566	7,524	7,081	6,910	6,066	5,684	5,170	5,885	6,012
Louisiana	3,225	3,455	3,313	3,634	3,741	3,099	3,313	3,178	2,827	2,874
Maryland	7,923	8,200	7,682	7,741	7,353	5,658	5,294	5,158	5,810	6,071
Mississippi	18,270	17,004	17,605	16,672	18,007	14,651	13,887	14,169	14,961	13,840
Missouri	8,331	7,114	8,641	8,001	8,183	5,923	5,802	5,068	6,940	5,580
N. Carolina	21,261	19,718	19,117	19,976	20,431	17,466	16,351	15,923	16,365	15,551
Oklahoma	7,446	7,799	7,637	7,190	7,618	5,307	4,740	4,155	3,754	4,348
Pennsylvania	5,145	5,438	5,480	5,533	5,384	4,105	4,109	4,124	3,819	4,052
S. Carolina	5,972	5,670	5,727	5,598	5,890	4,451	4,739	5,096	4,960	4,862
Texas	15,429	14,877	14,596	15,331	15,872	11,388	12,865	12,494	12,593	12,223
Virginia	6,396	6,255	6,116	6,270	5,817	5,661	5,202	4,723	5,478	5,910
CA,TN & WV	11,005	11,186	11,677	11,559	10,645	10,786	9,463	9,478	8,842	10,032
Other States	8,730	9,030	9,165	9,378	9,220	7,564	7,274	7,357	6,992	7,097
U.S. Total	220,784	214,099	216,618	215,964	213,661	178,152	174,380	170,756	177,263	172,340
% of Prev. Year	100	100	101	100	99	100	100	98	99	100

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 20, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.7 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 20, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through October 20, 2018 for the United States were 7.68 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.