



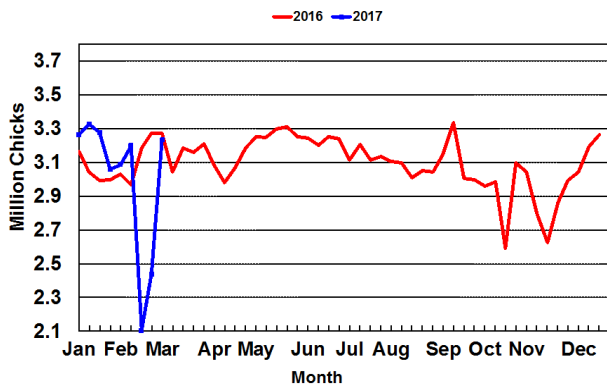
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### Louisiana Chick Placements Down 1 percent from Last Year

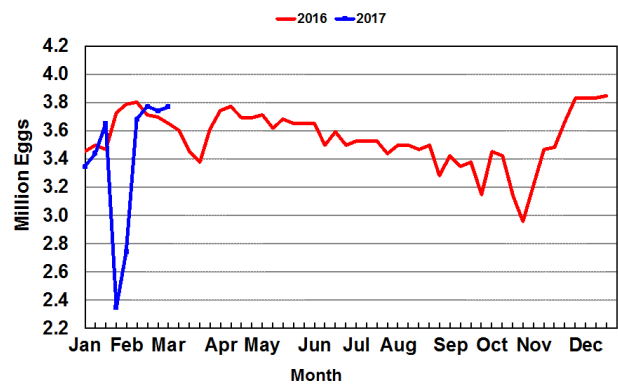
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Louisiana were 3.23 million during the week ending March 4, 2017. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2016 but up 32 percent from the previous week.

Louisiana hatcheries set 3.77 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 4, 2017, up 3 percent from the same period last year and up slightly from the previous week.

Chicks Placed In Louisiana, 2016-2017



Eggs Set In Louisiana, 2016-2017



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 4, 2017 - March 4, 2017

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	4-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb	4-Mar	4-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb	4-Mar
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,720	29,974	29,543	29,568	29,543	21,391	22,169	23,106	21,595	22,011
Arkansas	23,376	22,947	23,652	23,606	24,133	20,502	22,738	21,078	21,113	21,300
Delaware	4,924	4,910	4,924	4,851	4,921	5,407	6,087	6,618	5,577	5,221
Florida	1,007	1,037	1,019	1,052	1,090	1,260	1,190	1,327	1,230	1,080
Georgia	34,292	34,949	34,528	34,943	34,779	27,844	26,823	26,199	27,238	28,679
Kentucky	8,000	7,742	7,598	7,232	7,541	6,000	6,273	6,511	5,976	6,009
Louisiana	2,744	3,682	3,772	3,742	3,769	3,085	3,197	2,107	2,441	3,234
Maryland	8,217	7,692	8,211	8,215	8,216	5,965	5,630	4,924	6,207	5,883
Mississippi	16,990	17,523	17,605	17,697	17,805	14,978	14,368	15,059	14,553	14,884
Missouri	8,152	8,152	8,273	8,273	8,245	5,577	5,367	6,219	5,581	5,537
N. Carolina	21,378	21,270	21,966	21,480	22,030	16,233	16,197	17,073	17,369	17,051
Oklahoma	7,790	7,641	7,750	7,707	7,648	3,770	3,297	3,785	5,306	4,641
Pennsylvania	4,695	4,434	4,302	4,870	4,662	3,541	3,755	3,701	3,709	3,387
S. Carolina	5,328	5,317	5,554	5,319	5,484	5,318	6,095	4,909	4,160	4,058
Texas	15,806	16,019	15,801	15,982	15,918	13,185	12,861	13,145	13,144	13,497
Virginia	6,519	6,543	6,538	6,505	6,553	5,755	5,368	5,742	5,526	5,310
CA, TN & WV	11,557	12,053	12,463	12,237	12,540	10,260	10,810	10,435	10,664	10,823
19 State Total	210,495	211,885	213,499	213,279	214,877	170,071	172,225	171,938	171,389	172,605
% of Prev. Year	102	102	103	102	103	100	101	101	101	101
Other States	8,940	8,951	9,027	8,927	8,883	7,017	6,570	7,081	7,153	7,243
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>219,435</b>	<b>220,836</b>	<b>222,526</b>	<b>222,206</b>	<b>223,760</b>	<b>177,088</b>	<b>178,795</b>	<b>179,019</b>	<b>178,542</b>	<b>179,848</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 224 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 4, 2017, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 4, 2017, up 3 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 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 4, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 4, 2017, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through March 4, 2017 for the United States were 1.61 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.