

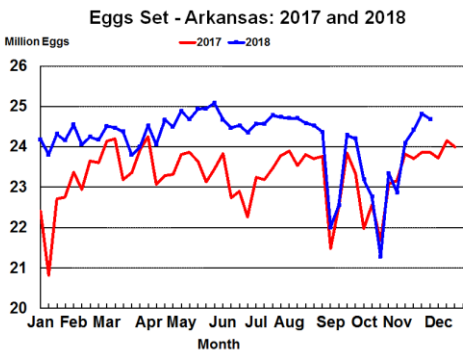
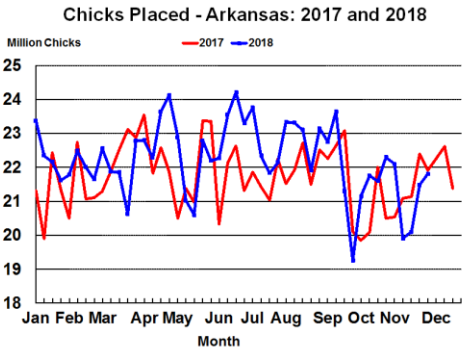


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Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.8 million during the week ending December 1, 2018. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2017 but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 1, 2018, up 3 percent from the same period last year but down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: November 3, 2018 - December 1, 2018

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	1-Dec	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	1-Dec
	(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	28,798	30,051	30,532	30,622	31,136	22,886	21,519	22,735	21,661	22,485
Arkansas	22,882	24,091	24,415	24,815	24,683	22,100	19,908	20,111	21,483	21,805
Delaware	4,667	4,696	4,722	4,696	4,701	4,311	5,043	3,892	4,469	4,570
Florida	1,147	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	828	739	1,301	1,328	1,358
Georgia	33,205	33,575	34,890	34,648	34,371	26,330	25,632	25,614	25,180	26,332
Kentucky	7,086	7,829	7,740	7,873	8,027	5,917	4,772	4,489	5,389	6,114
Louisiana	3,879	3,562	3,668	3,653	3,834	3,143	3,353	3,480	3,006	3,143
Maryland	7,926	7,863	7,939	7,986	7,993	6,840	4,707	7,194	6,929	5,412
Mississippi	17,159	17,659	18,367	18,569	18,584	13,844	15,232	15,423	14,228	14,662
Missouri	7,333	7,711	8,567	8,375	8,460	5,303	5,425	5,637	4,731	5,421
N. Carolina	21,899	22,083	22,459	22,405	23,146	15,614	17,273	17,679	17,048	18,171
Oklahoma	7,574	7,837	5,888	7,500	7,645	3,241	4,564	4,390	4,349	4,399
Pennsylvania	5,055	5,080	5,528	5,306	5,262	4,216	3,941	3,824	3,938	3,945
S. Carolina	4,976	5,616	5,939	5,562	5,881	4,889	4,484	4,134	4,804	4,325
Texas	14,659	15,994	16,007	16,343	16,710	12,685	12,936	12,943	11,904	13,031
Virginia	5,794	5,632	6,380	6,406	6,771	4,964	5,309	5,418	4,892	5,299
CA,TN & WV	11,597	11,875	12,341	12,303	12,178	9,457	10,180	9,937	10,608	10,443
Other States	9,234	9,362	9,642	9,677	10,112	7,213	7,215	6,950	7,112	7,218
U.S. Total	214,870	221,710	226,218	227,933	230,688	173,781	172,232	175,151	173,059	178,133
% of Prev. Year	100	100	99	101	99	99	98	98	99	100

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through December 1, 2018 for the United States were 8.73 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.