

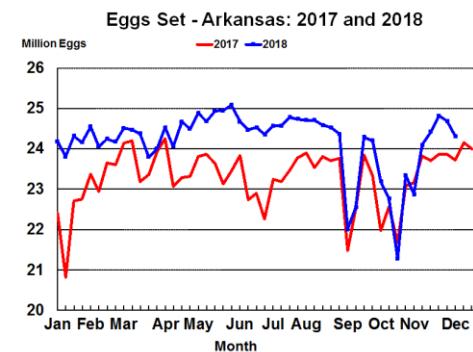
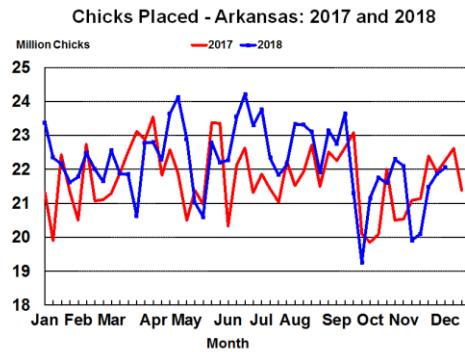


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Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.1 million during the week ending December 8, 2018. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2017 but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 8, 2018, up 2 percent from the same period last year but down 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: November 10, 2018 - December 8, 2018

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 10-Nov | 17-Nov | 24-Nov | 1-Dec | 8-Dec | 10-Nov | 17-Nov | 24-Nov | 1-Dec | 8-Dec |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 chicks) |
| Alabama | 30,051 | 30,481 | 30,622 | 31,136 | 30,568 | 21,519 | 22,735 | 21,661 | 22,485 | 23,014 |
| Arkansas | 24,091 | 24,415 | 24,815 | 24,683 | 24,309 | 19,908 | 20,111 | 21,483 | 21,870 | 22,059 |
| Delaware | 4,696 | 4,722 | 4,696 | 5,045 | 4,674 | 5,043 | 3,892 | 5,472 | 5,432 | 4,759 |
| Florida | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 739 | 1,301 | 1,327 | 1,358 | 1,358 |
| Georgia | 33,497 | 34,631 | 34,965 | 34,371 | 35,564 | 25,632 | 25,614 | 25,169 | 26,323 | 26,758 |
| Kentucky | 7,829 | 7,740 | 7,873 | 8,027 | 7,221 | 4,772 | 4,489 | 5,389 | 6,114 | 5,802 |
| Louisiana | 3,562 | 3,668 | 3,653 | 3,834 | 3,532 | 3,353 | 3,480 | 3,006 | 3,144 | 3,163 |
| Maryland | 7,863 | 7,939 | 7,986 | 7,993 | 7,744 | 4,707 | 7,194 | 5,784 | 5,039 | 5,409 |
| Mississippi | 17,659 | 18,367 | 18,569 | 18,585 | 18,569 | 15,232 | 15,423 | 14,228 | 14,666 | 15,212 |
| Missouri | 7,711 | 8,567 | 8,375 | 8,460 | 7,733 | 5,425 | 5,637 | 4,729 | 5,417 | 5,798 |
| N. Carolina | 22,083 | 22,459 | 22,423 | 23,064 | 21,251 | 17,273 | 17,679 | 17,137 | 17,734 | 17,395 |
| Oklahoma | 7,837 | 7,725 | 7,500 | 7,645 | 6,669 | 4,564 | 4,390 | 4,349 | 4,399 | 4,759 |
| Pennsylvania | 5,080 | 5,528 | 5,272 | 5,394 | 5,226 | 3,941 | 3,824 | 3,936 | 4,034 | 4,059 |
| S. Carolina | 5,616 | 5,939 | 5,562 | 5,881 | 5,560 | 4,484 | 4,134 | 4,804 | 4,325 | 4,855 |
| Texas | 15,994 | 16,007 | 16,343 | 16,710 | 15,325 | 12,936 | 12,943 | 11,904 | 12,973 | 12,953 |
| Virginia | 5,632 | 6,380 | 6,406 | 6,771 | 6,074 | 5,309 | 5,418 | 4,892 | 5,161 | 6,107 |
| CA, TN & WV | 11,875 | 12,341 | 12,182 | 12,614 | 11,448 | 10,180 | 9,937 | 10,580 | 10,373 | 11,038 |
| Other States | 9,362 | 9,704 | 9,727 | 10,023 | 8,845 | 7,215 | 6,950 | 7,188 | 7,252 | 7,790 |
| U.S. Total | 221,632 | 227,807 | 228,163 | 231,430 | 221,506 | 172,232 | 175,151 | 173,038 | 178,099 | 182,288 |
| % of Prev. Year | 100 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 99 |

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 222 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 8, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 8, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through December 8, 2018 for the United States were 8.91 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.