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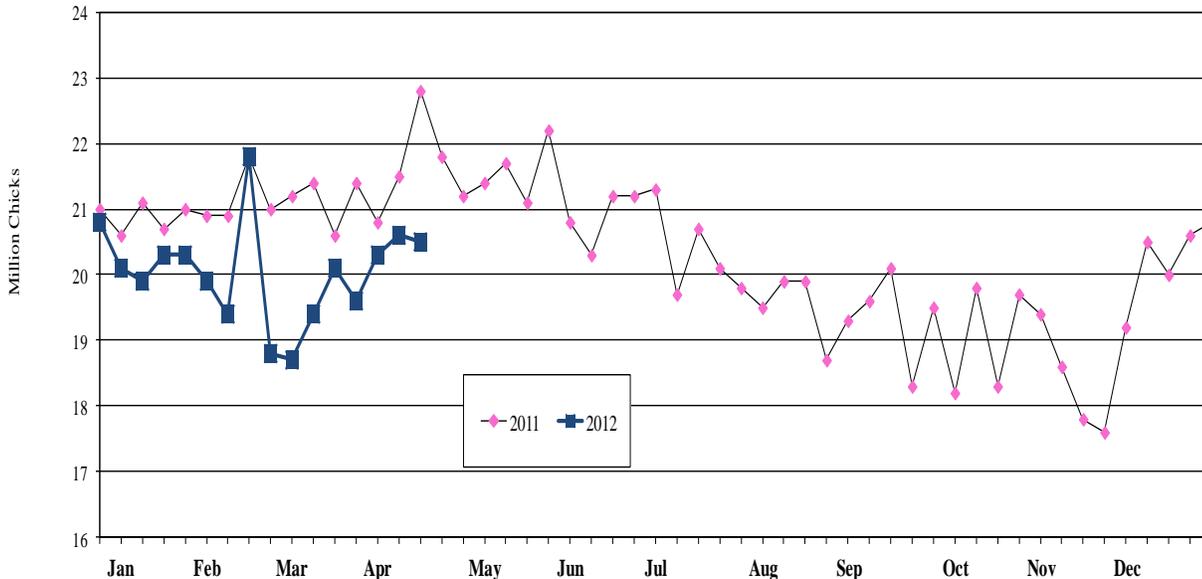
BROILERS PLACED IN ALABAMA DOWN 10 PERCENT
BROILER EGGS SET DOWN 8 PERCENT

Placement of broiler chicks in Alabama during the week ending April 14, 2012 was 20.5 million, down slightly from the previous week, and down 10 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Alabama Field Office. An estimated 27.9 million broiler type eggs were set by Alabama hatcheries, down slightly from the previous week, and down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

Alabama Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler-Type Chicks Placed

Week Ended	Eggs Set			Chicks Placed		
	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.
	Thousands			Thousands		
Mar 10	29,908	27,476	92	21,441	19,382	90
Mar 17	30,208	28,269	94	20,592	20,106	98
Mar 24	31,067	28,083	90	21,440	19,610	91
Mar 31	30,239	27,319	90	20,827	20,335	98
Apr 7	29,704	27,989	94	21,456	20,595	96
Apr 14	30,293	27,854	92	22,792	20,546	90

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN ALABAMA BY WEEK, 2011-2012



Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 10, 2012	March 17, 2012	March 24, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,476	28,269	28,083	27,319	27,989	27,854
Arkansas	21,148	20,142	20,771	21,178	21,240	21,233
Delaware	3,303	3,415	3,388	3,517	3,506	3,550
Florida	1,350	1,351	1,348	1,350	1,349	1,352
Georgia	32,374	32,249	31,890	32,796	32,564	32,536
Kentucky	7,794	7,723	7,429	7,675	7,709	7,626
Louisiana	3,440	3,470	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,500
Maryland	7,674	7,678	7,192	7,000	7,128	7,393
Mississippi	17,682	17,784	17,907	17,907	17,878	17,717
Missouri	7,648	7,482	7,657	7,464	7,701	7,686
North Carolina	20,342	19,969	20,031	20,077	20,381	20,556
Oklahoma	6,930	6,365	6,728	6,930	6,910	6,688
Pennsylvania	3,838	3,859	3,771	3,576	3,754	3,586
South Carolina	5,472	5,118	5,448	5,385	5,488	5,364
Texas	15,026	15,075	14,941	14,933	14,972	14,816
Virginia	6,207	6,137	5,950	6,311	6,415	6,166
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,035	11,413	10,526	10,783	10,668	11,450
19 State total	198,739	197,499	196,500	197,701	199,152	199,073
Previous year total	207,931	208,714	209,434	207,520	207,969	208,968
Percent of previous year	96	95	94	95	96	95

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 10, 2012	March 17, 2012	March 24, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,382	20,106	19,610	20,335	20,595	20,546
Arkansas	18,611	19,004	20,043	20,359	18,964	19,564
Delaware	3,910	3,901	4,043	3,724	4,760	4,647
Florida	1,174	1,407	1,217	1,016	1,233	1,289
Georgia	28,332	27,862	27,284	27,233	28,079	26,180
Kentucky	6,595	4,894	6,594	6,214	5,964	6,185
Louisiana	3,022	2,983	3,032	3,025	3,356	3,059
Maryland	6,441	6,110	5,927	7,020	5,488	5,915
Mississippi	15,328	15,447	15,207	15,136	15,282	15,444
Missouri	6,020	5,325	5,245	5,548	5,413	5,972
North Carolina	15,816	16,753	16,294	16,870	16,127	16,163
Oklahoma	4,014	4,605	4,533	3,813	4,123	3,662
Pennsylvania	2,870	3,117	3,113	3,144	3,103	2,957
South Carolina	4,230	3,646	4,696	4,218	4,096	4,919
Texas	12,347	12,223	12,143	12,524	12,235	12,723
Virginia	4,739	4,784	5,365	4,735	4,592	4,824
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,883	10,845	10,359	10,859	11,778	10,176
19 State total	162,714	163,012	164,705	165,773	165,188	164,225
Previous year total	170,304	170,422	172,880	171,899	172,098	173,110
Percent of previous year	96	96	95	96	96	95

Average hatchability for chicks hatched in the 19 selected States during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.