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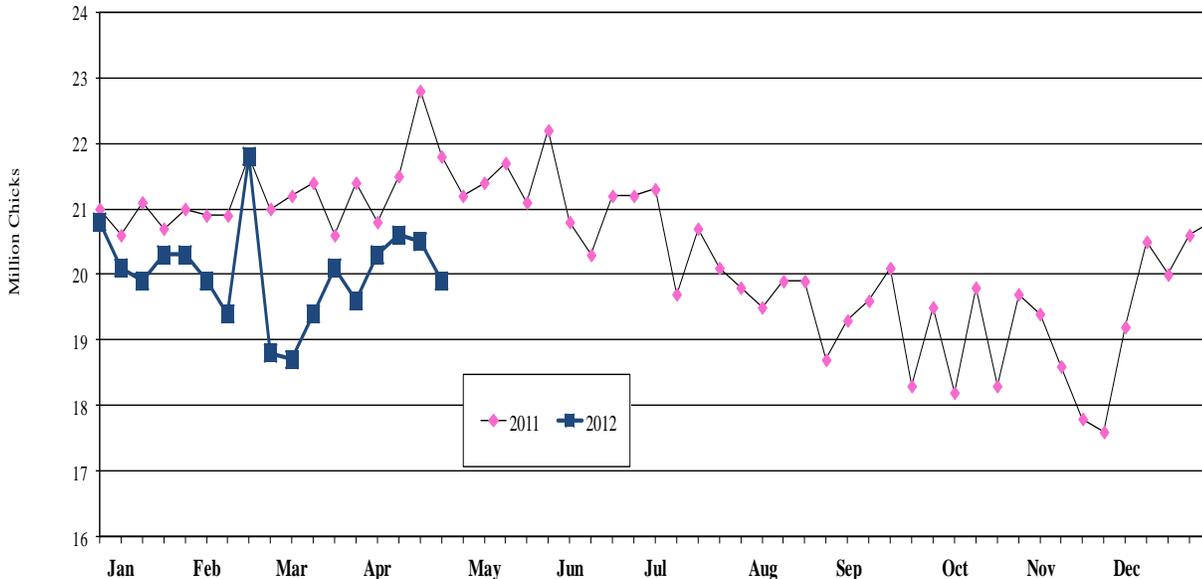
**BROILERS PLACED IN ALABAMA DOWN 9 PERCENT  
BROILER EGGS SET DOWN 5 PERCENT**

Placement of broiler chicks in Alabama during the week ending April 21, 2012 was 19.9 million, down 3 percent from the previous week, and down 9 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Alabama Field Office. An estimated 28.4 million broiler type eggs were set by Alabama hatcheries, up 2 percent from the previous week, but down 5 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.
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	27,426	91	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
Apr 21	29,958	28,393	95	21,794	19,932	91

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN ALABAMA BY WEEK, 2011-2012**



## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 17, 2012	March 24, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,269	28,083	27,426	27,989	27,854	28,393
Arkansas .....	20,142	20,771	21,178	21,240	21,233	21,168
Delaware .....	3,415	3,388	3,517	3,506	3,550	3,622
Florida .....	1,351	1,348	1,350	1,349	1,352	1,347
Georgia .....	32,249	31,890	32,796	32,564	32,536	32,274
Kentucky .....	7,775	7,417	7,683	7,709	7,641	7,360
Louisiana .....	3,470	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,530	3,530
Maryland .....	7,678	7,192	7,000	7,128	7,393	7,570
Mississippi .....	17,784	17,907	17,907	17,878	17,717	18,068
Missouri .....	7,482	7,657	7,464	7,701	7,686	7,711
North Carolina .....	19,969	20,031	20,223	20,381	20,556	20,434
Oklahoma .....	6,365	6,728	6,930	6,910	6,688	6,849
Pennsylvania .....	3,859	3,771	3,576	3,754	3,753	3,793
South Carolina .....	5,118	5,448	5,385	5,488	5,364	5,483
Texas .....	15,075	14,941	14,933	14,972	14,816	14,821
Virginia .....	6,137	5,950	6,311	6,415	6,166	6,399
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,413	10,526	10,783	10,668	11,554	11,262
19 State total .....	197,551	196,488	197,962	199,152	199,389	200,084
Previous year total .....	208,714	209,434	207,520	207,969	208,968	209,132
Percent of previous year .....	95	94	95	96	95	96

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 17, 2012	March 24, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,106	19,610	20,335	20,595	20,546	19,932
Arkansas .....	19,004	20,043	20,144	18,964	19,564	20,389
Delaware .....	3,901	4,043	3,724	4,760	4,647	4,733
Florida .....	1,407	1,217	1,016	1,233	1,289	1,202
Georgia .....	27,862	27,284	27,051	27,899	25,950	27,448
Kentucky .....	4,894	6,594	6,214	5,964	6,012	6,391
Louisiana .....	2,983	3,032	3,025	3,356	3,040	3,095
Maryland .....	6,110	5,927	7,020	5,488	5,915	6,244
Mississippi .....	15,447	15,207	15,136	15,282	15,444	15,418
Missouri .....	5,325	5,245	5,548	5,413	5,972	4,892
North Carolina .....	16,753	16,294	17,064	16,334	16,403	16,561
Oklahoma .....	4,605	4,533	3,959	4,123	3,662	4,238
Pennsylvania .....	3,117	3,113	3,144	3,103	2,927	3,010
South Carolina .....	3,646	4,696	4,218	4,096	4,919	4,754
Texas .....	12,223	12,143	12,524	12,235	12,723	12,612
Virginia .....	4,784	5,365	4,735	4,592	4,824	4,457
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,845	10,359	10,859	11,778	10,857	11,146
19 State total .....	163,012	164,705	165,716	165,215	164,694	166,522
Previous year total .....	170,422	172,880	171,899	172,098	173,110	172,008
Percent of previous year .....	96	95	96	96	95	97

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.