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## Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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### Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 26, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.8 million eggs during the week ending March 26, 2022, up 6 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.7 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 26, 2022, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through March 26, 2022 for the United States were 2.23 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.9 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 26, 2022, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.3 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	February 19, 2022	February 26, 2022	March 5, 2022	March 12, 2022	March 19, 2022	March 26, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,752	34,544	34,763	34,716	34,703	34,837	106
Florida .....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	99
Georgia .....	35,124	35,353	35,162	35,400	35,497	34,718	100
South Carolina....	5,457	5,599	5,557	5,177	5,259	5,475	96
United States.....	239,621	239,173	240,897	240,275	240,886	240,273	101

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Alabama .....	23,821	24,240	25,482	25,476	23,959	24,876	102
Florida .....	1,142	1,212	1,216	1,121	1,194	1,128	85
Georgia .....	27,071	25,373	24,520	24,997	27,468	26,253	96
South Carolina....	3,829	5,322	5,204	4,231	4,372	4,634	113
United States.....	185,895	185,562	186,025	186,614	185,787	187,375	100

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Alabama .....	34,752	34,544	34,763	34,716	34,703	34,837
Arkansas.....	24,662	24,368	24,849	23,933	24,185	24,658
Delaware .....	4,973	5,175	4,890	4,880	4,904	4,946
Florida.....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia.....	35,124	35,353	35,162	35,400	35,497	34,718
Kentucky.....	5,670	5,320	5,529	5,447	5,507	5,418
Louisiana .....	3,290	3,199	3,078	3,078	3,199	3,260
Maryland.....	7,333	7,837	7,976	8,038	8,038	7,965
Mississippi .....	16,735	16,578	16,686	16,569	16,732	16,641
Missouri .....	9,600	9,598	9,605	9,605	9,634	9,634
North Carolina.....	25,194	24,700	26,155	26,262	26,420	25,969
Oklahoma .....	7,494	7,761	7,658	7,481	7,710	7,813
Pennsylvania .....	6,497	6,619	6,536	6,517	6,623	6,512
South Carolina .....	5,457	5,599	5,557	5,177	5,259	5,475
Texas.....	19,122	19,283	19,330	19,039	18,667	19,086
Virginia.....	6,831	6,801	6,827	6,831	6,827	6,831
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,254	12,929	12,940	13,336	13,255	13,166
Other States.....	12,439	12,315	12,162	12,772	12,532	12,150
United States .....	239,621	239,173	240,897	240,275	240,886	240,273

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Alabama .....	23,821	24,240	25,482	25,476	23,959	24,876
Arkansas.....	21,252	21,501	21,363	21,746	22,173	22,248
Delaware .....	5,854	4,348	4,516	4,722	4,863	4,255
Florida.....	1,142	1,212	1,216	1,121	1,194	1,128
Georgia.....	27,071	25,373	24,520	24,997	27,468	26,253
Kentucky.....	4,328	5,020	5,107	4,514	4,470	4,687
Louisiana .....	2,699	2,677	2,653	2,696	2,659	2,563
Maryland.....	5,154	5,429	6,282	4,647	5,481	5,299
Mississippi .....	13,747	13,799	13,804	13,845	13,569	13,671
Missouri .....	6,104	6,422	6,846	6,162	6,426	6,608
North Carolina.....	20,237	19,480	19,563	20,471	19,645	20,735
Oklahoma .....	4,708	4,606	4,285	4,717	3,399	3,573
Pennsylvania .....	4,055	4,472	4,192	4,264	4,255	4,368
South Carolina .....	3,829	5,322	5,204	4,231	4,372	4,634
Texas.....	14,866	14,754	14,819	14,873	15,098	15,097
Virginia.....	5,487	6,202	5,319	6,316	5,673	6,882
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,096	11,596	11,864	12,467	11,790	11,455
Other States.....	9,445	9,109	8,990	9,349	9,293	9,043
United States .....	185,895	185,562	186,025	186,614	185,787	187,375

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