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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.

December 21, 2022

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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 December 17, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.4 million eggs during the week ending December 17, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.7 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 17, 2022, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through December 17, 2022 for the United States were 9.41 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 17, 2022, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.4 million chicks, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 12, 2022	November 19, 2022	November 26, 2022	December 3, 2022	December 10, 2022	December 17, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,091	34,721	34,584	34,863	34,663	34,355	101
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,515	35,923	35,468	35,860	35,862	35,705	102
South Carolina....	5,770	5,980	5,907	6,043	5,786	5,784	113
United States	238,080	241,659	239,439	240,945	240,187	240,141	101

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Alabama	24,248	24,304	24,262	25,809	24,822	24,791	102
Florida	1,328	1,329	1,332	1,331	1,292	1,315	106
Georgia	26,744	26,160	25,439	24,884	27,473	27,416	101
South Carolina....	5,125	4,394	4,159	5,037	4,473	5,241	115
United States	185,683	183,550	183,023	187,053	190,187	187,994	100

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Alabama	34,091	34,721	34,584	34,863	34,663	34,355
Arkansas.....	24,698	24,401	24,346	24,328	24,195	24,383
Delaware	5,148	5,123	5,215	5,354	5,271	5,166
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,515	35,923	35,468	35,860	35,862	35,705
Kentucky.....	6,131	6,802	6,564	6,115	5,943	6,053
Louisiana	3,214	3,516	3,516	3,516	3,350	3,380
Maryland.....	8,005	8,002	8,005	8,003	8,005	8,001
Mississippi	15,660	16,659	16,344	16,172	16,432	16,341
Missouri	9,926	9,905	9,954	9,813	9,813	9,812
North Carolina.....	23,831	25,359	24,811	25,003	24,389	24,767
Oklahoma	7,336	7,732	7,279	7,326	7,697	7,532
Pennsylvania	6,966	6,909	6,934	6,848	6,646	6,724
South Carolina	5,770	5,980	5,907	6,043	5,786	5,784
Texas.....	18,231	18,217	17,902	18,395	18,506	18,415
Virginia.....	6,449	4,667	5,128	6,388	6,286	6,394
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,041	13,694	13,491	12,950	13,412	13,357
Other States.....	12,843	12,824	12,766	12,743	12,706	12,747
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Arkansas.....	20,843	21,152	21,235	20,966	22,391	21,648
Delaware	5,185	4,684	4,793	4,511	4,469	5,388
Florida.....	1,328	1,329	1,332	1,331	1,292	1,315
Georgia.....	26,744	26,160	25,439	24,884	27,473	27,416
Kentucky.....	5,520	5,817	5,016	5,545	6,371	6,503
Louisiana	3,002	2,953	2,862	2,705	2,966	2,928
Maryland.....	4,806	5,307	7,054	5,866	7,164	5,510
Mississippi	13,493	13,202	13,444	13,223	13,881	13,743
Missouri	6,198	5,494	5,002	6,913	6,377	6,711
North Carolina.....	19,387	19,177	19,093	19,548	19,638	18,606
Oklahoma	4,480	3,954	5,711	4,767	4,097	3,956
Pennsylvania	4,663	4,412	4,740	4,763	4,773	4,769
South Carolina	5,125	4,394	4,159	5,037	4,473	5,241
Texas.....	14,148	15,308	13,483	14,268	14,499	14,043
Virginia.....	6,384	5,979	4,301	6,081	3,761	4,387
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	10,855	10,639	11,445	11,367	12,275	11,641
Other States.....	9,274	9,285	9,652	9,469	9,465	9,398
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