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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 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 31, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.1 million eggs during the week ending December 31, 2022, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.3 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 31, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the United States were 9.79 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 31, 2022, up 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.0 million chicks, up 5 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 26, 2022	December 3, 2022	December 10, 2022	December 17, 2022	December 24, 2022	December 31, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,584	34,863	34,663	34,444	34,451	34,115	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,209	101
Georgia	35,468	35,860	35,862	35,676	35,920	35,314	101
South Carolina....	5,907	6,043	5,786	6,042	5,599	6,041	121
United States	239,539	241,237	240,581	240,319	240,044	238,669	101

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Alabama	24,262	25,809	25,052	25,271	25,126	25,192	105
Florida	1,332	1,331	1,292	1,317	1,231	1,298	114
Georgia	25,439	24,884	27,473	27,183	27,784	28,024	105
South Carolina....	4,159	5,037	4,473	5,295	5,062	4,734	138
United States	183,023	187,049	190,186	188,102	188,666	187,982	101

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Alabama	34,584	34,863	34,663	34,444	34,451	34,115
Arkansas.....	24,346	24,328	24,195	24,383	24,443	24,214
Delaware	5,215	5,354	5,271	5,166	5,206	4,913
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,209
Georgia.....	35,468	35,860	35,862	35,676	35,920	35,314
Kentucky.....	6,564	6,586	6,337	6,053	6,274	6,370
Louisiana	3,516	3,516	3,350	3,380	3,426	3,426
Maryland.....	8,005	8,003	8,005	8,001	8,066	8,066
Mississippi	16,344	16,172	16,432	16,341	16,054	15,932
Missouri	9,954	9,813	9,813	9,812	9,761	9,825
North Carolina.....	24,811	25,003	24,389	24,767	24,917	24,673
Oklahoma	7,279	7,326	7,697	7,482	7,523	7,473
Pennsylvania	6,934	6,849	6,646	6,734	6,637	6,561
South Carolina	5,907	6,043	5,786	6,042	5,599	6,041
Texas.....	17,902	18,395	18,506	18,415	18,128	17,860
Virginia.....	5,128	6,388	6,286	6,394	6,532	6,564
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,491	12,770	13,412	13,260	13,357	13,601
Other States.....	12,866	12,743	12,706	12,744	12,525	12,512
United States	239,539	241,237	240,581	240,319	240,044	238,669

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Arkansas.....	21,235	20,966	22,201	21,570	21,676	21,544
Delaware	4,793	4,511	4,469	5,435	4,821	4,895
Florida.....	1,332	1,331	1,292	1,317	1,231	1,298
Georgia.....	25,439	24,884	27,473	27,183	27,784	28,024
Kentucky.....	5,016	5,545	5,849	5,498	6,422	5,529
Louisiana	2,862	2,705	2,966	2,927	2,937	2,869
Maryland.....	7,054	5,866	6,819	5,225	6,086	5,570
Mississippi	13,444	13,223	13,881	13,675	13,403	13,634
Missouri	5,002	6,913	6,561	6,711	7,183	6,308
North Carolina.....	19,093	19,548	19,638	18,664	18,498	17,958
Oklahoma	5,711	4,767	4,102	3,921	3,054	4,202
Pennsylvania	4,740	4,760	4,773	4,781	4,724	4,500
South Carolina	4,159	5,037	4,473	5,295	5,062	4,734
Texas.....	13,483	14,268	14,499	14,159	14,684	14,635
Virginia.....	4,301	6,105	4,106	4,544	5,700	5,746
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,445	11,340	12,438	12,210	10,804	11,777
Other States.....	9,652	9,471	9,594	9,716	9,471	9,567
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