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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 Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 4, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.7 million eggs during the week ending February 4, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.1 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 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 4, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through February 4, 2023 for the United States were 932 million. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 4, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.5 million chicks, down 2 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2022 and 2023

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	December 31, 2022	January 7, 2023	January 14, 2023	January 21, 2023	January 28, 2023	February 4, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,565	34,349	34,447	34,511	34,532	34,679	101
Florida .....	1,209	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	100
Georgia .....	34,388	35,529	35,230	35,167	35,229	35,058	100
South Carolina....	6,041	5,836	5,711	5,854	5,778	5,833	104
United States .....	237,943	240,697	238,006	238,819	239,612	239,337	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), February 8, 2023

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Alabama .....	25,107	23,988	24,642	25,085	23,452	23,279	98
Florida .....	1,298	1,183	1,301	1,283	1,282	1,248	103
Georgia .....	28,274	28,436	27,343	25,518	27,825	26,518	98
South Carolina....	4,734	4,506	4,899	4,210	3,992	5,070	119
United States .....	187,810	187,885	187,641	184,543	186,386	185,647	100

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Alabama .....	34,565	34,349	34,447	34,511	34,532	34,679
Arkansas.....	24,177	24,090	24,451	24,496	24,590	24,539
Delaware .....	4,913	5,302	5,183	5,088	5,183	5,299
Florida.....	1,209	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia.....	34,388	35,529	35,230	35,167	35,229	35,058
Kentucky.....	6,638	6,804	6,508	6,138	6,213	5,929
Louisiana .....	3,426	3,123	3,154	3,243	3,244	3,290
Maryland.....	8,066	8,067	8,067	8,066	8,056	8,058
Mississippi .....	15,872	16,271	16,572	16,436	16,512	16,572
Missouri .....	9,825	9,871	9,859	9,779	9,916	9,954
North Carolina.....	24,741	25,066	24,531	25,114	25,448	24,474
Oklahoma .....	7,473	7,415	7,541	7,339	7,291	7,390
Pennsylvania .....	6,561	6,631	6,497	6,677	6,618	6,607
South Carolina .....	6,041	5,836	5,711	5,854	5,778	5,833
Texas.....	17,733	18,046	16,858	16,864	17,583	18,149
Virginia.....	6,564	6,685	6,632	6,616	6,637	6,632
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,048	13,517	12,770	13,220	13,002	13,133
Other States.....	12,703	12,901	12,801	13,017	12,586	12,547
United States .....	237,943	240,697	238,006	238,819	239,612	239,337

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Alabama .....	25,107	23,988	24,642	25,085	23,452	23,279
Arkansas.....	21,588	22,036	20,205	19,248	20,220	20,467
Delaware .....	4,895	6,134	4,801	5,252	5,299	5,174
Florida.....	1,298	1,183	1,301	1,283	1,282	1,248
Georgia.....	28,274	28,436	27,343	25,518	27,825	26,518
Kentucky.....	5,377	4,946	5,293	5,146	5,339	5,157
Louisiana .....	2,869	2,461	2,891	2,972	2,639	2,633
Maryland.....	5,570	4,705	5,461	4,815	5,028	5,858
Mississippi .....	13,572	13,609	13,272	13,073	13,674	14,027
Missouri .....	6,308	5,810	6,419	6,236	6,597	6,281
North Carolina.....	17,982	19,276	19,319	19,429	19,677	19,270
Oklahoma .....	4,202	4,296	5,334	6,041	4,565	5,029
Pennsylvania .....	4,500	4,540	4,533	4,405	4,461	4,450
South Carolina .....	4,734	4,506	4,899	4,210	3,992	5,070
Texas.....	14,601	14,598	14,444	14,075	14,318	13,574
Virginia.....	5,746	5,839	6,122	6,690	6,106	5,287
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,618	11,950	11,842	11,718	12,395	12,721
Other States.....	9,569	9,572	9,520	9,347	9,517	9,604
United States .....	187,810	187,885	187,641	184,543	186,386	185,647

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