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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 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 11, 2023, up slightly 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 34.7 million eggs during the week ending February 11, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.4 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 11, 2023, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through February 11, 2023 for the United States were 1.12 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.0 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 11, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.7 million chicks, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 7, 2023	January 14, 2023	January 21, 2023	January 28, 2023	February 4, 2023	February 11, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,349	34,447	34,511	34,532	34,579	34,651	100
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225	103
Georgia	35,470	35,216	35,167	35,229	35,246	35,384	101
South Carolina....	5,836	5,711	5,854	5,778	5,733	5,702	103
United States	240,618	238,147	239,506	239,676	239,332	240,727	100

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Alabama	24,049	24,696	25,236	23,627	23,410	23,965	101
Florida	1,183	1,301	1,283	1,282	1,248	1,262	112
Georgia	28,436	27,343	25,518	27,825	26,612	28,667	102
South Carolina....	4,561	4,917	4,230	4,189	5,316	4,967	109
United States	187,935	187,647	184,543	186,346	185,608	187,544	102

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Alabama	34,349	34,447	34,511	34,532	34,579	34,651
Arkansas.....	24,090	24,451	24,496	24,590	24,539	24,774
Delaware	5,302	5,183	5,088	5,183	5,299	5,488
Florida.....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225
Georgia.....	35,470	35,216	35,167	35,229	35,246	35,384
Kentucky.....	6,804	6,508	6,659	6,213	5,929	6,268
Louisiana	3,123	3,154	3,243	3,244	3,290	3,411
Maryland.....	8,067	8,067	8,066	8,056	8,058	8,081
Mississippi	16,271	16,572	16,436	16,512	16,572	16,559
Missouri	9,871	9,859	9,779	9,916	9,954	9,954
North Carolina.....	25,066	24,531	25,114	25,448	24,474	24,892
Oklahoma	7,415	7,541	7,339	7,291	7,335	7,466
Pennsylvania	6,611	6,652	6,843	6,682	6,726	6,344
South Carolina	5,836	5,711	5,854	5,778	5,733	5,702
Texas.....	18,046	16,858	16,864	17,583	18,149	18,353
Virginia.....	6,685	6,632	6,616	6,637	6,632	6,756
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,517	12,770	13,220	13,002	12,992	12,892
Other States.....	12,901	12,801	13,017	12,586	12,631	12,527
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Alabama	24,049	24,696	25,236	23,627	23,410	23,965
Arkansas.....	22,711	20,479	20,085	21,237	21,691	21,931
Delaware	6,134	4,801	5,252	5,299	5,174	4,773
Florida.....	1,183	1,301	1,283	1,282	1,248	1,262
Georgia.....	28,436	27,343	25,518	27,825	26,612	28,667
Kentucky.....	5,828	5,628	5,109	6,014	5,149	4,877
Louisiana	2,461	2,891	2,972	2,639	2,633	2,756
Maryland.....	4,743	5,411	5,063	5,215	6,422	6,221
Mississippi	13,609	13,272	13,073	13,674	14,009	13,827
Missouri	5,510	6,119	5,821	6,292	6,056	6,255
North Carolina.....	19,276	19,319	19,429	19,469	19,016	19,226
Oklahoma	3,921	5,360	5,619	3,854	4,033	3,764
Pennsylvania	4,547	4,529	4,393	4,455	4,439	4,505
South Carolina	4,561	4,917	4,230	4,189	5,316	4,967
Texas.....	14,598	14,444	14,075	14,318	13,569	13,448
Virginia.....	5,770	6,152	6,421	5,896	4,601	5,184
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,163	11,776	11,602	11,799	12,477	11,961
Other States.....	9,435	9,209	9,362	9,262	9,753	9,955
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