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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 Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 18, 2023, down 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 34.6 million eggs during the week ending February 18, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.2 million eggs during the same week, up slightly 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 February 18, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through February 18, 2023 for the United States were 1.31 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 18, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.9 million chicks, up 3 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 14, 2023	January 21, 2023	January 28, 2023	February 4, 2023	February 11, 2023	February 18, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	34,447	34,511	34,547	34,610	34,620	34,628	100
Florida .....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia .....	35,216	35,167	35,229	35,290	35,327	35,150	100
South Carolina....	5,711	5,854	5,778	5,733	5,702	5,782	106
United States .....	238,147	238,996	240,510	239,582	241,210	239,540	100

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Alabama .....	24,696	25,212	23,604	23,383	23,958	23,703	100
Florida .....	1,301	1,283	1,282	1,248	1,262	1,266	111
Georgia .....	27,343	25,518	27,825	26,612	28,667	27,938	103
South Carolina....	4,917	4,230	4,189	5,316	4,960	4,982	130
United States .....	187,647	184,465	186,217	185,554	186,994	187,588	101

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Alabama .....	34,447	34,511	34,547	34,610	34,620	34,628
Arkansas.....	24,451	23,954	24,648	24,576	24,821	24,630
Delaware .....	5,183	5,088	5,183	5,299	5,488	5,379
Florida.....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,216	35,167	35,229	35,290	35,327	35,150
Kentucky.....	6,508	6,659	6,719	5,929	6,268	5,770
Louisiana .....	3,154	3,243	3,244	3,290	3,411	3,411
Maryland.....	8,067	8,066	8,056	8,058	8,081	8,095
Mississippi .....	16,572	16,468	16,591	16,710	16,665	16,777
Missouri .....	9,859	9,779	9,916	9,954	9,954	9,562
North Carolina.....	24,531	25,114	25,448	24,474	24,892	24,362
Oklahoma .....	7,541	7,339	7,291	7,335	7,466	7,408
Pennsylvania .....	6,652	6,843	6,658	6,726	6,344	6,720
South Carolina .....	5,711	5,854	5,778	5,733	5,702	5,782
Texas.....	16,858	16,864	17,583	18,149	18,353	18,484
Virginia.....	6,632	6,616	6,637	6,632	6,756	6,749
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,770	13,220	13,202	12,992	13,310	12,735
Other States.....	12,801	13,017	12,586	12,631	12,527	12,673
United States .....	238,147	238,996	240,510	239,582	241,210	239,540

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Alabama .....	24,696	25,212	23,604	23,383	23,958	23,703
Arkansas.....	20,479	20,043	21,174	21,658	20,938	21,730
Delaware .....	4,801	5,252	5,299	5,174	4,662	5,075
Florida.....	1,301	1,283	1,282	1,248	1,262	1,266
Georgia.....	27,343	25,518	27,825	26,612	28,667	27,938
Kentucky.....	5,628	5,109	6,014	5,149	4,877	5,416
Louisiana .....	2,891	2,972	2,639	2,633	2,756	2,784
Maryland.....	5,411	5,063	5,215	6,422	6,192	6,343
Mississippi .....	13,272	13,061	13,671	14,015	13,883	13,978
Missouri .....	6,119	5,821	6,292	6,056	6,255	6,756
North Carolina.....	19,319	19,429	19,469	19,016	19,226	19,392
Oklahoma .....	5,360	5,619	3,854	4,033	4,087	3,527
Pennsylvania .....	4,529	4,393	4,433	4,439	4,505	4,494
South Carolina .....	4,917	4,230	4,189	5,316	4,960	4,982
Texas.....	14,444	14,075	14,318	13,569	13,448	13,963
Virginia.....	6,152	6,421	5,996	4,601	5,333	5,569
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,776	11,602	11,680	12,477	12,030	10,979
Other States.....	9,209	9,362	9,263	9,753	9,955	9,693
United States .....	187,647	184,465	186,217	185,554	186,994	187,588

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