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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 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 25, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.8 million eggs during the week ending February 25, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.2 million eggs during the same week, down 1 percent 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 25, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through February 25, 2023 for the United States were 1.49 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 25, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.6 million chicks, up 9 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 21, 2023	January 28, 2023	February 4, 2023	February 11, 2023	February 18, 2023	February 25, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,511	34,547	34,610	34,620	34,650	34,767	101
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,167	35,229	35,290	35,327	35,333	35,171	99
South Carolina....	5,854	5,778	5,733	5,702	5,727	6,080	109
United States	238,996	240,543	239,944	241,210	240,038	240,504	101

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Alabama	25,212	23,604	23,383	23,958	23,696	23,954	99
Florida	1,283	1,282	1,248	1,262	1,266	1,225	101
Georgia	25,518	27,825	26,612	28,667	27,990	27,631	109
South Carolina....	4,230	4,189	5,316	4,960	4,962	4,701	88
United States	184,465	186,217	185,554	186,994	187,593	186,075	100

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Alabama	34,511	34,547	34,610	34,620	34,650	34,767
Arkansas.....	23,954	24,648	24,576	24,821	24,630	24,908
Delaware	5,088	5,183	5,299	5,488	5,379	5,372
Florida.....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,167	35,229	35,290	35,327	35,333	35,171
Kentucky.....	6,659	6,719	6,291	6,268	5,770	6,295
Louisiana	3,243	3,244	3,290	3,411	3,411	3,411
Maryland.....	8,066	8,056	8,058	8,081	8,095	8,094
Mississippi	16,468	16,591	16,710	16,665	16,777	16,845
Missouri	9,779	9,916	9,954	9,954	9,562	9,776
North Carolina.....	25,114	25,448	24,474	24,892	24,362	24,082
Oklahoma	7,339	7,291	7,335	7,466	7,416	7,344
Pennsylvania	6,843	6,658	6,726	6,344	6,720	6,743
South Carolina	5,854	5,778	5,733	5,702	5,727	6,080
Texas.....	16,864	17,583	18,149	18,353	18,484	18,058
Virginia.....	6,616	6,637	6,632	6,756	6,749	6,760
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,220	13,235	12,992	13,310	13,210	12,916
Other States.....	13,017	12,586	12,631	12,527	12,538	12,657
United States	238,996	240,543	239,944	241,210	240,038	240,504

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Alabama	25,212	23,604	23,383	23,958	23,696	23,954
Arkansas.....	20,043	21,174	21,658	20,938	21,716	22,208
Delaware	5,252	5,299	5,174	4,662	5,075	4,627
Florida.....	1,283	1,282	1,248	1,262	1,266	1,225
Georgia.....	25,518	27,825	26,612	28,667	27,990	27,631
Kentucky.....	5,109	6,014	5,149	4,877	5,371	4,872
Louisiana	2,972	2,639	2,633	2,756	2,784	2,749
Maryland.....	5,063	5,215	6,422	6,192	6,394	6,622
Mississippi	13,061	13,671	14,015	13,883	14,136	14,084
Missouri	5,821	6,292	6,056	6,255	6,756	6,351
North Carolina.....	19,429	19,469	19,016	19,226	19,204	18,699
Oklahoma	5,619	3,854	4,033	4,087	3,527	3,231
Pennsylvania	4,393	4,433	4,439	4,505	4,494	4,493
South Carolina	4,230	4,189	5,316	4,960	4,962	4,701
Texas.....	14,075	14,318	13,569	13,448	13,969	14,374
Virginia.....	6,421	5,996	4,601	5,333	5,569	5,226
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,602	11,680	12,477	12,030	10,991	11,450
Other States.....	9,362	9,263	9,753	9,955	9,693	9,578
United States	184,465	186,217	185,554	186,994	187,593	186,075

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