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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 March 4, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.5 million eggs during the week ending March 4, 2023, down 1 percent 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 4, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through March 4, 2023 for the United States were 1.68 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 4, 2023, down 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.0 million chicks, up 14 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 28, 2023	February 4, 2023	February 11, 2023	February 18, 2023	February 25, 2023	March 4, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,547	34,610	34,620	34,650	34,767	34,535	99
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,229	35,305	35,369	35,333	35,260	35,380	101
South Carolina....	5,778	5,733	5,702	5,727	6,080	5,988	108
United States	240,543	239,973	241,582	240,038	240,736	241,327	100

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Alabama	23,604	23,383	23,822	23,677	23,913	23,838	94
Florida	1,282	1,248	1,262	1,266	1,225	1,165	96
Georgia	27,825	26,612	28,667	27,990	27,631	27,950	114
South Carolina....	4,189	5,316	4,873	4,882	4,622	4,464	86
United States	186,217	185,555	187,004	187,562	186,074	186,640	100

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Alabama	34,547	34,610	34,620	34,650	34,767	34,535
Arkansas.....	24,648	24,576	24,821	24,630	24,908	24,715
Delaware	5,183	5,299	5,488	5,379	5,372	5,369
Florida.....	1,194	1,194	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,229	35,305	35,369	35,333	35,260	35,380
Kentucky.....	6,719	6,291	6,411	5,770	6,295	6,249
Louisiana	3,244	3,290	3,411	3,411	3,411	3,289
Maryland.....	8,056	8,058	8,081	8,095	8,094	8,095
Mississippi	16,591	16,710	16,665	16,777	16,845	16,952
Missouri	9,916	9,954	9,954	9,562	9,776	9,714
North Carolina.....	25,448	24,474	24,891	24,362	24,082	25,057
Oklahoma	7,291	7,335	7,466	7,416	7,344	7,375
Pennsylvania	6,658	6,740	6,354	6,720	6,743	6,690
South Carolina	5,778	5,733	5,702	5,727	6,080	5,988
Texas.....	17,583	18,149	18,353	18,484	18,058	18,176
Virginia.....	6,637	6,632	6,756	6,749	6,760	6,756
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,235	12,992	13,310	13,210	13,059	13,151
Other States.....	12,586	12,631	12,705	12,538	12,657	12,611
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Alabama	23,604	23,383	23,822	23,677	23,913	23,838
Arkansas.....	21,174	21,658	20,649	20,768	21,835	22,551
Delaware	5,299	5,174	4,662	5,075	4,627	5,556
Florida.....	1,282	1,248	1,262	1,266	1,225	1,165
Georgia.....	27,825	26,612	28,667	27,990	27,631	27,950
Kentucky.....	6,014	5,149	5,381	5,560	5,234	6,095
Louisiana	2,639	2,633	2,756	2,784	2,749	2,859
Maryland.....	5,215	6,423	5,881	5,719	5,958	5,045
Mississippi	13,671	14,015	13,883	14,136	14,084	14,044
Missouri	6,292	6,056	6,255	6,954	6,351	5,804
North Carolina.....	19,469	19,016	19,226	19,154	18,652	19,011
Oklahoma	3,854	4,033	4,377	4,277	3,604	3,522
Pennsylvania	4,433	4,416	4,504	4,494	4,493	4,073
South Carolina	4,189	5,316	4,873	4,882	4,622	4,464
Texas.....	14,318	13,569	13,448	13,969	14,374	14,475
Virginia.....	5,996	4,728	5,536	6,344	5,990	6,092
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,680	12,373	12,175	10,820	11,462	10,863
Other States.....	9,263	9,753	9,647	9,693	9,270	9,233
United States	186,217	185,555	187,004	187,562	186,074	186,640

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