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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 11, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.9 million eggs during the week ending March 11, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.5 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 11, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through March 11, 2023 for the United States were 1.87 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 11, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.5 million chicks, up 10 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	February 4, 2023	February 11, 2023	February 18, 2023	February 25, 2023	March 4, 2023	March 11, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	34,610	34,620	34,650	34,767	34,577	34,854	100
Florida .....	1,194	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia .....	35,305	35,369	35,377	35,260	35,560	35,517	100
South Carolina....	5,733	5,702	5,727	6,080	6,046	5,948	115
United States .....	239,973	241,622	240,534	240,754	241,825	240,707	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), March 15, 2023

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Alabama .....	23,383	23,822	23,677	23,925	23,945	24,751	97
Florida .....	1,248	1,262	1,266	1,225	1,165	1,287	114
Georgia .....	26,612	28,667	27,990	27,631	27,950	27,514	110
South Carolina....	5,316	4,876	4,916	4,658	4,520	4,619	110
United States .....	185,555	187,018	187,593	186,167	186,599	186,134	100

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Alabama .....	34,610	34,620	34,650	34,767	34,577	34,854
Arkansas.....	24,576	24,821	24,630	24,818	24,461	24,269
Delaware .....	5,299	5,488	5,379	5,372	5,369	5,381
Florida.....	1,194	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,305	35,369	35,377	35,260	35,560	35,517
Kentucky.....	6,291	6,411	6,133	6,295	6,249	5,659
Louisiana .....	3,290	3,411	3,411	3,411	3,289	3,290
Maryland.....	8,058	8,081	8,095	8,094	8,095	8,095
Mississippi .....	16,710	16,665	16,777	16,924	17,000	16,680
Missouri .....	9,954	9,954	9,562	9,776	9,714	9,660
North Carolina.....	24,474	24,891	24,362	24,082	25,057	24,834
Oklahoma .....	7,335	7,466	7,416	7,344	7,510	7,570
Pennsylvania .....	6,740	6,394	6,809	6,772	6,801	6,738
South Carolina .....	5,733	5,702	5,727	6,080	6,046	5,948
Texas.....	18,149	18,353	18,484	18,058	18,202	18,127
Virginia.....	6,632	6,756	6,749	6,760	6,756	6,724
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,992	13,310	13,210	13,059	13,289	13,264
Other States.....	12,631	12,705	12,538	12,657	12,625	12,872
United States .....	239,973	241,622	240,534	240,754	241,825	240,707

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Alabama .....	23,383	23,822	23,677	23,925	23,945	24,751
Arkansas.....	21,658	20,649	20,768	21,864	22,016	20,519
Delaware .....	5,174	4,662	5,075	4,627	5,556	4,999
Florida.....	1,248	1,262	1,266	1,225	1,165	1,287
Georgia.....	26,612	28,667	27,990	27,631	27,950	27,514
Kentucky.....	5,149	5,381	5,560	5,234	6,153	5,505
Louisiana .....	2,633	2,756	2,784	2,749	2,859	2,898
Maryland.....	6,423	5,881	5,719	5,958	4,982	5,514
Mississippi .....	14,015	13,883	14,136	14,107	13,977	13,524
Missouri .....	6,056	6,255	6,954	6,351	5,804	6,401
North Carolina.....	19,016	19,226	19,154	18,652	19,063	19,121
Oklahoma .....	4,033	4,377	4,277	3,604	3,996	4,663
Pennsylvania .....	4,416	4,523	4,496	4,491	4,081	4,450
South Carolina .....	5,316	4,876	4,916	4,658	4,520	4,619
Texas.....	13,569	13,448	13,969	14,374	14,512	14,345
Virginia.....	4,728	5,536	6,344	5,990	6,092	5,975
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,373	12,175	10,820	11,462	10,691	11,010
Other States.....	9,753	9,639	9,688	9,265	9,237	9,039
United States .....	185,555	187,018	187,593	186,167	186,599	186,134

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