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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 18, 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 34.5 million eggs during the week ending March 18, 2023, down 1 percent 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 18, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through March 18, 2023 for the United States were 2.05 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 18, 2023, up 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.4 million chicks, down slightly from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	February 11, 2023	February 18, 2023	February 25, 2023	March 4, 2023	March 11, 2023	March 18, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,620	34,650	34,767	34,577	34,854	34,501	99
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,369	35,377	35,304	35,560	35,517	35,500	100
South Carolina....	5,702	5,727	5,950	6,046	5,948	5,950	113
United States	241,634	240,534	240,989	241,825	240,972	241,179	100

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	23,822	23,677	23,925	23,945	24,799	24,733	103
Florida	1,262	1,266	1,225	1,165	1,287	1,207	101
Georgia	28,667	27,990	27,631	27,950	27,514	27,445	100
South Carolina....	4,876	4,916	4,658	4,520	4,619	4,626	106
United States	187,018	187,593	186,167	186,599	186,309	186,264	100

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Alabama	34,620	34,650	34,767	34,577	34,854	34,501
Arkansas.....	24,821	24,630	24,818	24,461	24,268	24,650
Delaware	5,488	5,379	5,372	5,369	5,491	5,398
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,369	35,377	35,304	35,560	35,517	35,500
Kentucky.....	6,411	6,133	6,626	6,249	5,659	6,097
Louisiana	3,411	3,411	3,411	3,289	3,290	3,290
Maryland.....	8,081	8,095	8,094	8,095	8,095	8,091
Mississippi	16,665	16,777	16,924	17,000	16,680	17,108
Missouri	9,954	9,562	9,776	9,714	9,660	9,489
North Carolina.....	24,891	24,362	24,082	25,057	24,834	24,988
Oklahoma	7,466	7,416	7,344	7,510	7,570	7,487
Pennsylvania	6,394	6,809	6,772	6,801	6,738	6,750
South Carolina	5,702	5,727	5,950	6,046	5,948	5,950
Texas.....	18,353	18,484	18,058	18,202	18,127	18,416
Virginia.....	6,756	6,749	6,760	6,756	6,724	6,634
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,310	13,210	13,049	13,289	13,420	13,210
Other States.....	12,717	12,538	12,657	12,625	12,872	12,395
United States	241,634	240,534	240,989	241,825	240,972	241,179

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Alabama	23,822	23,677	23,925	23,945	24,799	24,733
Arkansas.....	20,649	20,768	21,864	22,016	20,540	20,584
Delaware	4,662	5,075	4,627	5,556	5,030	4,677
Florida.....	1,262	1,266	1,225	1,165	1,287	1,207
Georgia.....	28,667	27,990	27,631	27,950	27,514	27,445
Kentucky.....	5,381	5,560	5,234	6,153	5,505	5,693
Louisiana	2,756	2,784	2,749	2,859	2,898	2,892
Maryland.....	5,881	5,719	5,958	4,982	5,550	5,006
Mississippi	13,883	14,136	14,107	13,977	13,524	13,476
Missouri	6,255	6,954	6,351	5,804	6,401	6,105
North Carolina.....	19,226	19,154	18,652	19,063	19,121	18,688
Oklahoma	4,377	4,277	3,604	3,996	4,663	5,132
Pennsylvania	4,523	4,496	4,491	4,081	4,450	4,543
South Carolina	4,876	4,916	4,658	4,520	4,619	4,626
Texas.....	13,448	13,969	14,374	14,512	14,345	14,393
Virginia.....	5,536	6,344	5,990	6,092	5,975	6,668
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,175	10,820	11,462	10,691	11,049	11,232
Other States.....	9,639	9,688	9,265	9,237	9,039	9,164
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