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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.

April 5, 2023

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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 April 1, 2023, down 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 34.8 million eggs during the week ending April 1, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.1 million eggs during the same week, down 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 April 1, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through April 1, 2023 for the United States were 2.43 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.4 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 1, 2023, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 million chicks, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	February 25, 2023	March 4, 2023	March 11, 2023	March 18, 2023	March 25, 2023	April 1, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,767	34,577	34,884	34,326	34,855	34,779	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,074	35,256	35,240	35,508	35,686	35,050	100
South Carolina....	5,950	6,046	6,040	5,974	6,061	5,764	98
United States	240,759	241,843	241,150	240,138	242,086	239,856	100

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Alabama	23,925	23,945	24,699	24,647	24,288	24,426	102
Florida	1,225	1,165	1,287	1,207	1,290	1,291	97
Georgia	27,631	27,950	27,551	27,479	26,977	27,771	101
South Carolina....	4,658	4,520	4,743	4,730	4,383	4,314	89
United States	186,167	186,599	186,403	186,526	187,183	186,491	100

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Alabama	34,767	34,577	34,884	34,326	34,855	34,779
Arkansas.....	24,818	24,461	24,268	24,650	24,885	24,728
Delaware	5,372	5,369	5,491	5,369	5,487	5,417
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,074	35,256	35,240	35,508	35,686	35,050
Kentucky.....	6,626	6,580	6,052	6,397	6,424	6,072
Louisiana	3,411	3,289	3,290	3,290	3,305	3,420
Maryland.....	8,094	8,095	8,095	8,091	8,013	8,094
Mississippi	16,924	17,000	16,680	17,108	16,869	16,760
Missouri	9,776	9,714	9,660	9,489	9,998	10,038
North Carolina.....	24,082	25,057	24,834	24,988	24,556	25,144
Oklahoma	7,344	7,510	7,401	7,213	7,723	6,595
Pennsylvania	6,772	6,801	6,760	6,678	6,831	6,784
South Carolina	5,950	6,046	6,040	5,974	6,061	5,764
Texas.....	18,058	18,217	18,127	18,416	18,332	18,378
Virginia.....	6,760	6,756	6,724	5,877	5,907	5,907
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,049	13,265	13,450	13,245	13,470	12,840
Other States.....	12,657	12,625	12,929	12,294	12,459	12,861
United States	240,759	241,843	241,150	240,138	242,086	239,856

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Alabama	23,925	23,945	24,699	24,647	24,288	24,426
Arkansas.....	21,864	22,016	20,279	20,994	21,047	20,127
Delaware	4,627	5,556	5,030	4,437	4,823	5,007
Florida.....	1,225	1,165	1,287	1,207	1,290	1,291
Georgia.....	27,631	27,950	27,551	27,479	26,977	27,771
Kentucky.....	5,234	6,153	5,008	5,220	5,383	4,737
Louisiana	2,749	2,859	2,898	2,892	2,862	2,816
Maryland.....	5,958	4,982	5,641	5,319	5,718	5,208
Mississippi	14,107	13,977	13,686	13,518	13,580	13,322
Missouri	6,351	5,804	6,634	6,452	6,258	6,020
North Carolina.....	18,652	19,063	19,006	18,658	19,879	19,327
Oklahoma	3,604	3,996	4,700	4,381	4,274	5,074
Pennsylvania	4,491	4,081	4,444	4,558	4,541	4,568
South Carolina	4,658	4,520	4,743	4,730	4,383	4,314
Texas.....	14,374	14,512	14,265	14,364	14,437	14,447
Virginia.....	5,990	6,092	5,902	6,617	5,889	5,704
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,462	10,691	11,569	11,562	12,044	12,643
Other States.....	9,265	9,237	9,061	9,491	9,510	9,689
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