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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 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 8, 2023, up slightly 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 34.6 million eggs during the week ending April 8, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.3 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 8, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through April 8, 2023 for the United States were 2.61 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 8, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.9 million chicks, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	March 4, 2023	March 11, 2023	March 18, 2023	March 25, 2023	April 1, 2023	April 8, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	34,577	34,884	34,326	34,855	34,794	34,568	100
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia .....	35,256	35,240	35,319	35,686	35,050	35,296	101
South Carolina....	6,046	6,040	5,974	6,061	5,764	5,748	102
United States .....	241,943	241,150	239,943	241,886	240,099	239,293	100

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Alabama .....	23,945	24,699	24,647	24,350	24,415	23,721	97
Florida .....	1,165	1,287	1,207	1,290	1,291	1,295	98
Georgia .....	28,584	27,551	27,479	26,977	27,771	27,860	102
South Carolina....	4,520	4,743	4,730	4,383	4,314	5,398	141
United States .....	187,233	186,403	186,526	187,334	186,512	186,302	99

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Alabama .....	34,577	34,884	34,326	34,855	34,794	34,568
Arkansas.....	24,461	24,268	24,650	24,885	25,176	25,137
Delaware .....	5,369	5,491	5,369	5,487	5,417	5,428
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,256	35,240	35,319	35,686	35,050	35,296
Kentucky.....	6,580	6,052	6,491	6,224	6,072	6,159
Louisiana .....	3,289	3,290	3,290	3,305	3,420	3,632
Maryland.....	8,095	8,095	8,091	8,013	8,094	8,092
Mississippi .....	17,000	16,680	17,108	16,869	16,167	16,200
Missouri .....	9,714	9,660	9,489	9,998	10,038	10,067
North Carolina.....	25,057	24,834	24,988	24,556	25,144	23,777
Oklahoma .....	7,510	7,401	7,213	7,723	6,595	7,535
Pennsylvania .....	6,801	6,760	6,978	6,831	6,784	6,857
South Carolina .....	6,046	6,040	5,974	6,061	5,764	5,748
Texas.....	18,217	18,127	18,416	18,332	18,378	18,530
Virginia.....	6,756	6,724	5,877	5,907	5,907	5,877
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,265	13,450	12,845	13,470	13,213	12,791
Other States.....	12,725	12,929	12,294	12,459	12,861	12,374
United States .....	241,943	241,150	239,943	241,886	240,099	239,293

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Alabama .....	23,945	24,699	24,647	24,350	24,415	23,721
Arkansas.....	22,016	20,279	20,994	21,047	20,184	20,455
Delaware .....	5,556	5,030	4,437	4,823	5,007	5,648
Florida.....	1,165	1,287	1,207	1,290	1,291	1,295
Georgia.....	28,584	27,551	27,479	26,977	27,771	27,860
Kentucky.....	6,153	5,008	5,220	5,383	4,656	5,043
Louisiana .....	2,859	2,898	2,892	2,862	2,816	2,664
Maryland.....	4,982	5,641	5,319	5,718	5,350	4,063
Mississippi .....	13,977	13,686	13,518	13,580	13,200	13,469
Missouri .....	5,804	6,634	6,452	6,258	6,020	5,997
North Carolina.....	19,063	19,006	18,658	19,879	19,327	18,873
Oklahoma .....	3,996	4,700	4,381	4,274	5,074	4,892
Pennsylvania .....	4,081	4,444	4,558	4,541	4,568	4,633
South Carolina .....	4,520	4,743	4,730	4,383	4,314	5,398
Texas.....	14,512	14,265	14,364	14,507	14,447	14,916
Virginia.....	6,092	5,902	6,617	5,889	5,562	6,264
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	10,691	11,569	11,562	12,063	12,821	11,741
Other States.....	9,237	9,061	9,491	9,510	9,689	9,370
United States .....	187,233	186,403	186,526	187,334	186,512	186,302

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