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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 Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 22, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.2 million eggs during the week ending April 22, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.2 million eggs during the same week, down 2 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through April 22, 2023 for the United States were 2.99 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2023, down 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.1 million chicks, up 11 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	March 18, 2023	March 25, 2023	April 1, 2023	April 8, 2023	April 15, 2023	April 22, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	34,326	34,855	34,794	34,697	34,628	34,189	98
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia .....	35,319	35,789	35,209	35,719	36,363	34,232	98
South Carolina....	6,101	6,061	5,764	5,612	5,671	5,648	102
United States .....	240,070	242,383	241,729	240,198	240,756	239,668	100

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Alabama .....	24,647	24,350	24,415	23,721	23,585	24,267	95
Florida .....	1,207	1,290	1,291	1,295	1,289	1,303	91
Georgia .....	27,479	26,977	27,771	27,839	28,050	28,095	111
South Carolina....	4,730	4,383	4,314	5,419	5,312	4,671	96
United States .....	186,526	187,334	186,512	186,321	186,919	187,011	99

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Alabama .....	34,326	34,855	34,794	34,697	34,628	34,189
Arkansas.....	24,650	24,885	25,100	25,137	24,681	24,613
Delaware .....	5,369	5,487	5,417	5,428	5,438	5,428
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,319	35,789	35,209	35,719	36,363	34,232
Kentucky.....	6,491	6,618	6,419	6,159	5,748	6,204
Louisiana .....	3,290	3,305	3,320	3,532	3,532	3,532
Maryland.....	8,091	8,013	8,094	8,092	8,091	8,026
Mississippi .....	17,108	16,869	16,318	16,509	16,373	16,466
Missouri .....	9,489	9,998	10,038	10,067	10,128	10,130
North Carolina.....	24,988	24,556	25,144	23,777	24,666	25,140
Oklahoma .....	7,213	7,723	7,744	7,259	7,576	7,411
Pennsylvania .....	6,978	6,831	6,784	6,857	6,683	6,723
South Carolina .....	6,101	6,061	5,764	5,612	5,671	5,648
Texas.....	18,416	18,332	18,378	18,530	18,236	18,417
Virginia.....	5,877	5,907	5,907	5,877	5,866	5,866
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,845	13,470	13,213	13,310	13,367	13,537
Other States.....	12,294	12,459	12,861	12,411	12,484	12,881
United States .....	240,070	242,383	241,729	240,198	240,756	239,668

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Alabama .....	24,647	24,350	24,415	23,721	23,585	24,267
Arkansas.....	20,994	21,047	20,184	20,480	21,139	21,530
Delaware .....	4,437	4,823	5,007	5,648	4,112	5,456
Florida.....	1,207	1,290	1,291	1,295	1,289	1,303
Georgia.....	27,479	26,977	27,771	27,839	28,050	28,095
Kentucky.....	5,220	5,383	4,656	4,934	5,611	5,365
Louisiana .....	2,892	2,862	2,816	2,664	2,888	2,868
Maryland.....	5,319	5,718	5,350	4,063	6,365	5,272
Mississippi .....	13,518	13,580	13,200	13,565	13,527	12,999
Missouri .....	6,452	6,258	6,020	5,997	6,703	6,239
North Carolina.....	18,658	19,879	19,327	18,786	18,942	18,904
Oklahoma .....	4,381	4,274	5,074	4,892	4,465	4,782
Pennsylvania .....	4,558	4,541	4,568	4,633	4,485	4,468
South Carolina .....	4,730	4,383	4,314	5,419	5,312	4,671
Texas.....	14,364	14,507	14,447	14,955	14,570	14,480
Virginia.....	6,617	5,889	5,562	6,264	5,103	5,113
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,562	12,063	12,821	11,796	11,701	11,737
Other States.....	9,491	9,510	9,689	9,370	9,072	9,462
United States .....	186,526	187,334	186,512	186,321	186,919	187,011

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