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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 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 29, 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 34.2 million eggs during the week ending April 29, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.5 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through April 29, 2023 for the United States were 3.17 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.0 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 25, 2023	April 1, 2023	April 8, 2023	April 15, 2023	April 22, 2023	April 29, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,855	34,794	34,697	34,628	34,059	34,165	97
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,789	35,209	35,834	36,363	34,232	35,476	101
South Carolina....	6,061	5,764	5,612	5,671	5,648	5,561	101
United States	242,383	241,729	240,676	240,756	240,098	241,795	100

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Alabama	24,350	24,415	23,778	23,594	24,499	24,571	97
Florida	1,290	1,291	1,295	1,289	1,303	1,283	89
Georgia	26,977	27,771	27,839	28,050	28,195	28,005	111
South Carolina....	4,383	4,314	5,297	5,062	4,445	4,583	102
United States	187,334	187,858	186,320	186,920	186,975	186,725	100

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Alabama	34,855	34,794	34,697	34,628	34,059	34,165
Arkansas.....	24,885	25,100	25,137	24,681	24,613	25,127
Delaware	5,487	5,417	5,428	5,438	5,428	5,440
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,789	35,209	35,834	36,363	34,232	35,476
Kentucky.....	6,618	6,419	6,522	5,748	6,204	6,268
Louisiana	3,305	3,320	3,532	3,532	3,532	3,531
Maryland.....	8,013	8,094	8,092	8,091	8,026	8,081
Mississippi	16,869	16,318	16,509	16,373	16,466	16,541
Missouri	9,998	10,038	10,067	10,128	10,130	10,129
North Carolina.....	24,556	25,144	23,777	24,666	25,140	24,809
Oklahoma	7,723	7,744	7,259	7,576	7,411	7,335
Pennsylvania	6,831	6,784	6,857	6,683	6,762	6,768
South Carolina	6,061	5,764	5,612	5,671	5,648	5,561
Texas.....	18,332	18,378	18,530	18,236	18,417	18,773
Virginia.....	5,907	5,907	5,877	5,866	5,866	5,879
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,470	13,213	13,310	13,367	14,058	13,864
Other States.....	12,459	12,861	12,411	12,484	12,881	12,823
United States	242,383	241,729	240,676	240,756	240,098	241,795

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Alabama	24,350	24,415	23,778	23,594	24,499	24,571
Arkansas.....	21,047	21,530	21,209	21,906	22,170	22,135
Delaware	4,823	5,007	5,648	4,112	5,317	4,614
Florida.....	1,290	1,291	1,295	1,289	1,303	1,283
Georgia.....	26,977	27,771	27,839	28,050	28,195	28,005
Kentucky.....	5,383	4,656	5,197	5,658	5,594	5,324
Louisiana	2,862	2,816	2,664	2,888	2,868	3,035
Maryland.....	5,718	5,350	4,491	7,110	5,766	6,285
Mississippi	13,580	13,200	13,565	13,527	12,999	13,071
Missouri	6,258	6,020	5,997	6,703	6,239	5,750
North Carolina.....	19,879	19,327	18,807	18,992	18,977	18,663
Oklahoma	4,274	5,074	4,164	3,698	4,041	4,618
Pennsylvania	4,541	4,568	4,633	4,485	4,468	4,547
South Carolina	4,383	4,314	5,297	5,062	4,445	4,583
Texas.....	14,507	14,447	14,955	14,570	14,480	14,425
Virginia.....	5,889	5,562	5,836	4,358	4,818	5,040
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,063	12,821	11,777	11,663	11,249	11,747
Other States.....	9,510	9,689	9,168	9,255	9,547	9,029
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