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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 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 6, 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 34.2 million eggs during the week ending May 6, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.4 million eggs during the same week, up slightly 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 May 6, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through May 6, 2023 for the United States were 3.36 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 May 6, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.0 million chicks, up slightly from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	April 1, 2023	April 8, 2023	April 15, 2023	April 22, 2023	April 29, 2023	May 6, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,794	34,697	34,628	34,059	34,274	34,189	100
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia .....	35,209	35,834	35,480	34,232	35,302	35,393	100
South Carolina....	5,764	5,612	5,671	5,648	5,533	5,637	102
United States .....	241,805	240,676	240,265	239,968	241,738	241,536	100

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Alabama .....	24,415	23,778	23,594	24,499	24,566	24,254	97
Florida .....	1,291	1,295	1,289	1,303	1,283	1,283	96
Georgia .....	27,771	27,839	28,050	28,195	27,582	26,990	100
South Carolina....	4,314	5,297	5,062	4,445	4,583	4,776	96
United States .....	186,512	186,320	186,920	186,975	186,197	185,566	99

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Alabama .....	34,794	34,697	34,628	34,059	34,274	34,189
Arkansas.....	25,176	25,137	24,681	24,613	25,127	24,967
Delaware .....	5,417	5,428	5,438	5,428	5,440	5,430
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,209	35,834	35,480	34,232	35,302	35,393
Kentucky.....	6,419	6,522	6,140	6,204	6,268	6,142
Louisiana .....	3,320	3,532	3,532	3,532	3,531	3,548
Maryland.....	8,094	8,092	8,091	8,026	8,081	8,092
Mississippi .....	16,318	16,509	16,373	16,466	16,541	16,617
Missouri .....	10,038	10,067	10,128	10,130	10,129	10,100
North Carolina.....	25,144	23,777	24,666	25,140	24,809	25,073
Oklahoma .....	7,744	7,259	7,576	7,411	7,668	7,622
Pennsylvania .....	6,784	6,857	6,683	6,762	6,763	6,625
South Carolina .....	5,764	5,612	5,671	5,648	5,533	5,637
Texas.....	18,378	18,530	18,236	18,417	18,773	19,019
Virginia.....	5,907	5,877	5,866	5,866	5,879	5,879
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,213	13,310	13,367	13,928	13,474	13,611
Other States.....	12,861	12,411	12,484	12,881	12,921	12,367
United States .....	241,805	240,676	240,265	239,968	241,738	241,536

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Alabama .....	24,415	23,778	23,594	24,499	24,566	24,254
Arkansas.....	20,184	21,209	21,906	22,170	22,163	21,008
Delaware .....	5,007	5,648	4,112	5,317	4,614	5,149
Florida.....	1,291	1,295	1,289	1,303	1,283	1,283
Georgia.....	27,771	27,839	28,050	28,195	27,582	26,990
Kentucky.....	4,656	5,197	5,658	5,594	5,147	5,450
Louisiana .....	2,816	2,664	2,888	2,868	3,035	2,990
Maryland.....	5,350	4,491	7,110	5,766	6,365	6,139
Mississippi .....	13,200	13,565	13,527	12,999	13,018	12,876
Missouri .....	6,020	5,997	6,703	6,239	5,750	6,557
North Carolina.....	19,327	18,807	18,992	18,977	18,645	19,182
Oklahoma .....	5,074	4,164	3,698	4,041	4,618	4,684
Pennsylvania .....	4,568	4,633	4,485	4,468	4,547	4,318
South Carolina .....	4,314	5,297	5,062	4,445	4,583	4,776
Texas.....	14,447	14,955	14,570	14,480	14,382	14,433
Virginia.....	5,562	5,836	4,358	4,818	5,040	4,947
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,821	11,777	11,663	11,249	11,830	11,504
Other States.....	9,689	9,168	9,255	9,547	9,029	9,026
United States .....	186,512	186,320	186,920	186,975	186,197	185,566

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