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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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 13, 2023, down 1 percent 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 33.7 million eggs during the week ending May 13, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.9 million eggs during the same week, up 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 May 13, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through May 13, 2023 for the United States were 3.55 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.0 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2023, down 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.7 million chicks, up 3 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	April 8, 2023	April 15, 2023	April 22, 2023	April 29, 2023	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	34,697	34,628	34,059	34,228	34,295	33,695	99
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia .....	35,834	35,480	34,437	35,302	35,938	35,864	102
South Carolina....	5,612	5,671	5,648	5,533	5,555	5,593	100
United States .....	240,676	240,265	240,715	241,464	241,666	240,635	99

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Alabama .....	23,778	23,594	24,499	24,539	24,254	24,000	94
Florida .....	1,295	1,289	1,303	1,283	1,283	1,189	89
Georgia .....	27,839	28,050	28,195	27,582	26,894	26,686	103
South Carolina....	5,297	5,062	4,445	4,598	4,775	4,446	95
United States .....	186,320	186,920	186,975	186,195	185,349	186,952	99

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Alabama .....	34,697	34,628	34,059	34,228	34,295	33,695
Arkansas.....	25,137	24,681	24,800	25,139	25,001	24,819
Delaware .....	5,428	5,438	5,428	5,440	5,430	5,433
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,834	35,480	34,437	35,302	35,938	35,864
Kentucky.....	6,522	6,140	6,550	6,268	6,142	6,213
Louisiana .....	3,532	3,532	3,532	3,531	3,548	3,500
Maryland.....	8,092	8,091	8,026	8,081	8,092	8,089
Mississippi .....	16,509	16,373	16,466	16,301	16,679	15,978
Missouri .....	10,067	10,128	10,130	10,129	10,100	10,100
North Carolina.....	23,777	24,666	25,140	24,809	25,231	24,672
Oklahoma .....	7,259	7,576	7,411	7,668	7,585	7,498
Pennsylvania .....	6,857	6,683	6,762	6,763	6,625	6,966
South Carolina .....	5,612	5,671	5,648	5,533	5,555	5,593
Texas.....	18,530	18,236	18,417	18,773	19,019	19,009
Virginia.....	5,877	5,866	5,866	5,879	5,879	5,895
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,310	13,367	13,937	13,474	12,992	13,170
Other States.....	12,411	12,484	12,881	12,921	12,330	12,916
United States .....	240,676	240,265	240,715	241,464	241,666	240,635

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Alabama .....	23,778	23,594	24,499	24,539	24,254	24,000
Arkansas.....	21,209	21,906	22,170	22,188	20,971	21,137
Delaware .....	5,648	4,112	5,317	4,614	5,149	5,126
Florida.....	1,295	1,289	1,303	1,283	1,283	1,189
Georgia.....	27,839	28,050	28,195	27,582	26,894	26,686
Kentucky.....	5,197	5,658	5,594	5,147	5,585	6,042
Louisiana .....	2,664	2,888	2,868	3,035	2,990	3,020
Maryland.....	4,491	7,110	5,766	6,365	6,033	5,320
Mississippi .....	13,565	13,527	12,999	13,003	12,832	12,927
Missouri .....	5,997	6,703	6,239	5,750	6,557	6,619
North Carolina.....	18,807	18,992	18,977	18,645	19,071	19,291
Oklahoma .....	4,164	3,698	4,041	4,618	4,716	4,752
Pennsylvania .....	4,633	4,485	4,468	4,547	4,318	4,376
South Carolina .....	5,297	5,062	4,445	4,598	4,775	4,446
Texas.....	14,955	14,570	14,480	14,382	14,461	14,365
Virginia.....	5,836	4,358	4,818	5,040	4,947	5,676
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,777	11,663	11,249	11,830	11,487	12,538
Other States.....	9,168	9,255	9,547	9,029	9,026	9,442
United States .....	186,320	186,920	186,975	186,195	185,349	186,952

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