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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 20, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 20, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.9 million eggs during the same week, down 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 20, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through May 20, 2023 for the United States were 3.73 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 20, 2023, down 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.3 million chicks, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

| State | Week ending | | | | | | Percent of previous year |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | April 15, 2023 | April 22, 2023 | April 29, 2023 | May 6, 2023 | May 13, 2023 | May 20, 2023 | |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 34,628 | 34,059 | 34,228 | 34,295 | 33,695 | 34,212 | 99 |
| Florida | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 103 |
| Georgia | 35,480 | 34,437 | 35,506 | 35,938 | 35,864 | 34,896 | 100 |
| South Carolina.... | 5,671 | 5,648 | 5,533 | 5,555 | 5,593 | 5,548 | 98 |
| United States | 240,265 | 240,715 | 242,231 | 241,666 | 240,601 | 241,133 | 99 |

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| Alabama | 23,594 | 24,499 | 24,539 | 24,254 | 24,000 | 23,842 | 95 |
| Florida | 1,289 | 1,303 | 1,283 | 1,283 | 1,189 | 1,273 | 105 |
| Georgia | 28,050 | 28,195 | 27,582 | 26,894 | 26,686 | 27,291 | 101 |
| South Carolina.... | 5,062 | 4,445 | 4,598 | 4,775 | 4,446 | 4,467 | 83 |
| United States | 186,920 | 186,975 | 186,195 | 185,349 | 186,951 | 187,236 | 99 |

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| Alabama | 34,628 | 34,059 | 34,228 | 34,295 | 33,695 | 34,212 |
| Arkansas..... | 24,681 | 24,800 | 25,139 | 25,001 | 24,878 | 24,865 |
| Delaware | 5,438 | 5,428 | 5,440 | 5,430 | 5,433 | 5,445 |
| Florida..... | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 |
| Georgia..... | 35,480 | 34,437 | 35,506 | 35,938 | 35,864 | 34,896 |
| Kentucky..... | 6,140 | 6,550 | 6,787 | 6,142 | 6,027 | 6,222 |
| Louisiana | 3,532 | 3,532 | 3,531 | 3,548 | 3,500 | 3,502 |
| Maryland..... | 8,091 | 8,026 | 8,081 | 8,092 | 8,089 | 8,090 |
| Mississippi | 16,373 | 16,466 | 16,301 | 16,679 | 15,978 | 16,559 |
| Missouri | 10,128 | 10,130 | 10,129 | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 |
| North Carolina..... | 24,666 | 25,140 | 24,809 | 25,231 | 24,615 | 25,292 |
| Oklahoma | 7,576 | 7,411 | 7,668 | 7,585 | 7,498 | 7,644 |
| Pennsylvania | 6,683 | 6,762 | 6,763 | 6,625 | 6,966 | 6,849 |
| South Carolina | 5,671 | 5,648 | 5,533 | 5,555 | 5,593 | 5,548 |
| Texas..... | 18,236 | 18,417 | 18,773 | 19,019 | 19,014 | 18,733 |
| Virginia..... | 5,866 | 5,866 | 5,879 | 5,879 | 5,895 | 5,910 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia..... | 13,367 | 13,937 | 13,474 | 12,992 | 13,315 | 13,256 |
| Other States..... | 12,484 | 12,881 | 12,965 | 12,330 | 12,916 | 12,785 |
| United States | 240,265 | 240,715 | 242,231 | 241,666 | 240,601 | 241,133 |

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| Alabama | 23,594 | 24,499 | 24,539 | 24,254 | 24,000 | 23,842 |
| Arkansas..... | 21,906 | 22,170 | 22,188 | 20,971 | 21,137 | 21,093 |
| Delaware | 4,112 | 5,317 | 4,614 | 5,149 | 5,126 | 5,210 |
| Florida..... | 1,289 | 1,303 | 1,283 | 1,283 | 1,189 | 1,273 |
| Georgia..... | 28,050 | 28,195 | 27,582 | 26,894 | 26,686 | 27,291 |
| Kentucky..... | 5,658 | 5,594 | 5,147 | 5,585 | 5,853 | 5,676 |
| Louisiana | 2,888 | 2,868 | 3,035 | 2,990 | 3,020 | 3,006 |
| Maryland..... | 7,110 | 5,766 | 6,365 | 6,033 | 5,320 | 4,928 |
| Mississippi | 13,527 | 12,999 | 13,003 | 12,832 | 12,927 | 12,699 |
| Missouri | 6,703 | 6,239 | 5,750 | 6,557 | 6,619 | 6,234 |
| North Carolina..... | 18,992 | 18,977 | 18,645 | 19,071 | 19,291 | 19,558 |
| Oklahoma | 3,698 | 4,041 | 4,618 | 4,716 | 4,752 | 5,216 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,485 | 4,468 | 4,547 | 4,318 | 4,376 | 4,429 |
| South Carolina | 5,062 | 4,445 | 4,598 | 4,775 | 4,446 | 4,467 |
| Texas..... | 14,570 | 14,480 | 14,382 | 14,461 | 14,365 | 14,792 |
| Virginia..... | 4,358 | 4,818 | 5,040 | 4,947 | 5,676 | 5,735 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia..... | 11,663 | 11,249 | 11,830 | 11,487 | 12,700 | 12,208 |
| Other States..... | 9,255 | 9,547 | 9,029 | 9,026 | 9,468 | 9,579 |
| United States | 186,920 | 186,975 | 186,195 | 185,349 | 186,951 | 187,236 |

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