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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 27, 2023, down 1 percent 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 33.8 million eggs during the week ending May 27, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.6 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 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 27, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through May 27, 2023 for the United States were 3.92 billion. Cumulative placements were down 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 27, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.7 million chicks, down 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	April 22, 2023	April 29, 2023	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,059	34,228	34,295	33,775	34,186	33,799	98
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	34,437	35,506	36,143	35,849	36,023	35,579	102
South Carolina....	5,648	5,533	5,555	5,653	5,635	5,567	97
United States	240,715	242,287	242,456	240,789	242,592	241,149	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), May 31, 2023

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Alabama	24,499	24,539	24,254	24,000	23,842	24,012	97
Florida	1,303	1,283	1,283	1,189	1,273	1,155	95
Georgia	28,195	27,582	26,894	26,642	27,192	27,652	98
South Carolina....	4,445	4,598	4,775	4,426	4,466	4,173	88
United States	186,975	186,195	185,349	186,834	187,272	187,505	99

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Alabama	34,059	34,228	34,295	33,775	34,186	33,799
Arkansas.....	24,800	25,139	25,001	24,878	24,865	25,052
Delaware	5,428	5,440	5,430	5,433	5,445	5,435
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	34,437	35,506	36,143	35,849	36,023	35,579
Kentucky.....	6,550	6,787	6,727	6,027	6,222	6,337
Louisiana	3,532	3,531	3,548	3,500	3,502	3,500
Maryland.....	8,026	8,081	8,092	8,089	8,090	8,090
Mississippi	16,466	16,301	16,679	15,978	16,559	16,632
Missouri	10,130	10,129	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100
North Carolina.....	25,140	24,809	25,231	24,615	25,292	25,301
Oklahoma	7,411	7,668	7,585	7,591	7,633	7,437
Pennsylvania	6,762	6,763	6,625	6,966	6,849	6,800
South Carolina	5,648	5,533	5,555	5,653	5,635	5,567
Texas.....	18,417	18,773	19,019	19,014	18,733	18,498
Virginia.....	5,866	5,879	5,879	5,895	5,910	5,910
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,937	13,474	12,992	13,279	13,536	13,619
Other States.....	12,881	13,021	12,330	12,922	12,787	12,268
United States	240,715	242,287	242,456	240,789	242,592	241,149

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Alabama	24,499	24,539	24,254	24,000	23,842	24,012
Arkansas.....	22,170	22,188	20,971	21,078	21,188	22,323
Delaware	5,317	4,614	5,149	5,126	5,210	4,595
Florida.....	1,303	1,283	1,283	1,189	1,273	1,155
Georgia.....	28,195	27,582	26,894	26,642	27,192	27,652
Kentucky.....	5,594	5,147	5,585	5,683	5,552	5,992
Louisiana	2,868	3,035	2,990	3,020	3,006	2,971
Maryland.....	5,766	6,365	6,033	5,332	5,017	5,379
Mississippi	12,999	13,003	12,832	13,070	12,830	13,311
Missouri	6,239	5,750	6,557	6,619	6,234	6,324
North Carolina.....	18,977	18,645	19,071	19,259	19,481	19,550
Oklahoma	4,041	4,618	4,716	4,752	5,216	4,091
Pennsylvania	4,468	4,547	4,318	4,376	4,429	4,332
South Carolina	4,445	4,598	4,775	4,426	4,466	4,173
Texas.....	14,480	14,382	14,461	14,418	14,850	14,865
Virginia.....	4,818	5,040	4,947	5,676	5,735	5,825
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,249	11,830	11,487	12,700	12,185	11,966
Other States.....	9,547	9,029	9,026	9,468	9,566	8,989
United States	186,975	186,195	185,349	186,834	187,272	187,505

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