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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 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 5, 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 34.2 million eggs during the week ending August 5, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.2 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 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 5, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through August 5, 2023 for the United States were 5.80 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 5, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.4 million chicks, up 8 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	July 1, 2023	July 8, 2023	July 15, 2023	July 22, 2023	July 29, 2023	August 5, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,307	34,378	34,697	34,778	34,292	34,192	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,531	35,571	35,666	35,760	35,130	35,210	101
South Carolina....	5,838	5,779	5,800	5,900	5,863	6,019	103
United States	240,663	241,381	242,498	242,150	240,863	241,607	99

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	
Alabama	24,575	23,534	24,366	24,242	23,995	24,684	98
Florida	1,277	1,297	1,270	1,151	1,237	1,170	92
Georgia	28,043	27,286	26,480	27,138	27,915	27,397	108
South Carolina....	4,881	5,199	4,493	4,845	5,109	4,915	91
United States	189,982	188,095	186,498	186,190	187,688	187,877	100

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Alabama	34,307	34,378	34,697	34,778	34,292	34,192
Arkansas.....	24,996	24,801	24,900	24,566	24,770	24,780
Delaware	5,437	5,436	5,437	5,264	5,590	5,486
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,531	35,571	35,666	35,760	35,130	35,210
Kentucky.....	6,594	6,921	6,812	6,583	6,736	6,777
Louisiana	3,502	3,502	3,502	3,517	2,928	2,928
Maryland.....	8,095	8,094	8,095	8,096	8,095	8,097
Mississippi	17,081	16,541	17,272	17,338	17,263	17,600
Missouri	9,748	9,498	9,862	9,855	9,680	9,680
North Carolina.....	23,851	24,560	23,994	24,798	24,009	24,373
Oklahoma	7,659	7,530	7,163	7,554	7,587	7,497
Pennsylvania	7,169	7,270	7,291	7,308	7,364	7,279
South Carolina	5,838	5,779	5,800	5,900	5,863	6,019
Texas.....	18,140	18,603	18,949	18,350	18,221	18,552
Virginia.....	5,881	5,909	5,910	5,910	5,908	5,906
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,988	13,123	13,414	12,767	13,630	13,510
Other States.....	12,621	12,640	12,509	12,581	12,572	12,496
United States	240,663	241,381	242,498	242,150	240,863	241,607

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Alabama	24,575	23,534	24,366	24,242	23,995	24,684
Arkansas.....	20,813	20,603	21,244	21,366	21,640	21,175
Delaware	5,171	5,166	4,403	5,450	5,555	4,424
Florida.....	1,277	1,297	1,270	1,151	1,237	1,170
Georgia.....	28,043	27,286	26,480	27,138	27,915	27,397
Kentucky.....	5,275	5,607	5,370	5,881	5,156	5,454
Louisiana	2,846	2,933	2,912	2,866	2,687	2,887
Maryland.....	5,690	5,256	6,559	5,530	5,268	5,501
Mississippi	13,192	13,150	13,186	13,395	13,194	13,823
Missouri	6,519	6,799	6,373	5,948	6,695	6,339
North Carolina.....	20,002	20,093	19,725	18,597	18,971	18,654
Oklahoma	5,606	5,009	4,382	4,825	3,888	4,394
Pennsylvania	4,560	4,612	4,670	4,702	4,748	4,833
South Carolina	4,881	5,199	4,493	4,845	5,109	4,915
Texas.....	14,992	14,066	14,794	14,441	14,868	14,904
Virginia.....	5,085	5,672	4,841	4,703	5,430	5,931
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,841	12,175	11,814	11,399	11,573	11,615
Other States.....	9,614	9,638	9,616	9,711	9,759	9,777
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