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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 12, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.1 million eggs during the week ending August 12, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.3 million eggs during the same week, up 1 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 12, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through August 12, 2023 for the United States were 5.99 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 12, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 million chicks, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	July 8, 2023	July 15, 2023	July 22, 2023	July 29, 2023	August 5, 2023	August 12, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,378	34,697	34,778	34,292	34,192	34,083	98
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,571	35,666	35,760	35,130	35,210	35,335	101
South Carolina....	5,779	5,359	5,900	5,863	6,019	5,999	102
United States	241,381	242,057	242,762	240,863	241,582	241,935	99

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Alabama	23,534	24,366	24,242	23,995	24,684	24,564	97
Florida	1,297	1,270	1,151	1,237	1,170	1,236	107
Georgia	27,286	26,480	26,538	27,915	27,397	27,833	102
South Carolina....	5,199	4,493	4,845	5,109	4,915	5,266	110
United States	188,095	186,398	185,590	187,184	187,976	189,160	99

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Alabama	34,378	34,697	34,778	34,292	34,192	34,083
Arkansas.....	24,801	24,900	24,566	24,770	24,780	24,864
Delaware	5,436	5,437	5,064	5,590	5,718	5,578
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,571	35,666	35,760	35,130	35,210	35,335
Kentucky.....	6,921	6,812	6,583	6,736	6,777	6,644
Louisiana	3,502	3,502	3,517	2,928	2,928	3,517
Maryland.....	8,094	8,095	8,096	8,095	8,097	8,066
Mississippi	16,541	17,272	17,398	17,263	17,500	17,303
Missouri	9,498	9,862	9,855	9,680	9,680	9,658
North Carolina.....	24,560	23,994	24,798	24,009	24,373	24,186
Oklahoma	7,530	7,163	7,554	7,587	7,497	7,338
Pennsylvania	7,270	7,291	7,308	7,364	7,218	7,313
South Carolina	5,779	5,359	5,900	5,863	6,019	5,999
Texas.....	18,603	18,949	18,488	18,221	18,552	18,264
Virginia.....	5,909	5,910	6,303	5,908	5,906	6,317
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,123	13,414	12,988	13,630	13,514	13,807
Other States.....	12,640	12,509	12,581	12,572	12,396	12,438
United States	241,381	242,057	242,762	240,863	241,582	241,935

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Alabama	23,534	24,366	24,242	23,995	24,684	24,564
Arkansas.....	20,603	21,244	21,366	21,640	21,175	22,607
Delaware	5,166	4,403	5,450	5,555	4,384	5,310
Florida.....	1,297	1,270	1,151	1,237	1,170	1,236
Georgia.....	27,286	26,480	26,538	27,915	27,397	27,833
Kentucky.....	5,607	5,370	5,881	5,156	5,454	5,368
Louisiana	2,933	2,912	2,866	2,687	2,887	2,856
Maryland.....	5,256	6,559	5,530	5,268	5,707	5,493
Mississippi	13,150	13,186	13,395	13,194	13,823	14,012
Missouri	6,799	6,273	5,948	6,695	6,339	5,524
North Carolina.....	20,093	19,725	18,597	18,971	18,611	19,178
Oklahoma	5,009	4,382	4,825	3,388	4,394	3,911
Pennsylvania	4,612	4,670	4,702	4,748	4,827	4,895
South Carolina	5,199	4,493	4,845	5,109	4,915	5,266
Texas.....	14,066	14,794	14,441	14,868	14,904	14,927
Virginia.....	5,672	4,841	4,703	5,430	5,911	5,400
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,175	11,814	11,399	11,569	11,612	11,148
Other States.....	9,638	9,616	9,711	9,759	9,782	9,632
United States	188,095	186,398	185,590	187,184	187,976	189,160

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