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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 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 26, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 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 26, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.7 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 26, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through August 26, 2023 for the United States were 6.37 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.1 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 26, 2023, up 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.5 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	July 22, 2023	July 29, 2023	August 5, 2023	August 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,677	34,191	34,343	34,121	34,344	34,194	98
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	101
Georgia .....	35,760	35,130	35,210	35,430	35,729	35,716	100
South Carolina....	5,900	5,863	6,019	5,765	5,968	5,910	103
United States .....	242,487	240,474	241,322	241,775	241,744	241,786	98

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Alabama .....	24,242	23,995	24,684	24,564	24,744	25,121	105
Florida .....	1,151	1,237	1,170	1,236	1,304	1,273	101
Georgia .....	26,538	27,915	27,397	27,933	26,815	26,458	95
South Carolina....	4,845	5,109	4,915	5,251	4,882	5,303	97
United States .....	185,590	187,185	187,898	189,218	187,527	188,310	98

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Alabama .....	34,677	34,191	34,343	34,121	34,344	34,194
Arkansas.....	24,566	24,421	24,974	24,864	24,597	24,429
Delaware .....	5,064	5,590	5,718	5,578	5,721	5,627
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,760	35,130	35,210	35,430	35,729	35,716
Kentucky.....	6,583	6,705	6,904	6,644	6,564	6,755
Louisiana .....	3,517	2,928	2,928	3,517	3,517	3,517
Maryland.....	8,096	8,095	8,097	8,066	8,065	8,066
Mississippi .....	17,398	17,045	17,500	17,303	17,237	17,237
Missouri .....	9,681	9,764	9,680	9,658	9,769	9,740
North Carolina.....	24,798	24,301	24,373	24,186	24,101	24,384
Oklahoma .....	7,554	7,587	7,497	7,291	7,373	7,493
Pennsylvania .....	7,308	7,364	7,218	7,485	7,284	7,297
South Carolina .....	5,900	5,863	6,019	5,765	5,968	5,910
Texas.....	18,488	18,025	18,552	18,264	18,647	18,652
Virginia.....	6,303	5,787	5,906	6,317	5,789	6,076
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,988	13,881	12,782	13,579	13,287	13,074
Other States.....	12,581	12,572	12,396	12,482	12,527	12,394
United States .....	242,487	240,474	241,322	241,775	241,744	241,786

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Alabama .....	24,242	23,995	24,684	24,564	24,744	25,121
Arkansas.....	21,366	21,640	21,175	22,612	20,640	20,986
Delaware .....	5,450	5,555	4,384	5,310	4,793	5,135
Florida.....	1,151	1,237	1,170	1,236	1,304	1,273
Georgia.....	26,538	27,915	27,397	27,933	26,815	26,458
Kentucky.....	5,940	5,704	5,840	5,711	6,039	5,619
Louisiana .....	2,866	2,687	2,887	2,856	2,526	2,524
Maryland.....	5,530	5,268	5,707	5,493	6,270	5,349
Mississippi .....	13,395	13,194	13,823	14,109	13,480	13,953
Missouri .....	5,948	6,695	6,339	5,524	5,966	6,067
North Carolina.....	18,597	18,971	18,611	19,104	19,655	19,336
Oklahoma .....	4,825	3,388	4,394	3,911	5,417	5,387
Pennsylvania .....	4,702	4,748	4,827	4,901	4,905	4,847
South Carolina .....	4,845	5,109	4,915	5,251	4,882	5,303
Texas.....	14,441	14,868	14,904	14,884	14,385	14,835
Virginia.....	4,703	5,430	5,911	5,414	4,791	5,768
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,340	11,022	11,148	10,773	11,279	10,903
Other States.....	9,711	9,759	9,782	9,632	9,636	9,446
United States .....	185,590	187,185	187,898	189,218	187,527	188,310

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