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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 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 2, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.5 million eggs during the week ending September 2, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.7 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 2, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through September 2, 2023 for the United States were 6.56 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 2, 2023, down 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.7 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 29, 2023	August 5, 2023	August 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,191	34,161	34,121	34,344	34,112	33,510	97
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	35,130	35,164	35,430	35,729	35,714	35,730	101
South Carolina....	5,863	6,019	5,765	5,968	5,910	5,673	100
United States .....	240,130	240,503	241,176	241,731	242,449	238,905	99

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Alabama .....	23,995	24,684	24,341	25,018	25,035	24,164	94
Florida .....	1,237	1,170	1,236	1,304	1,273	1,292	101
Georgia .....	27,915	27,397	27,933	26,544	26,423	27,701	102
South Carolina....	5,109	4,915	5,209	4,878	5,305	4,102	77
United States .....	187,184	187,898	188,689	187,513	188,438	189,564	98

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Alabama .....	34,191	34,161	34,121	34,344	34,112	33,510
Arkansas.....	24,421	24,775	24,864	24,597	24,702	24,803
Delaware .....	5,590	5,718	5,578	5,721	5,627	5,666
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,130	35,164	35,430	35,729	35,714	35,730
Kentucky.....	6,705	6,746	6,644	6,564	6,755	6,701
Louisiana .....	2,928	2,928	3,517	3,517	3,517	3,548
Maryland.....	8,095	8,097	8,066	8,065	8,066	7,877
Mississippi .....	17,045	17,282	17,303	17,237	17,237	16,361
Missouri .....	9,769	9,708	9,658	9,769	9,679	9,714
North Carolina.....	24,089	24,162	24,186	24,101	24,384	23,824
Oklahoma .....	7,617	7,527	7,291	7,373	7,493	7,412
Pennsylvania .....	7,364	7,244	7,432	7,271	7,303	7,345
South Carolina .....	5,863	6,019	5,765	5,968	5,910	5,673
Texas.....	18,025	18,703	18,232	18,647	18,898	17,733
Virginia.....	5,787	5,785	5,803	5,789	5,789	5,785
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,677	12,874	13,579	13,287	13,644	13,490
Other States.....	12,609	12,385	12,482	12,527	12,394	12,508
United States .....	240,130	240,503	241,176	241,731	242,449	238,905

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Alabama .....	23,995	24,684	24,341	25,018	25,035	24,164
Arkansas.....	21,640	21,175	22,612	20,640	20,205	20,824
Delaware .....	5,555	4,384	5,310	4,793	5,135	6,318
Florida.....	1,237	1,170	1,236	1,304	1,273	1,292
Georgia.....	27,915	27,397	27,933	26,544	26,423	27,701
Kentucky.....	5,156	5,454	5,427	5,776	5,351	5,543
Louisiana .....	2,687	2,887	2,856	2,526	2,525	2,966
Maryland.....	5,268	5,707	5,207	6,270	5,247	4,430
Mississippi .....	13,194	13,823	14,109	13,480	13,789	13,794
Missouri .....	6,695	6,339	5,524	5,966	6,132	6,409
North Carolina.....	18,971	18,611	19,104	19,655	19,417	19,702
Oklahoma .....	3,388	4,394	3,911	5,417	5,982	5,141
Pennsylvania .....	4,748	4,827	4,895	4,898	4,838	4,828
South Carolina .....	5,109	4,915	5,209	4,878	5,305	4,102
Texas.....	14,868	14,904	14,927	14,385	14,997	14,722
Virginia.....	5,430	5,911	5,386	4,791	5,791	5,879
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,569	11,534	11,056	11,542	11,553	12,034
Other States.....	9,759	9,782	9,646	9,630	9,440	9,715
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