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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 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 16, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 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 September 16, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.6 million eggs during the same week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through September 16, 2023 for the United States were 6.93 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2023, down 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.6 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)
	August 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	33,939	34,051	34,127	33,479	33,549	33,848	101
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	35,400	35,503	35,643	35,730	35,359	35,597	103
South Carolina....	5,765	5,968	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876	100
United States .....	239,602	238,431	239,741	237,546	232,437	234,728	99

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Alabama .....	24,341	25,018	25,035	23,931	23,945	24,291	95
Florida .....	1,236	1,304	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006	79
Georgia .....	27,933	26,544	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641	98
South Carolina....	5,209	4,878	5,305	4,102	4,279	5,861	131
United States .....	188,689	187,512	188,438	187,769	187,101	188,247	97

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Alabama .....	33,939	34,051	34,127	33,479	33,549	33,848
Arkansas.....	24,530	24,122	24,073	24,803	23,016	23,767
Delaware .....	5,578	5,721	5,627	5,722	5,753	5,607
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,400	35,503	35,643	35,730	35,359	35,597
Kentucky.....	6,612	6,625	6,866	6,701	6,589	6,769
Louisiana .....	3,517	3,517	3,517	3,548	3,059	3,331
Maryland.....	8,066	8,065	8,066	7,877	8,064	7,879
Mississippi .....	16,806	16,988	16,957	16,260	15,847	16,344
Missouri .....	9,565	8,813	8,863	9,714	8,678	8,740
North Carolina.....	24,161	23,739	23,970	23,190	22,175	22,652
Oklahoma .....	7,291	7,049	7,169	7,412	6,736	6,757
Pennsylvania .....	7,458	7,185	7,303	7,345	7,195	7,329
South Carolina .....	5,765	5,968	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876
Texas.....	18,080	18,435	18,430	17,733	17,746	17,853
Virginia.....	5,803	5,849	5,864	5,785	5,835	5,831
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,334	13,076	13,748	12,841	13,351	13,328
Other States.....	12,472	12,500	12,383	12,508	12,380	11,995
United States .....	239,602	238,431	239,741	237,546	232,437	234,728

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Alabama .....	24,341	25,018	25,035	23,931	23,945	24,291
Arkansas.....	22,612	20,640	20,205	20,258	19,634	20,634
Delaware .....	5,310	4,793	5,135	6,630	5,834	4,250
Florida.....	1,236	1,304	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006
Georgia.....	27,933	26,544	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641
Kentucky.....	5,427	5,776	5,351	5,144	5,300	5,201
Louisiana .....	2,856	2,526	2,525	2,947	2,892	2,830
Maryland.....	5,207	5,993	5,584	4,442	5,950	6,871
Mississippi .....	14,109	13,480	13,789	13,402	13,547	13,627
Missouri .....	5,524	5,966	6,132	5,921	5,497	5,163
North Carolina.....	19,104	19,655	19,417	19,694	19,150	19,062
Oklahoma .....	3,911	5,417	5,982	5,489	5,736	5,324
Pennsylvania .....	4,895	4,898	4,838	4,849	4,716	4,863
South Carolina .....	5,209	4,878	5,305	4,102	4,279	5,861
Texas.....	14,927	14,385	14,997	14,562	14,729	14,852
Virginia.....	5,386	5,067	5,454	5,551	4,847	5,069
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,056	11,542	11,553	11,966	12,255	11,862
Other States.....	9,646	9,630	9,440	9,700	9,680	9,840
United States .....	188,689	187,512	188,438	187,769	187,101	188,247

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