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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 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 23, 2023, down 4 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 33.6 million eggs during the week ending September 23, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.7 million eggs during the same week, down 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 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 23, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through September 23, 2023 for the United States were 7.12 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 23, 2023, down 8 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.3 million chicks, up 7 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,051	34,127	33,626	33,549	33,500	33,574	98
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,503	35,643	35,659	35,359	35,597	34,671	99
South Carolina....	5,968	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876	6,027	102
United States	238,431	239,741	235,243	232,219	233,912	233,455	96

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Alabama	25,018	25,035	23,931	23,945	24,296	23,697	92
Florida	1,304	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210	87
Georgia	26,544	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,258	107
South Carolina....	4,878	5,305	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,641	84
United States	187,512	188,438	187,769	187,126	188,343	184,365	98

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Arkansas.....	24,122	24,073	24,358	23,216	23,967	23,895
Delaware	5,721	5,627	5,722	5,753	5,274	5,581
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,503	35,643	35,659	35,359	35,597	34,671
Kentucky.....	6,625	6,866	6,812	6,589	6,769	6,688
Louisiana	3,517	3,517	3,408	3,059	3,331	3,578
Maryland.....	8,065	8,066	7,877	8,064	7,879	8,066
Mississippi	16,988	16,957	16,260	15,847	16,550	16,917
Missouri	8,813	8,863	9,114	8,678	8,741	8,798
North Carolina.....	23,739	23,970	22,827	22,175	22,652	23,262
Oklahoma	7,049	7,169	6,453	6,236	6,257	6,125
Pennsylvania	7,185	7,303	7,345	7,177	7,295	6,803
South Carolina	5,968	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876	6,027
Texas.....	18,435	18,430	17,491	17,846	17,953	17,736
Virginia.....	5,849	5,864	5,871	5,835	5,831	5,867
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,076	13,748	13,014	13,351	13,220	13,310
Other States.....	12,500	12,383	12,508	12,380	11,995	11,332
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Alabama	25,018	25,035	23,931	23,945	24,296	23,697
Arkansas.....	20,640	20,205	20,258	19,634	20,598	20,635
Delaware	4,793	5,135	6,630	5,834	4,683	4,782
Florida.....	1,304	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210
Georgia.....	26,544	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,258
Kentucky.....	5,776	5,351	5,144	5,300	5,201	4,927
Louisiana	2,526	2,525	2,947	2,892	2,830	2,839
Maryland.....	5,993	5,584	4,442	5,950	6,596	6,721
Mississippi	13,480	13,789	13,402	13,547	13,636	13,078
Missouri	5,966	6,132	5,921	5,497	5,163	6,031
North Carolina.....	19,655	19,417	19,694	19,150	19,062	18,434
Oklahoma	5,417	5,982	5,489	5,736	5,324	3,890
Pennsylvania	4,898	4,838	4,849	4,713	4,866	4,832
South Carolina	4,878	5,305	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,641
Texas.....	14,385	14,997	14,562	14,729	14,852	14,071
Virginia.....	5,067	5,454	5,551	4,853	5,068	4,728
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,542	11,553	11,966	12,255	11,814	11,713
Other States.....	9,630	9,440	9,700	9,678	9,818	9,878
United States	187,512	188,438	187,769	187,126	188,343	184,365

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