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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 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 11, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 31.5 million eggs during the week ending November 11, 2023, down 8 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.3 million eggs during the same week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 11, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through November 11, 2023 for the United States were 8.37 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.4 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 11, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.6 million chicks, down slightly from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	32,667	32,487	32,177	32,250	31,545	31,459	92
Florida .....	914	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	35,188	34,371	34,961	34,466	33,497	34,306	97
South Carolina....	5,919	5,926	6,093	6,213	5,982	6,264	109
United States .....	227,016	225,285	225,827	231,185	223,895	230,167	97

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Alabama .....	23,607	23,936	23,217	23,322	23,505	23,390	96
Florida .....	1,018	1,281	0	1,085	1,207	1,337	101
Georgia .....	28,516	26,968	26,780	26,455	26,543	26,631	100
South Carolina....	4,865	4,452	4,398	4,916	4,698	4,908	96
United States .....	182,456	182,566	178,912	177,649	176,523	177,491	96

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Alabama .....	32,667	32,487	32,177	32,250	31,545	31,459
Arkansas.....	22,615	21,386	21,106	23,070	21,746	22,326
Delaware .....	5,300	5,279	5,297	5,154	5,355	5,090
Florida.....	914	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,188	34,371	34,961	34,466	33,497	34,306
Kentucky.....	6,344	6,349	6,014	6,391	5,959	6,059
Louisiana .....	3,578	3,563	3,517	3,563	2,928	3,593
Maryland.....	7,879	7,698	8,071	8,065	8,065	8,066
Mississippi .....	15,219	15,089	16,354	15,470	16,612	16,397
Missouri .....	8,740	8,773	7,993	8,328	8,398	8,740
North Carolina.....	21,922	22,380	22,230	24,074	23,604	23,715
Oklahoma .....	5,876	5,873	6,353	6,279	5,991	7,721
Pennsylvania .....	7,270	7,221	7,157	6,769	6,998	7,238
South Carolina .....	5,919	5,926	6,093	6,213	5,982	6,264
Texas.....	16,877	16,388	16,656	18,463	16,972	18,035
Virginia.....	5,655	5,594	5,735	5,765	5,360	5,579
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,316	13,678	12,707	13,583	12,274	12,387
Other States.....	11,737	12,005	12,181	12,057	11,384	11,967
United States .....	227,016	225,285	225,827	231,185	223,895	230,167

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Alabama .....	23,607	23,936	23,217	23,322	23,505	23,390
Arkansas.....	21,257	20,372	20,443	19,015	18,934	18,483
Delaware .....	5,120	4,457	4,080	5,697	4,505	5,903
Florida.....	1,018	1,281	0	1,085	1,207	1,337
Georgia.....	28,516	26,968	26,780	26,455	26,543	26,631
Kentucky.....	4,867	5,376	5,195	5,077	5,022	4,985
Louisiana .....	3,031	3,028	2,814	2,709	2,410	2,385
Maryland.....	5,456	6,070	5,524	4,840	5,708	4,223
Mississippi .....	13,387	13,453	13,230	12,052	12,096	13,220
Missouri .....	5,293	5,395	5,331	5,273	5,315	4,847
North Carolina.....	18,317	19,363	18,935	18,495	18,139	17,944
Oklahoma .....	3,312	3,926	4,441	4,526	3,584	4,262
Pennsylvania .....	4,904	4,402	4,408	4,736	4,621	4,786
South Carolina .....	4,865	4,452	4,398	4,916	4,698	4,908
Texas.....	14,339	14,916	14,409	13,609	13,430	13,801
Virginia.....	5,054	5,686	5,795	4,931	5,392	5,699
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	10,877	10,739	10,133	11,735	12,005	11,394
Other States.....	9,236	8,746	9,779	9,176	9,409	9,293
United States .....	182,456	182,566	178,912	177,649	176,523	177,491

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