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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 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 25, 2023, down 1 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 32.9 million eggs during the week ending November 25, 2023, down 5 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.6 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 25, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through November 25, 2023 for the United States were 8.74 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 21.5 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 25, 2023, down 11 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.5 million chicks, up 8 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	32,177	31,846	31,284	31,930	32,104	32,933	95
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,349	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	34,961	34,656	33,874	35,320	35,394	35,558	100
South Carolina....	6,093	6,213	5,982	6,264	6,186	5,894	100
United States .....	225,777	232,736	227,004	232,440	237,343	237,683	99

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Alabama .....	23,217	23,311	23,486	23,574	22,806	21,549	89
Florida .....	0	1,085	1,207	1,337	1,317	1,074	81
Georgia .....	26,780	26,152	26,543	26,631	27,323	27,500	108
South Carolina....	4,398	4,916	4,698	4,906	4,567	5,231	126
United States .....	178,912	177,500	176,771	177,646	181,965	179,473	98

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Alabama .....	32,177	31,846	31,284	31,930	32,104	32,933
Arkansas.....	21,106	23,613	23,436	22,726	23,645	23,912
Delaware .....	5,247	5,154	5,355	4,873	4,897	5,118
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,349	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	34,961	34,656	33,874	35,320	35,394	35,558
Kentucky.....	6,014	6,667	6,609	6,059	6,504	6,979
Louisiana .....	3,517	3,563	2,928	3,593	3,578	3,594
Maryland.....	8,071	8,065	8,065	8,066	8,065	8,062
Mississippi .....	16,354	15,470	16,612	16,397	16,934	16,960
Missouri .....	7,993	8,630	8,208	8,740	8,812	8,448
North Carolina.....	22,230	24,424	24,052	23,715	24,954	24,838
Oklahoma .....	6,353	6,719	6,430	7,721	7,444	6,992
Pennsylvania .....	7,157	6,705	6,933	7,173	7,211	7,246
South Carolina .....	6,093	6,213	5,982	6,264	6,186	5,894
Texas.....	16,656	18,463	16,851	18,035	18,801	18,519
Virginia.....	5,735	5,765	5,360	5,579	5,783	5,768
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,707	13,583	12,320	12,933	13,745	13,626
Other States.....	12,181	11,975	11,480	11,967	12,061	12,011
United States .....	225,777	232,736	227,004	232,440	237,343	237,683

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Alabama .....	23,217	23,311	23,486	23,574	22,806	21,549
Arkansas.....	20,443	19,015	18,934	18,483	20,877	21,210
Delaware .....	4,080	5,697	4,505	5,838	5,346	5,625
Florida.....	0	1,085	1,207	1,337	1,317	1,074
Georgia.....	26,780	26,152	26,543	26,631	27,323	27,500
Kentucky.....	5,195	5,077	5,022	5,001	5,581	5,468
Louisiana .....	2,814	2,874	2,677	2,652	3,051	2,428
Maryland.....	5,524	4,840	5,708	4,107	4,357	5,002
Mississippi .....	13,230	12,052	12,096	13,220	12,519	13,465
Missouri .....	5,331	5,273	5,315	4,847	5,978	5,059
North Carolina.....	18,935	18,495	18,139	17,944	20,009	18,804
Oklahoma .....	4,441	4,526	3,584	4,262	3,367	3,692
Pennsylvania .....	4,408	4,736	4,621	4,738	4,125	4,411
South Carolina .....	4,398	4,916	4,698	4,906	4,567	5,231
Texas.....	14,409	13,609	13,430	13,801	14,665	13,480
Virginia.....	5,795	4,931	5,392	5,769	5,762	5,338
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	10,133	11,735	12,005	11,253	10,951	11,419
Other States.....	9,779	9,176	9,409	9,283	9,364	8,718
United States .....	178,912	177,500	176,771	177,646	181,965	179,473

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