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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 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 9, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.0 million eggs during the week ending December 9, 2023, down 8 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.6 million eggs during the same week, down 6 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 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 9, 2023 for the United States were 9.10 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 22.9 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2023, down 8 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.4 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	31,284	31,930	32,104	32,933	32,541	31,984	92
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	33,874	35,320	35,394	35,558	34,691	33,598	94
South Carolina....	5,982	6,264	6,186	5,894	5,978	5,967	103
United States .....	227,004	233,099	235,102	238,103	238,475	231,052	96

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Alabama .....	23,486	23,574	22,806	21,549	21,418	22,930	92
Florida .....	1,207	1,337	1,317	1,074	1,076	1,149	89
Georgia .....	26,543	26,631	27,323	27,500	27,875	26,444	96
South Carolina....	4,698	4,906	4,567	5,231	5,062	5,052	113
United States .....	176,771	177,646	181,965	179,351	182,376	184,577	97

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Alabama .....	31,284	31,930	32,104	32,933	32,541	31,984
Arkansas.....	23,436	24,146	23,962	23,912	24,363	24,131
Delaware .....	5,355	4,873	4,897	5,118	5,107	5,087
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	33,874	35,320	35,394	35,558	34,691	33,598
Kentucky.....	6,609	6,059	6,104	6,979	6,781	6,625
Louisiana .....	2,928	3,593	3,578	3,594	3,594	3,594
Maryland.....	8,065	8,066	8,065	8,062	8,065	8,064
Mississippi .....	16,612	16,397	16,934	16,960	16,733	16,733
Missouri .....	8,208	8,815	8,433	8,448	8,844	8,469
North Carolina.....	24,052	24,078	24,604	24,838	24,868	24,162
Oklahoma .....	6,430	7,607	7,444	6,992	7,167	6,567
Pennsylvania .....	6,933	7,173	7,159	7,225	7,239	7,128
South Carolina .....	5,982	6,264	6,186	5,894	5,978	5,967
Texas.....	16,851	17,672	17,311	18,519	18,526	17,032
Virginia.....	5,360	5,609	5,783	5,768	6,251	5,419
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,320	12,233	13,760	13,968	14,435	13,336
Other States.....	11,480	12,039	12,159	12,110	12,067	11,931
United States .....	227,004	233,099	235,102	238,103	238,475	231,052

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Alabama .....	23,486	23,574	22,806	21,549	21,418	22,930
Arkansas.....	18,934	18,483	20,877	21,210	21,180	21,785
Delaware .....	4,505	5,838	5,346	5,625	3,322	4,528
Florida.....	1,207	1,337	1,317	1,074	1,076	1,149
Georgia.....	26,543	26,631	27,323	27,500	27,875	26,444
Kentucky.....	5,022	5,001	5,581	5,468	5,076	5,095
Louisiana .....	2,677	2,652	3,051	2,428	2,951	2,974
Maryland.....	5,708	4,107	4,357	5,002	5,081	5,864
Mississippi .....	12,096	13,220	12,519	13,465	13,429	13,509
Missouri .....	5,315	4,847	5,978	5,059	5,403	4,568
North Carolina.....	18,139	17,944	20,009	18,804	20,771	20,351
Oklahoma .....	3,584	4,262	3,367	3,692	4,843	4,641
Pennsylvania .....	4,621	4,738	4,125	4,365	4,908	4,578
South Carolina .....	4,698	4,906	4,567	5,231	5,062	5,052
Texas.....	13,430	13,801	14,665	13,480	14,202	14,373
Virginia.....	5,392	5,769	5,762	5,362	5,352	5,428
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,005	11,253	10,951	11,302	11,197	12,071
Other States.....	9,409	9,283	9,364	8,735	9,230	9,237
United States .....	176,771	177,646	181,965	179,351	182,376	184,577

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