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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 Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 13, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.1 million eggs during the week ending January 13, 2024, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.7 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 13, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through January 13, 2024 for the United States were 375 million. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 13, 2024, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.2 million chicks, down slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023 and 2024

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023	January 6, 2024	January 13, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,085	34,023	34,307	34,359	34,128	34,137	99
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,589	35,971	36,128	35,496	35,401	35,729	101
South Carolina....	5,967	6,253	6,214	5,826	6,161	6,217	109
United States	236,704	240,232	239,750	238,543	238,987	238,922	100

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Alabama	23,962	24,437	24,510	24,688	23,146	24,566	99
Florida	1,149	1,153	1,158	1,275	1,354	1,320	101
Georgia	27,683	28,860	28,750	26,426	27,151	27,246	100
South Carolina....	5,099	4,611	4,204	5,365	5,183	4,699	96
United States	187,548	188,731	190,915	183,518	187,496	187,523	100

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Alabama	34,085	34,023	34,307	34,359	34,128	34,137
Arkansas.....	24,267	24,173	24,058	24,267	23,911	23,886
Delaware	4,900	4,917	5,062	4,815	5,023	5,165
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,589	35,971	36,128	35,496	35,401	35,729
Kentucky.....	6,504	6,936	6,911	6,777	6,942	6,894
Louisiana	3,594	3,563	3,502	3,532	3,532	3,516
Maryland.....	8,064	8,065	8,001	7,954	7,979	7,976
Mississippi	16,798	17,097	17,015	17,327	17,394	17,383
Missouri	8,827	8,797	8,709	8,547	8,580	8,690
North Carolina.....	24,348	25,433	25,139	25,126	25,067	25,176
Oklahoma	6,551	6,403	6,077	6,349	6,272	6,193
Pennsylvania	7,109	7,479	7,750	7,391	7,828	7,739
South Carolina	5,967	6,253	6,214	5,826	6,161	6,217
Texas.....	18,486	18,563	18,276	18,426	18,561	17,740
Virginia.....	5,419	5,835	5,838	5,836	5,824	5,797
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,035	13,421	13,501	13,383	13,048	13,211
Other States.....	11,936	12,078	12,037	11,907	12,111	12,248
United States	236,704	240,232	239,750	238,543	238,987	238,922

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Alabama	23,962	24,437	24,510	24,688	23,146	24,566
Arkansas.....	21,648	21,139	21,415	20,575	21,321	21,884
Delaware	4,528	4,519	4,845	4,494	4,561	4,528
Florida.....	1,149	1,153	1,158	1,275	1,354	1,320
Georgia.....	27,683	28,860	28,750	26,426	27,151	27,246
Kentucky.....	5,920	5,639	5,687	5,368	5,659	5,116
Louisiana	2,974	2,696	2,865	2,679	2,890	2,735
Maryland.....	5,864	5,910	5,805	5,558	4,901	5,149
Mississippi	13,493	13,504	13,337	13,424	14,116	14,215
Missouri	4,568	5,382	5,841	5,344	5,269	5,286
North Carolina.....	20,347	19,955	20,576	19,708	20,496	20,316
Oklahoma	4,641	4,539	3,874	4,311	3,814	2,775
Pennsylvania	4,571	4,922	5,183	4,643	4,944	4,915
South Carolina	5,099	4,611	4,204	5,365	5,183	4,699
Texas.....	14,324	14,571	15,218	14,084	14,642	14,777
Virginia.....	5,432	5,271	5,819	4,933	6,725	6,615
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,105	12,398	12,692	11,578	12,029	12,048
Other States.....	9,240	9,225	9,136	9,065	9,295	9,333
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