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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.

March 6, 2024

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 2, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.1 million eggs during the week ending March 2, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.1 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through March 2, 2024 for the United States were 1.67 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.2 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024	March 2, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,787	34,979	34,899	35,091	35,128	35,092	101
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,892	36,225	36,050	36,228	36,183	36,108	102
South Carolina....	6,121	6,016	6,290	6,252	6,088	6,089	101
United States	239,609	241,915	242,114	243,213	243,045	242,910	100

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Alabama	24,358	24,605	24,273	24,080	24,471	24,677	103
Florida	1,239	1,229	962	1,105	1,317	1,238	106
Georgia	26,983	27,785	28,488	27,940	28,018	27,235	95
South Carolina....	5,045	4,707	4,835	4,475	4,586	4,256	94
United States	185,412	185,996	185,459	185,071	185,709	186,593	100

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Alabama	34,787	34,979	34,899	35,091	35,128	35,092
Arkansas.....	24,808	24,507	24,606	24,969	25,325	25,193
Delaware	5,495	5,483	5,566	5,618	5,538	5,620
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,892	36,225	36,050	36,228	36,183	36,108
Kentucky.....	6,795	6,853	6,788	7,053	7,134	7,132
Louisiana	3,594	3,562	3,557	3,503	3,471	3,533
Maryland.....	8,066	8,065	8,066	8,066	8,061	8,050
Mississippi	17,231	17,200	17,262	17,412	17,469	17,458
Missouri	8,456	8,656	8,692	8,607	8,797	8,833
North Carolina.....	24,583	25,283	25,195	24,893	24,948	24,723
Oklahoma	5,490	5,396	5,467	5,668	5,366	5,366
Pennsylvania	8,016	7,421	7,702	7,796	7,594	7,762
South Carolina	6,121	6,016	6,290	6,252	6,088	6,089
Texas.....	19,041	19,764	19,268	19,397	19,282	19,419
Virginia.....	5,701	5,578	5,594	5,667	5,667	5,664
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,783	13,862	13,994	13,732	13,910	13,736
Other States.....	11,525	11,840	11,893	12,036	11,859	11,907
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Arkansas.....	21,218	20,162	20,989	20,455	19,927	20,630
Delaware	5,304	6,003	4,520	5,226	4,632	5,539
Florida.....	1,239	1,229	962	1,105	1,317	1,238
Georgia.....	26,983	27,785	28,488	27,940	28,018	27,235
Kentucky.....	5,417	5,400	5,328	5,342	5,376	5,092
Louisiana	2,889	2,898	2,751	2,979	2,930	2,888
Maryland.....	5,562	4,603	6,219	6,152	5,874	6,329
Mississippi	13,588	13,588	13,385	13,431	13,293	13,385
Missouri	5,285	5,202	4,928	5,236	5,491	5,476
North Carolina.....	19,278	19,551	19,515	19,516	19,794	20,206
Oklahoma	3,281	3,834	3,885	3,773	4,329	3,883
Pennsylvania	5,567	4,963	4,939	5,062	4,569	4,880
South Carolina	5,045	4,707	4,835	4,475	4,586	4,256
Texas.....	13,751	14,548	14,377	14,928	14,660	14,557
Virginia.....	4,803	5,681	5,550	4,939	5,288	4,632
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,449	11,937	11,425	11,355	12,280	12,743
Other States.....	9,395	9,300	9,090	9,077	8,874	8,947
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