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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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 23, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.9 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.0 million eggs during the week ending March 23, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.1 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 23, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through March 23, 2024 for the United States were 2.24 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 23, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.5 million chicks, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	35,122	35,133	35,160	34,322	35,130	34,976	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,228	36,156	36,001	36,237	36,275	36,117	101
South Carolina....	6,252	6,088	6,085	5,970	6,331	6,233	103
United States	243,330	243,511	244,001	243,932	244,883	244,895	101

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Alabama	24,080	24,471	24,659	25,485	24,217	24,720	102
Florida	1,105	1,317	1,243	1,330	1,414	1,401	109
Georgia	27,940	28,018	26,914	26,697	27,929	27,479	102
South Carolina....	4,475	4,586	4,268	5,399	4,842	4,934	113
United States	185,071	185,785	187,022	188,234	187,826	187,998	100

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Alabama	35,122	35,133	35,160	34,322	35,130	34,976
Arkansas.....	24,990	25,655	25,465	25,296	24,774	25,418
Delaware	5,618	5,538	5,620	5,574	5,583	5,585
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,228	36,156	36,001	36,237	36,275	36,117
Kentucky.....	7,138	8,133	7,674	7,962	8,084	7,783
Louisiana	3,503	3,471	3,533	3,548	3,563	3,624
Maryland.....	8,066	8,061	8,050	8,063	8,064	8,061
Mississippi	17,412	17,469	17,458	17,296	17,396	17,337
Missouri	8,535	8,798	8,833	8,705	8,798	8,834
North Carolina.....	25,074	25,346	24,538	25,077	24,948	25,191
Oklahoma	5,698	4,286	5,991	5,779	5,545	5,791
Pennsylvania	7,822	7,659	8,003	7,935	7,803	7,447
South Carolina	6,252	6,088	6,085	5,970	6,331	6,233
Texas.....	19,352	19,312	19,311	19,476	19,476	19,185
Virginia.....	5,667	5,667	5,664	5,664	5,667	5,682
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,592	13,615	13,527	13,894	13,938	13,894
Other States.....	12,036	11,899	11,863	11,909	12,283	12,512
United States	243,330	243,511	244,001	243,932	244,883	244,895

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Alabama	24,080	24,471	24,659	25,485	24,217	24,720
Arkansas.....	20,455	19,927	20,713	21,554	21,267	21,957
Delaware	5,226	4,632	5,539	4,574	5,070	4,909
Florida.....	1,105	1,317	1,243	1,330	1,414	1,401
Georgia.....	27,940	28,018	26,914	26,697	27,929	27,479
Kentucky.....	5,342	5,376	5,352	5,600	6,006	5,816
Louisiana	2,979	2,930	2,888	2,836	2,820	2,890
Maryland.....	6,152	5,874	6,389	6,558	6,352	6,068
Mississippi	13,431	13,369	13,462	13,781	13,638	13,434
Missouri	5,236	5,491	5,476	5,425	5,522	5,806
North Carolina.....	19,516	19,794	20,367	19,729	19,451	19,237
Oklahoma	3,773	4,329	3,883	3,170	3,101	3,448
Pennsylvania	5,062	4,569	4,998	4,965	4,791	4,690
South Carolina	4,475	4,586	4,268	5,399	4,842	4,934
Texas.....	14,928	14,660	14,489	14,520	14,591	14,743
Virginia.....	4,939	5,288	4,665	5,128	5,151	4,860
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,355	12,280	12,819	12,339	12,634	12,689
Other States.....	9,077	8,874	8,898	9,144	9,030	8,917
United States	185,071	185,785	187,022	188,234	187,826	187,998

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