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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 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 30, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.6 million eggs during the week ending March 30, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.0 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through March 30, 2024 for the United States were 2.43 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2024, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.7 million chicks, down slightly from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	February 24, 2024	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	35,133	35,160	33,951	35,130	34,976	34,649	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,156	36,001	36,223	36,275	36,117	35,983	102
South Carolina....	6,088	6,085	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,235	108
United States	244,457	244,449	244,662	245,393	245,363	243,926	101

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Alabama	24,471	24,659	25,485	24,217	24,720	23,666	97
Florida	1,317	1,243	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390	108
Georgia	28,018	26,914	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,663	100
South Carolina....	4,586	4,268	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,775	111
United States	185,785	187,022	188,234	188,594	188,277	187,368	100

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Alabama	35,133	35,160	33,951	35,130	34,976	34,649
Arkansas.....	25,655	25,465	25,392	24,774	25,418	25,196
Delaware	5,538	5,620	5,574	5,583	5,559	5,573
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,156	36,001	36,223	36,275	36,117	35,983
Kentucky.....	8,133	7,674	7,967	8,084	7,783	7,779
Louisiana	3,471	3,533	3,548	3,563	3,624	3,624
Maryland.....	8,061	8,050	8,063	8,064	8,061	8,061
Mississippi	17,469	17,458	17,405	17,396	17,337	17,279
Missouri	8,798	8,833	8,861	8,798	8,834	8,373
North Carolina.....	25,346	24,723	25,239	24,948	25,191	25,447
Oklahoma	5,032	6,254	6,309	6,055	6,199	6,058
Pennsylvania	7,659	8,003	7,876	7,803	7,447	7,792
South Carolina	6,088	6,085	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,235
Texas.....	19,312	19,311	19,391	19,476	19,185	19,205
Virginia.....	5,667	5,664	5,664	5,667	5,682	5,363
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,815	13,527	13,995	13,938	13,979	13,608
Other States.....	11,899	11,863	12,009	12,283	12,513	12,476
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Alabama	24,471	24,659	25,485	24,217	24,720	23,666
Arkansas.....	19,927	20,713	21,554	21,490	22,057	21,826
Delaware	4,632	5,539	4,574	5,070	4,830	4,295
Florida.....	1,317	1,243	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390
Georgia.....	28,018	26,914	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,663
Kentucky.....	5,376	5,352	5,600	6,006	5,816	5,671
Louisiana	2,930	2,888	2,836	2,820	2,890	2,836
Maryland.....	5,874	6,389	6,558	6,352	5,984	6,480
Mississippi	13,369	13,462	13,781	13,638	13,434	13,651
Missouri	5,491	5,476	5,425	5,522	5,806	5,207
North Carolina.....	19,794	20,367	19,729	19,451	19,237	19,560
Oklahoma	4,329	3,883	3,170	3,646	3,679	3,979
Pennsylvania	4,569	4,998	4,965	4,791	4,694	4,913
South Carolina	4,586	4,268	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,775
Texas.....	14,660	14,489	14,520	14,591	14,743	14,491
Virginia.....	5,288	4,665	5,128	5,151	4,860	5,478
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,280	12,819	12,339	12,634	12,766	12,511
Other States.....	8,874	8,898	9,144	9,030	8,937	8,976
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