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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.

April 10, 2024

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 6, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 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 April 6, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.3 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 6, 2024 for the United States were 2.62 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2024, up 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.1 million chicks, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	35,160	33,951	35,130	34,976	35,073	34,594	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,001	36,223	36,275	36,117	36,111	36,336	101
South Carolina....	6,085	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048	108
United States	244,264	244,662	245,818	245,363	244,446	244,383	102

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Alabama	24,659	25,485	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,296	106
Florida	1,243	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,249	96
Georgia	26,914	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,130	101
South Carolina....	4,268	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,749	90
United States	187,022	188,234	188,594	188,232	188,035	189,489	102

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Alabama	35,160	33,951	35,130	34,976	35,073	34,594
Arkansas.....	25,465	25,392	24,774	25,418	25,196	25,540
Delaware	5,620	5,574	5,583	5,559	5,573	5,580
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,001	36,223	36,275	36,117	36,111	36,336
Kentucky.....	7,674	7,967	8,084	7,783	7,777	8,049
Louisiana	3,533	3,548	3,563	3,624	3,624	3,624
Maryland.....	8,050	8,063	8,064	8,061	8,065	8,061
Mississippi	17,458	17,405	17,396	17,337	17,279	17,403
Missouri	8,833	8,861	8,798	8,834	8,373	8,853
North Carolina.....	24,538	25,239	25,248	25,191	25,143	24,685
Oklahoma	6,254	6,309	6,055	6,199	6,260	6,038
Pennsylvania	8,003	7,876	7,803	7,447	7,773	7,788
South Carolina	6,085	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048
Texas.....	19,311	19,391	19,476	19,185	19,186	19,260
Virginia.....	5,664	5,664	5,667	5,682	5,363	5,417
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,527	13,995	13,938	13,979	13,910	13,946
Other States.....	11,863	12,009	12,408	12,513	12,369	11,936
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Alabama	24,659	25,485	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,296
Arkansas.....	20,713	21,554	21,490	22,057	22,251	21,806
Delaware	5,539	4,574	5,070	4,830	4,798	5,366
Florida.....	1,243	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,249
Georgia.....	26,914	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,130
Kentucky.....	5,352	5,600	6,006	5,816	5,614	6,056
Louisiana	2,888	2,836	2,820	2,890	2,836	2,756
Maryland.....	6,389	6,558	6,352	5,984	5,692	6,302
Mississippi	13,462	13,781	13,638	13,434	13,272	13,558
Missouri	5,476	5,425	5,522	5,806	5,207	4,970
North Carolina.....	20,367	19,729	19,451	19,237	19,637	19,910
Oklahoma	3,883	3,170	3,646	3,679	3,979	3,620
Pennsylvania	4,998	4,965	4,791	4,694	4,777	4,898
South Carolina	4,268	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,749
Texas.....	14,489	14,520	14,591	14,743	14,430	14,768
Virginia.....	4,665	5,128	5,151	4,860	6,108	5,184
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,819	12,339	12,634	12,766	12,475	11,602
Other States.....	8,898	9,144	9,030	8,937	9,099	9,269
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