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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 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 27, 2024, up 2 percent 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 April 27, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.2 million eggs during the same week, up 2 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 27, 2024 for the United States were 3.19 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 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
	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024	April 13, 2024	April 20, 2024	April 27, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	35,037	35,221	34,726	35,055	35,002	35,071	102
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,248	36,402	36,494	36,103	35,840	36,178	102
South Carolina....	6,233	6,146	6,048	6,312	6,249	6,178	112
United States	246,220	245,707	245,522	246,781	245,311	246,848	102

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Alabama	24,675	23,717	25,495	24,154	24,667	24,734	101
Florida	1,401	1,390	1,253	1,239	1,191	1,351	105
Georgia	27,479	27,942	28,168	28,167	28,169	27,789	101
South Carolina....	4,944	4,811	4,722	5,122	4,918	4,717	91
United States	188,232	187,837	190,196	189,855	189,419	189,692	102

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Alabama	35,037	35,221	34,726	35,055	35,002	35,071
Arkansas.....	25,569	25,672	25,823	25,727	25,659	25,961
Delaware	5,559	5,573	5,489	5,544	5,600	5,543
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,248	36,402	36,494	36,103	35,840	36,178
Kentucky.....	8,141	7,951	8,205	8,128	7,927	8,009
Louisiana	3,624	3,624	3,624	3,655	3,655	3,655
Maryland.....	8,061	8,065	8,061	8,063	8,005	8,005
Mississippi	17,685	17,579	17,605	17,523	17,532	17,339
Missouri	8,944	8,650	8,881	8,990	8,990	8,766
North Carolina.....	25,191	25,143	24,608	25,742	25,539	25,576
Oklahoma	6,048	5,838	5,814	5,700	5,674	6,032
Pennsylvania	7,447	7,859	7,937	7,969	7,806	8,087
South Carolina	6,233	6,146	6,048	6,312	6,249	6,178
Texas.....	19,185	19,261	19,587	19,284	19,096	19,572
Virginia.....	5,508	5,363	5,417	5,734	5,689	5,662
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,002	13,776	14,004	13,760	13,823	13,929
Other States.....	12,513	12,359	11,974	12,267	12,000	12,060
United States	246,220	245,707	245,522	246,781	245,311	246,848

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Alabama	24,675	23,717	25,495	24,154	24,667	24,734
Arkansas.....	22,057	22,144	21,690	20,329	21,407	21,087
Delaware	4,830	5,017	5,719	5,191	5,510	5,750
Florida.....	1,401	1,390	1,253	1,239	1,191	1,351
Georgia.....	27,479	27,942	28,168	28,167	28,169	27,789
Kentucky.....	5,816	5,614	6,070	5,996	5,891	5,676
Louisiana	2,890	2,836	2,756	2,880	2,909	2,923
Maryland.....	5,984	5,383	5,796	5,437	5,221	4,867
Mississippi	13,434	13,272	13,681	13,491	13,883	13,401
Missouri	5,806	5,207	5,122	5,529	5,517	5,119
North Carolina.....	19,237	19,637	19,916	19,765	19,744	19,662
Oklahoma	3,679	3,979	3,833	5,039	3,662	4,886
Pennsylvania	4,694	4,777	4,999	4,736	5,087	5,047
South Carolina	4,944	4,811	4,722	5,122	4,918	4,717
Texas.....	14,743	14,430	14,798	14,886	14,859	15,281
Virginia.....	4,860	6,108	5,310	5,258	5,041	5,304
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,766	12,474	11,596	13,243	12,319	12,835
Other States.....	8,937	9,099	9,272	9,393	9,424	9,263
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