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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 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 4, 2024, up 1 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 35.0 million eggs during the week ending May 4, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.4 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through May 4, 2024 for the United States were 3.38 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 2024, down 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.3 million chicks, up 5 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024	April 13, 2024	April 20, 2024	April 27, 2024	May 4, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	35,221	34,726	35,072	35,002	35,071	35,025	102
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	36,392	36,444	36,569	36,073	36,178	36,374	101
South Carolina....	6,146	6,048	6,312	6,249	6,178	6,129	110
United States .....	245,697	245,442	246,968	245,544	246,465	246,559	101

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Alabama .....	23,717	25,495	24,154	24,667	24,734	24,732	98
Florida .....	1,390	1,253	1,239	1,191	1,351	1,347	105
Georgia .....	27,942	28,168	28,167	28,169	27,747	28,280	105
South Carolina....	4,811	4,722	5,122	4,918	5,004	5,118	107
United States .....	187,837	190,196	189,855	189,506	189,597	190,380	102

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Alabama .....	35,221	34,726	35,072	35,002	35,071	35,025
Arkansas.....	25,672	25,814	25,757	25,659	25,961	25,760
Delaware .....	5,573	5,489	5,544	5,600	5,543	5,539
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,392	36,444	36,569	36,073	36,178	36,374
Kentucky.....	7,951	8,178	8,000	7,927	8,017	7,861
Louisiana .....	3,624	3,624	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,515
Maryland.....	8,065	8,061	8,063	8,005	8,005	8,065
Mississippi .....	17,579	17,605	17,655	17,532	17,339	17,199
Missouri .....	8,650	8,859	8,893	8,990	8,766	8,550
North Carolina.....	25,143	24,638	25,562	25,539	25,575	25,545
Oklahoma .....	5,838	5,812	5,644	5,674	6,032	6,081
Pennsylvania .....	7,859	7,937	7,969	7,806	8,056	8,019
South Carolina .....	6,146	6,048	6,312	6,249	6,178	6,129
Texas.....	19,261	19,587	19,405	19,096	19,572	19,932
Virginia.....	5,363	5,417	5,734	5,689	5,662	5,833
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,776	14,004	13,628	13,823	13,575	13,754
Other States.....	12,359	11,974	12,281	12,000	12,055	12,153
United States .....	245,697	245,442	246,968	245,544	246,465	246,559

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Alabama .....	23,717	25,495	24,154	24,667	24,734	24,732
Arkansas.....	22,144	21,690	20,329	21,607	21,087	21,259
Delaware .....	5,017	5,719	5,191	5,510	5,297	5,576
Florida.....	1,390	1,253	1,239	1,191	1,351	1,347
Georgia.....	27,942	28,168	28,167	28,169	27,747	28,280
Kentucky.....	5,614	6,070	5,996	5,891	5,655	5,823
Louisiana .....	2,836	2,756	2,880	2,909	2,923	2,915
Maryland.....	5,383	5,796	5,437	5,221	5,162	5,189
Mississippi .....	13,272	13,681	13,491	13,883	13,401	13,448
Missouri .....	5,207	5,122	5,529	5,517	5,119	5,265
North Carolina.....	19,637	19,916	19,765	19,744	19,486	19,674
Oklahoma .....	3,979	3,833	5,039	3,662	4,886	4,372
Pennsylvania .....	4,777	4,999	4,736	5,087	5,073	5,008
South Carolina .....	4,811	4,722	5,122	4,918	5,004	5,118
Texas.....	14,430	14,798	14,886	14,859	15,281	15,224
Virginia.....	6,108	5,310	5,258	5,041	5,389	5,254
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,474	11,596	13,243	12,319	12,859	12,483
Other States.....	9,099	9,272	9,393	9,311	9,143	9,413
United States .....	187,837	190,196	189,855	189,506	189,597	190,380

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