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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 May 11, 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 34.3 million eggs during the week ending May 11, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.9 million eggs during the same week, down slightly 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 11, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through May 11, 2024 for the United States were 3.57 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 11, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.0 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
	April 6, 2024	April 13, 2024	April 20, 2024	April 27, 2024	May 4, 2024	May 11, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,726	35,072	34,952	35,071	35,025	34,331	102
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,334	36,569	36,121	36,178	36,354	35,933	100
South Carolina....	6,048	6,312	6,249	6,178	6,128	6,171	109
United States	245,384	246,968	245,604	246,344	245,596	244,779	101

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Alabama	25,495	24,154	24,667	24,734	24,732	24,825	104
Florida	1,253	1,239	1,191	1,350	1,346	1,341	113
Georgia	28,168	28,167	28,169	27,747	28,561	28,008	105
South Carolina....	4,722	5,122	4,918	5,004	4,996	5,062	114
United States	190,196	189,855	189,506	189,651	190,447	189,898	102

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Alabama	34,726	35,072	34,952	35,071	35,025	34,331
Arkansas.....	25,814	25,757	25,659	25,961	25,808	25,866
Delaware	5,489	5,544	5,600	5,643	5,725	5,610
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,334	36,569	36,121	36,178	36,354	35,933
Kentucky.....	8,178	8,000	7,953	8,017	7,862	8,133
Louisiana	3,624	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,515	3,654
Maryland.....	8,061	8,063	8,005	8,005	8,065	8,065
Mississippi	17,623	17,655	17,700	17,339	17,199	17,365
Missouri	8,893	8,893	8,983	8,766	8,550	8,901
North Carolina.....	24,638	25,562	25,383	25,575	25,611	25,424
Oklahoma	5,812	5,644	5,508	6,032	6,081	6,062
Pennsylvania	7,937	7,969	7,832	7,835	7,627	7,381
South Carolina	6,048	6,312	6,249	6,178	6,128	6,171
Texas.....	19,587	19,405	19,202	19,572	19,932	19,689
Virginia.....	5,417	5,734	5,720	5,662	5,833	5,700
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,004	13,628	13,857	13,575	12,972	13,299
Other States.....	11,974	12,281	12,000	12,055	12,084	11,970
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Alabama	25,495	24,154	24,667	24,734	24,732	24,825
Arkansas.....	21,690	20,329	21,607	21,087	21,259	20,934
Delaware	5,719	5,191	5,510	5,297	5,053	4,589
Florida.....	1,253	1,239	1,191	1,350	1,346	1,341
Georgia.....	28,168	28,167	28,169	27,747	28,561	28,008
Kentucky.....	6,070	5,996	5,891	5,655	5,847	5,992
Louisiana	2,756	2,880	2,909	2,923	2,915	3,013
Maryland.....	5,796	5,437	5,221	5,271	5,945	6,714
Mississippi	13,681	13,491	13,883	13,401	13,448	13,777
Missouri	5,122	5,529	5,517	5,119	5,265	5,818
North Carolina.....	19,916	19,765	19,744	19,486	19,767	19,892
Oklahoma	3,833	5,039	3,662	4,886	4,372	3,209
Pennsylvania	4,999	4,736	5,087	5,072	4,908	4,901
South Carolina	4,722	5,122	4,918	5,004	4,996	5,062
Texas.....	14,798	14,886	14,859	15,281	15,224	14,877
Virginia.....	5,310	5,258	5,041	5,434	5,012	4,784
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,596	13,243	12,319	12,746	12,398	12,742
Other States.....	9,272	9,393	9,311	9,158	9,399	9,420
United States	190,196	189,855	189,506	189,651	190,447	189,898

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