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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Report**. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 22, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.9 million eggs during the week ending February 22, 2020, up 8 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.0 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through February 22, 2020 for the United States were 1.52 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 2020, up 12 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.1 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 18, 2020	January 25, 2020	February 1, 2020	February 8, 2020	February 15, 2020	February 22, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)				
Alabama	34,156	34,255	33,619	34,263	33,249	33,887	108
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,168	1,209	1,193	1,191	97
Georgia	35,102	35,549	35,289	35,004	35,129	35,004	102
South Carolina....	5,621	5,753	5,889	5,802	5,888	5,521	93
United States.....	237,441	240,683	238,873	239,674	237,513	238,591	103

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Alabama	24,637	24,933	25,233	25,401	24,750	25,635	112
Florida	1,362	1,296	1,245	1,287	1,282	1,321	108
Georgia	26,940	27,367	26,276	27,506	28,702	26,126	95
South Carolina....	5,134	5,402	4,689	4,541	5,279	5,858	113
United States.....	191,227	188,943	191,450	190,149	191,835	190,056	103

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Alabama	34,156	34,255	33,619	34,263	33,249	33,887
Arkansas	24,038	23,727	24,228	24,024	23,654	24,495
Delaware	5,058	5,239	5,242	5,610	5,210	5,339
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,168	1,209	1,193	1,191
Georgia	35,102	35,549	35,289	35,004	35,129	35,004
Kentucky	7,944	7,989	7,905	7,864	7,884	7,515
Louisiana	3,819	3,864	3,879	3,879	3,835	3,774
Maryland	8,102	8,324	8,387	7,758	8,113	7,845
Mississippi	17,550	18,305	18,124	18,153	18,351	17,906
Missouri	8,646	8,914	8,778	8,949	8,660	8,849
North Carolina	25,118	25,029	24,884	25,114	24,887	25,188
Oklahoma	7,572	7,837	7,756	7,507	7,464	7,398
Pennsylvania	5,991	6,193	6,000	5,864	5,745	5,994
South Carolina	5,621	5,753	5,889	5,802	5,888	5,521
Texas	17,296	17,992	17,369	17,846	17,250	17,681
Virginia	6,454	6,453	6,469	6,508	6,512	6,434
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,916	13,278	13,044	13,312	13,243	13,363
Other States	10,880	10,804	10,843	11,008	11,246	11,207
United States	237,441	240,683	238,873	239,674	237,513	238,591
Percent of previous year	104	105	104	105	103	103

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	24,637	24,933	25,233	25,401	24,750	25,635
Arkansas	22,429	21,273	22,785	22,375	20,203	22,157
Delaware	4,995	4,930	5,625	4,672	5,265	5,371
Florida	1,362	1,296	1,245	1,287	1,282	1,321
Georgia	26,940	27,367	26,276	27,506	28,702	26,126
Kentucky	5,923	5,839	5,683	6,739	6,233	6,359
Louisiana	3,238	3,192	3,201	3,228	3,327	3,357
Maryland	6,259	5,781	4,747	6,195	5,391	5,219
Mississippi	15,116	15,507	15,319	14,832	15,255	14,984
Missouri	5,873	5,464	5,135	6,101	6,425	5,803
North Carolina	20,216	18,609	20,820	19,963	19,669	19,484
Oklahoma	4,212	5,396	4,388	3,705	5,400	4,321
Pennsylvania	4,434	4,419	4,398	4,354	4,449	4,442
South Carolina	5,134	5,402	4,689	4,541	5,279	5,858
Texas	14,729	14,423	14,640	13,842	14,387	13,660
Virginia	5,106	5,598	6,402	5,916	6,123	6,047
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,028	10,609	12,030	11,203	11,539	11,608
Other States	8,596	8,905	8,834	8,289	8,156	8,304
United States	191,227	188,943	191,450	190,149	191,835	190,056
Percent of previous year	104	103	104	104	104	103

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