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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 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 29, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.1 million eggs during the week ending February 29, 2020, up 8 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.3 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 29, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through February 29, 2020 for the United States were 1.71 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.5 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 29, 2020, up 10 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.6 million chicks, down 1 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 25, 2020	February 1, 2020	February 8, 2020	February 15, 2020	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,255	33,619	34,263	33,249	33,887	34,075	108
Florida	1,178	1,168	1,209	1,193	1,191	1,209	99
Georgia	35,549	35,289	35,004	35,129	35,004	35,334	102
South Carolina....	5,753	5,889	5,802	5,888	5,513	5,809	100
United States.....	240,683	238,818	239,894	237,371	238,573	240,860	104

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), March 4, 2020

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	24,933	25,233	25,401	24,750	25,635	24,510	110
Florida	1,296	1,245	1,296	1,282	1,321	1,349	101
Georgia	27,367	26,276	27,507	28,702	25,981	27,602	99
South Carolina....	5,402	4,689	4,542	5,279	5,300	5,263	100
United States.....	188,943	191,466	190,156	191,827	189,260	191,223	104

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Alabama	34,255	33,619	34,263	33,249	33,887	34,075
Arkansas	23,727	24,228	24,356	23,654	24,495	24,160
Delaware	5,239	5,242	5,610	5,210	5,339	5,366
Florida	1,178	1,168	1,209	1,193	1,191	1,209
Georgia	35,549	35,289	35,004	35,129	35,004	35,334
Kentucky	7,989	7,905	7,864	7,884	7,513	7,873
Louisiana	3,864	3,879	3,879	3,835	3,774	3,744
Maryland	8,324	8,387	7,758	8,113	7,879	8,439
Mississippi	18,305	18,124	18,153	18,351	17,906	18,354
Missouri	8,914	8,778	8,949	8,660	8,849	8,890
North Carolina	25,029	24,884	25,114	24,887	25,284	25,367
Oklahoma	7,837	7,756	7,507	7,464	7,398	7,407
Pennsylvania	6,193	6,000	5,864	5,745	6,095	6,053
South Carolina	5,753	5,889	5,802	5,888	5,513	5,809
Texas	17,992	17,369	17,846	17,250	17,681	17,907
Virginia	6,453	6,469	6,508	6,512	6,434	6,438
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,278	13,044	13,315	13,243	13,193	12,895
Other States	10,804	10,788	10,893	11,104	11,138	11,540
United States	240,683	238,818	239,894	237,371	238,573	240,860
Percent of previous year	105	104	105	103	103	104

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), March 4, 2020

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	January 25, 2020	February 1, 2020	February 8, 2020	February 15, 2020	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,933	25,233	25,401	24,750	25,635	24,510
Arkansas	21,273	22,785	22,375	20,203	22,190	22,396
Delaware	4,930	5,625	4,672	5,265	6,018	5,921
Florida	1,296	1,245	1,296	1,282	1,321	1,349
Georgia	27,367	26,276	27,507	28,702	25,981	27,602
Kentucky	5,839	5,683	6,739	6,233	6,612	6,435
Louisiana	3,192	3,201	3,229	3,327	3,357	3,281
Maryland	5,781	4,747	6,195	5,391	5,017	5,169
Mississippi	15,507	15,319	14,832	15,255	14,984	15,127
Missouri	5,464	5,132	6,098	6,424	5,800	5,596
North Carolina	18,609	20,820	19,964	19,669	20,065	19,855
Oklahoma	5,396	4,388	3,705	5,401	4,321	4,247
Pennsylvania	4,419	4,398	4,354	4,449	4,430	4,206
South Carolina	5,402	4,689	4,542	5,279	5,300	5,263
Texas	14,423	14,639	13,842	14,387	13,643	14,241
Virginia	5,598	6,402	5,916	6,123	5,782	5,960
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,609	12,004	11,174	11,514	10,457	11,519
Other States	8,905	8,880	8,315	8,173	8,347	8,546
United States	188,943	191,466	190,156	191,827	189,260	191,223
Percent of previous year	103	104	104	104	103	104

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