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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 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 14, 2020, up 3 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 34.2 million eggs during the week ending March 14, 2020, up 14 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.9 million eggs during the same week, down slightly from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through March 14, 2020 for the United States were 2.10 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.0 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2020, up 14 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.1 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
	February 8, 2020	February 15, 2020	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,263	33,827	33,887	34,075	34,066	34,216	114
Florida	1,209	1,193	1,191	1,209	1,225	1,207	101
Georgia	35,004	35,129	35,004	35,334	35,324	34,874	100
South Carolina....	5,802	5,888	5,513	5,809	5,643	5,748	97
United States.....	239,736	237,916	239,311	241,060	239,300	240,173	103

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Alabama	25,402	24,750	25,635	24,510	24,465	24,988	114
Florida	1,297	1,281	1,316	1,349	1,314	1,225	99
Georgia	27,510	28,702	25,984	27,625	27,638	27,136	99
South Carolina....	4,542	5,279	5,301	5,263	4,644	4,823	115
United States.....	189,981	191,781	190,354	190,936	189,959	190,947	103

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Alabama	34,263	33,827	33,887	34,075	34,066	34,216
Arkansas	24,356	23,714	24,495	24,141	24,285	23,858
Delaware	5,459	5,245	5,223	5,454	5,335	5,337
Florida	1,209	1,193	1,191	1,209	1,225	1,207
Georgia	35,004	35,129	35,004	35,334	35,324	34,874
Kentucky	7,864	7,884	7,870	7,873	7,111	7,760
Louisiana	3,879	3,835	3,774	3,744	3,850	3,879
Maryland	7,758	8,113	7,879	8,439	8,455	8,464
Mississippi	18,153	18,351	17,915	18,354	18,213	18,082
Missouri	8,949	8,660	8,849	8,890	9,096	8,809
North Carolina	25,078	24,763	25,254	25,138	24,982	25,233
Oklahoma	7,507	7,464	7,923	7,407	7,357	7,692
Pennsylvania	5,893	5,741	6,088	6,135	5,979	6,019
South Carolina	5,802	5,888	5,513	5,809	5,643	5,748
Texas	17,846	17,250	17,681	17,907	17,245	17,706
Virginia	6,508	6,512	6,434	6,438	6,498	6,485
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,315	13,243	13,193	13,173	12,915	12,842
Other States	10,893	11,104	11,138	11,540	11,721	11,962
United States	239,736	237,916	239,311	241,060	239,300	240,173
Percent of previous year	105	103	103	104	103	103

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Alabama	25,402	24,750	25,635	24,510	24,465	24,988
Arkansas	22,375	20,203	22,190	22,396	22,025	21,416
Delaware	4,359	4,534	6,196	5,351	4,881	4,905
Florida	1,297	1,281	1,316	1,349	1,314	1,225
Georgia	27,510	28,702	25,984	27,625	27,638	27,136
Kentucky	6,739	6,233	6,612	6,435	6,555	6,316
Louisiana	3,229	3,327	3,357	3,281	3,297	3,269
Maryland	5,969	6,306	5,018	5,406	5,918	5,347
Mississippi	14,832	15,255	14,984	15,127	15,513	14,888
Missouri	6,098	6,424	5,800	5,596	5,989	5,935
North Carolina	20,004	19,736	20,185	19,854	20,348	20,506
Oklahoma	3,705	5,401	4,321	4,247	4,070	5,161
Pennsylvania	4,353	4,427	4,419	4,196	4,174	4,466
South Carolina	4,542	5,279	5,301	5,263	4,644	4,823
Texas	13,842	14,387	13,643	14,235	13,202	14,122
Virginia	6,235	5,851	5,587	6,087	6,231	5,914
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,174	11,513	11,458	11,432	11,093	11,585
Other States	8,316	8,172	8,348	8,546	8,602	8,945
United States	189,981	191,781	190,354	190,936	189,959	190,947
Percent of previous year	104	104	103	104	103	103

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