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

May 6, 2020

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 2020, down 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 31.0 million eggs during the week ending May 2, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.3 million eggs during the same week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 12 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2020, down 12 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through May 2, 2020 for the United States were 3.36 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 22.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 23.3 million chicks, down 18 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,043	32,825	30,441	30,821	30,619	31,039	101
Florida	1,177	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,069	1,100	93
Georgia	35,250	34,232	32,821	33,080	33,211	33,329	98
South Carolina....	5,834	5,647	5,720	5,267	5,238	5,357	89
United States.....	238,316	228,192	217,714	221,542	217,262	221,033	95

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Alabama	25,586	23,735	22,117	23,345	21,671	22,571	100
Florida	1,336	1,306	1,334	1,230	1,293	1,440	119
Georgia	26,598	26,258	27,366	25,207	25,247	23,262	82
South Carolina....	4,920	5,638	4,031	3,445	4,097	4,615	89
United States.....	190,698	187,257	178,580	178,123	173,479	166,565	88

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Alabama	34,043	32,825	30,441	30,821	30,619	31,039
Arkansas	23,081	21,487	21,452	22,255	21,180	22,212
Delaware	5,465	4,642	3,841	4,477	4,525	4,287
Florida	1,177	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,069	1,100
Georgia	35,250	34,232	32,821	33,080	33,211	33,329
Kentucky	7,497	7,911	7,240	7,214	7,065	7,347
Louisiana	3,802	3,167	3,485	3,470	2,971	3,077
Maryland	8,198	7,886	8,086	7,838	8,059	8,020
Mississippi	18,260	17,350	16,603	16,921	16,877	16,746
Missouri	9,003	8,388	8,309	8,368	8,552	8,425
North Carolina	24,372	24,196	22,130	22,430	22,254	22,776
Oklahoma	7,309	6,605	6,519	6,698	6,911	6,535
Pennsylvania	6,325	6,197	6,106	6,094	6,262	5,856
South Carolina	5,834	5,647	5,720	5,267	5,238	5,357
Texas	18,014	17,473	16,563	17,031	15,167	16,748
Virginia	5,672	5,762	4,956	4,889	4,962	4,937
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,180	12,649	11,836	12,237	11,360	12,639
Other States	11,834	10,644	10,439	11,289	10,980	10,603
United States	238,316	228,192	217,714	221,542	217,262	221,033
Percent of previous year	102	99	93	94	93	95

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Alabama	25,586	23,735	22,117	23,345	21,671	22,571
Arkansas	22,280	21,211	21,224	20,140	19,813	18,713
Delaware	4,805	5,314	4,153	5,155	5,481	3,907
Florida	1,336	1,306	1,334	1,230	1,293	1,440
Georgia	26,598	26,258	27,366	25,207	25,247	23,262
Kentucky	5,601	6,482	5,949	5,890	5,964	5,479
Louisiana	3,353	3,121	2,575	2,404	2,018	2,301
Maryland	6,127	5,878	5,780	5,634	3,824	4,133
Mississippi	15,191	14,386	14,179	14,296	14,396	13,557
Missouri	6,442	5,596	5,590	5,472	4,903	5,545
North Carolina	20,274	20,178	19,105	19,292	18,287	16,165
Oklahoma	3,499	4,281	3,327	4,351	4,507	4,705
Pennsylvania	4,472	4,452	4,255	4,470	4,442	4,353
South Carolina	4,920	5,638	4,031	3,445	4,097	4,615
Texas	13,930	14,006	14,007	13,805	13,597	13,161
Virginia	5,952	5,208	4,842	4,384	4,705	4,776
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,520	11,425	10,981	10,772	11,073	9,835
Other States	8,812	8,782	7,765	8,831	8,161	8,047
United States	190,698	187,257	178,580	178,123	173,479	166,565
Percent of previous year	102	100	96	95	93	88

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