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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 Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 9, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.0 million eggs during the week ending May 9, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.7 million eggs during the same week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 9, 2020, down 7 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through May 9, 2020 for the United States were 3.54 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 9, 2020, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 24.3 million chicks, down 13 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	32,825	30,441	30,821	30,619	31,039	31,951	104
Florida	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,069	1,100	1,163	99
Georgia	34,232	32,821	33,430	33,211	33,329	33,713	97
South Carolina....	5,647	5,720	5,670	5,238	5,357	5,507	93
United States.....	228,192	217,877	222,285	217,262	221,226	228,308	98

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), May 13, 2020

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	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)					
Alabama	23,735	22,117	23,345	21,671	22,202	23,640	102
Florida	1,306	1,334	1,230	1,293	1,440	1,322	101
Georgia	26,258	27,366	25,207	25,247	23,626	24,274	87
South Carolina....	5,638	4,031	3,663	4,097	4,616	5,177	95
United States.....	187,257	178,580	178,341	173,479	166,737	177,003	93

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Alabama	32,825	30,441	30,821	30,619	31,039	31,951
Arkansas	21,487	21,452	22,255	21,180	22,212	22,427
Delaware	4,642	3,841	4,477	4,525	4,287	4,399
Florida	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,069	1,100	1,163
Georgia	34,232	32,821	33,430	33,211	33,329	33,713
Kentucky	7,911	7,240	7,214	7,065	7,347	7,557
Louisiana	3,167	3,485	3,470	2,971	3,077	3,093
Maryland	7,886	8,086	7,838	8,059	8,020	8,039
Mississippi	17,350	16,603	16,921	16,877	16,746	16,641
Missouri	8,388	8,309	8,368	8,552	8,425	8,754
North Carolina	24,196	22,293	22,420	22,254	22,800	23,844
Oklahoma	6,605	6,519	6,698	6,911	6,535	6,774
Pennsylvania	6,197	6,106	6,094	6,262	5,856	6,149
South Carolina	5,647	5,720	5,670	5,238	5,357	5,507
Texas	17,473	16,563	17,031	15,167	16,748	17,726
Virginia	5,762	4,956	4,889	4,962	4,937	6,186
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,649	11,836	12,237	11,360	12,808	12,635
Other States	10,644	10,439	11,289	10,980	10,603	11,750
United States	228,192	217,877	222,285	217,262	221,226	228,308
Percent of previous year	99	93	95	93	95	98

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Alabama	23,735	22,117	23,345	21,671	22,202	23,640
Arkansas	21,211	21,224	20,140	19,813	18,745	20,174
Delaware	5,314	4,153	5,155	5,481	3,907	4,457
Florida	1,306	1,334	1,230	1,293	1,440	1,322
Georgia	26,258	27,366	25,207	25,247	23,626	24,274
Kentucky	6,482	5,949	5,890	5,964	5,479	6,187
Louisiana	3,121	2,575	2,404	2,018	2,301	2,524
Maryland	5,878	5,780	5,634	3,824	4,133	5,255
Mississippi	14,386	14,179	14,296	14,396	13,557	14,151
Missouri	5,596	5,590	5,472	4,903	5,547	4,978
North Carolina	20,178	19,105	19,292	18,287	16,268	18,262
Oklahoma	4,281	3,327	4,351	4,507	4,705	4,816
Pennsylvania	4,452	4,255	4,470	4,442	4,353	4,375
South Carolina	5,638	4,031	3,663	4,097	4,616	5,177
Texas	14,006	14,007	13,805	13,597	13,135	13,980
Virginia	5,208	4,842	4,384	4,705	4,776	4,171
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,425	10,981	10,772	11,073	9,900	10,353
Other States	8,782	7,765	8,831	8,161	8,047	8,907
United States	187,257	178,580	178,341	173,479	166,737	177,003
Percent of previous year	100	96	95	93	88	93

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