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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 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 16, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.0 million eggs during the week ending May 16, 2020, up 7 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.3 million eggs during the same week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 10 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2020, down 10 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through May 16, 2020 for the United States were 3.70 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.4 million chicks, down 8 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	31,262	30,893	31,280	31,039	31,966	33,008	107
Florida	1,167	1,163	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163	99
Georgia	32,862	34,012	33,560	33,329	34,108	34,264	98
South Carolina....	5,462	5,670	5,238	5,357	5,313	5,594	94
United States.....	217,950	223,080	217,192	221,122	229,269	231,396	98

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), May 20, 2020

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	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)					
Alabama	22,117	23,345	21,672	22,202	23,454	23,207	103
Florida	1,334	1,238	1,299	1,440	1,322	1,293	97
Georgia	27,366	25,207	25,248	23,626	24,424	26,406	92
South Carolina....	4,031	3,663	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668	105
United States.....	178,580	178,391	171,574	164,415	176,006	170,408	90

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Alabama	31,262	30,893	31,280	31,039	31,966	33,008
Arkansas	21,452	22,134	21,180	22,212	22,239	22,966
Delaware	3,841	4,477	3,814	3,591	4,917	5,024
Florida	1,167	1,163	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163
Georgia	32,862	34,012	33,560	33,329	34,108	34,264
Kentucky	7,240	7,214	7,065	7,347	7,652	7,659
Louisiana	3,379	3,470	2,971	3,077	3,093	3,244
Maryland	8,086	7,838	8,059	8,020	8,080	8,100
Mississippi	16,603	16,921	16,877	16,746	16,758	16,986
Missouri	8,309	8,368	8,552	8,425	9,022	8,958
North Carolina	22,410	22,208	22,254	23,392	23,903	24,023
Oklahoma	6,519	6,698	6,911	6,535	6,805	6,751
Pennsylvania	6,106	6,094	6,262	5,856	6,175	6,117
South Carolina	5,462	5,670	5,238	5,357	5,313	5,594
Texas	16,071	17,529	15,167	16,748	17,832	17,662
Virginia	4,906	4,587	4,659	4,937	6,186	6,017
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,836	12,461	11,360	12,808	12,282	12,318
Other States	10,439	11,343	10,914	10,603	11,775	11,542
United States	217,950	223,080	217,192	221,122	229,269	231,396
Percent of previous year	93	95	93	95	98	98

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Alabama	22,117	23,345	21,672	22,202	23,454	23,207
Arkansas	21,224	20,140	19,814	18,745	20,479	19,268
Delaware	4,153	5,155	4,073	2,975	4,171	3,661
Florida	1,334	1,238	1,299	1,440	1,322	1,293
Georgia	27,366	25,207	25,248	23,626	24,424	26,406
Kentucky	5,949	5,890	5,965	5,479	5,769	5,472
Louisiana	2,575	2,403	2,018	2,301	2,524	2,476
Maryland	5,780	5,634	3,853	3,150	4,444	4,939
Mississippi	14,179	14,296	14,396	13,557	14,161	14,232
Missouri	5,590	5,472	4,904	5,547	4,968	5,366
North Carolina	19,105	19,292	17,739	16,260	17,633	14,211
Oklahoma	3,327	4,350	4,508	4,705	4,430	4,286
Pennsylvania	4,255	4,469	4,443	4,353	4,375	4,460
South Carolina	4,031	3,663	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668
Texas	14,007	13,805	13,599	13,135	13,992	12,726
Virginia	4,842	4,385	4,696	4,377	4,369	4,944
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,981	10,772	11,073	9,900	11,193	9,753
Other States	7,765	8,875	8,177	8,047	9,008	9,040
United States	178,580	178,391	171,574	164,415	176,006	170,408
Percent of previous year	96	95	92	87	92	90

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