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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 Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 30, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.3 million eggs during the week ending May 30, 2020, up 7 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.3 million eggs during the same week, down 4 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 30, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through May 30, 2020 for the United States were 4.07 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 30, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.5 million chicks, down 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	31,487	31,582	32,223	33,008	33,061	33,342	107
Florida	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163	1,194	1,194	101
Georgia	33,558	33,982	33,860	34,324	33,968	34,334	96
South Carolina....	5,238	5,781	5,510	5,594	5,812	6,066	104
United States.....	214,705	223,990	229,404	231,918	233,741	234,991	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), June 3, 2020

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	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)					
Alabama	21,672	22,203	23,456	23,208	22,939	23,690	98
Florida	1,299	1,442	1,325	1,295	1,183	1,341	102
Georgia	25,248	23,629	24,426	26,404	26,256	26,507	98
South Carolina....	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668	5,083	4,509	95
United States.....	171,216	164,267	175,571	172,538	180,704	184,244	97

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Alabama	31,487	31,582	32,223	33,008	33,061	33,342
Arkansas	21,180	22,212	22,239	22,966	22,963	23,060
Delaware	3,814	3,547	4,962	5,005	5,091	5,029
Florida	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163	1,194	1,194
Georgia	33,558	33,982	33,860	34,324	33,968	34,334
Kentucky	7,065	7,117	7,652	7,659	7,349	7,656
Louisiana	2,971	3,077	3,093	3,244	3,365	3,486
Maryland	8,059	8,020	8,080	8,100	8,034	8,058
Mississippi	16,877	16,746	16,758	16,986	17,433	17,367
Missouri	8,552	8,425	9,022	8,958	9,102	9,133
North Carolina	19,562	22,846	23,769	24,180	24,475	23,770
Oklahoma	6,911	7,060	6,805	6,751	7,492	7,014
Pennsylvania	6,262	5,853	6,147	6,178	6,215	6,217
South Carolina	5,238	5,781	5,510	5,594	5,812	6,066
Texas	15,167	16,826	17,832	17,662	17,581	18,002
Virginia	4,659	5,801	6,184	6,017	6,367	6,425
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,360	12,808	12,282	12,756	12,789	13,090
Other States	10,914	11,207	11,823	11,367	11,450	11,748
United States	214,705	223,990	229,404	231,918	233,741	234,991
Percent of previous year	92	96	98	99	100	100

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Arkansas	19,814	18,746	20,481	19,269	21,000	20,680
Delaware	3,948	3,191	3,453	3,304	4,198	4,314
Florida	1,299	1,442	1,325	1,295	1,183	1,341
Georgia	25,248	23,629	24,426	26,404	26,256	26,507
Kentucky	5,965	5,479	5,770	5,473	6,246	6,935
Louisiana	2,018	2,303	2,526	2,477	2,747	2,763
Maryland	3,632	2,780	4,921	5,332	4,602	5,555
Mississippi	14,396	13,558	14,162	14,233	14,043	14,190
Missouri	4,904	5,550	4,971	5,368	5,900	5,951
North Carolina	17,739	16,260	17,635	16,350	19,773	19,677
Oklahoma	4,508	4,705	4,431	4,286	3,430	3,757
Pennsylvania	4,443	4,354	4,374	4,458	4,094	4,334
South Carolina	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668	5,083	4,509
Texas	13,599	13,140	13,998	12,708	13,889	14,474
Virginia	4,684	4,313	4,273	4,847	5,736	5,952
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,073	9,900	11,195	9,831	10,681	10,542
Other States	8,177	8,098	8,884	9,027	8,904	9,073
United States	171,216	164,267	175,571	172,538	180,704	184,244
Percent of previous year	92	87	92	91	96	97

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