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**Broiler Hatchery**



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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 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 1, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.6 million eggs during the week ending August 1, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.9 million eggs during the same week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 1, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 1, 2020 for the United States were 5.77 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 1, 2020, up 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.5 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	32,498	32,158	32,662	32,670	33,109	32,598	101
Florida .....	1,069	1,069	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163	99
Georgia .....	34,514	33,947	34,375	33,895	34,119	33,924	97
South Carolina....	5,656	5,672	5,835	5,550	5,312	5,583	98
United States .....	232,860	230,480	232,261	230,596	231,910	230,372	98

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	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)					
Alabama .....	24,442	24,336	24,984	24,446	23,536	24,589	106
Florida .....	1,339	1,319	1,352	1,251	1,260	1,245	96
Georgia .....	28,046	27,539	27,212	26,995	26,519	26,520	96
South Carolina....	4,844	4,831	5,427	5,557	5,041	4,939	102
United States .....	190,750	191,187	189,600	188,605	185,476	187,154	100

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Alabama .....	32,498	32,158	32,662	32,670	33,109	32,598
Arkansas .....	22,628	22,967	23,420	22,825	23,093	23,506
Delaware .....	4,838	5,026	5,004	4,825	4,547	4,548
Florida .....	1,069	1,069	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia .....	34,514	33,947	34,375	33,895	34,119	33,924
Kentucky .....	7,756	7,295	7,828	7,838	7,767	7,657
Louisiana .....	3,219	3,319	3,364	3,211	3,364	3,319
Maryland .....	8,263	8,040	8,208	8,154	8,518	8,092
Mississippi .....	17,659	17,463	17,159	17,098	17,522	16,841
Missouri .....	8,378	8,489	8,362	8,988	9,042	8,937
North Carolina .....	25,153	24,740	23,914	23,535	24,646	23,389
Oklahoma .....	6,479	6,444	7,290	6,874	6,863	7,145
Pennsylvania .....	6,389	6,284	6,508	6,399	6,335	6,493
South Carolina .....	5,656	5,672	5,835	5,550	5,312	5,583
Texas .....	17,891	17,370	16,718	17,335	17,045	17,322
Virginia .....	6,327	6,357	6,322	6,157	5,990	6,206
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,559	12,462	12,723	11,758	12,399	12,572
Other States .....	11,584	11,378	11,407	12,321	11,076	11,077
United States .....	232,860	230,480	232,261	230,596	231,910	230,372
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	100	99	99	98

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Alabama .....	24,442	24,336	24,984	24,446	23,536	24,589
Arkansas .....	20,589	21,167	20,154	21,699	21,022	22,933
Delaware .....	4,376	5,074	4,768	4,734	4,901	4,981
Florida .....	1,339	1,319	1,352	1,251	1,260	1,245
Georgia .....	28,046	27,539	27,212	26,995	26,519	26,520
Kentucky .....	5,942	6,149	4,559	6,516	5,718	6,862
Louisiana .....	2,939	3,047	2,787	2,845	2,913	2,923
Maryland .....	6,075	5,862	5,474	5,054	5,292	5,357
Mississippi .....	14,830	15,003	15,235	15,161	15,008	14,690
Missouri .....	5,790	5,922	5,522	5,206	5,639	5,307
North Carolina .....	20,050	20,864	19,543	19,284	19,727	19,320
Oklahoma .....	5,061	4,497	5,261	3,347	3,909	3,182
Pennsylvania .....	5,049	4,483	5,006	4,934	4,829	4,923
South Carolina .....	4,844	4,831	5,427	5,557	5,041	4,939
Texas .....	14,949	14,846	15,732	14,808	14,172	13,864
Virginia .....	5,578	5,562	6,463	6,469	5,832	5,814
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,725	11,529	10,721	10,975	11,167	10,717
Other States .....	9,126	9,157	9,400	9,324	8,991	8,988
United States .....	190,750	191,187	189,600	188,605	185,476	187,154
Percent of previous year .....	100	102	100	102	98	100

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