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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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 8, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 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 8, 2020, down 1 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 8, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 8, 2020 for the United States were 5.95 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 22.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 8, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.5 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
	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	32,158	32,662	32,555	33,109	32,613	32,556	99
Florida	1,069	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,162	99
Georgia	33,947	34,375	33,895	34,119	33,924	33,674	97
South Carolina....	5,672	5,747	5,550	5,312	5,583	5,769	99
United States	230,601	232,173	228,265	231,879	230,635	230,625	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), August 12, 2020

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	
	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)					
Alabama	24,336	24,984	24,446	23,523	24,595	22,699	101
Florida	1,319	1,352	1,251	1,260	1,245	1,327	101
Georgia	27,539	27,212	26,995	26,519	26,513	27,539	92
South Carolina....	4,831	5,427	5,567	5,041	4,939	4,672	100
United States	191,187	189,600	188,147	185,419	186,897	183,661	97

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Alabama	32,158	32,662	32,555	33,109	32,613	32,556
Arkansas	22,967	23,420	22,612	23,093	23,506	23,417
Delaware	5,026	5,004	4,825	4,547	4,548	4,545
Florida	1,069	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,162
Georgia	33,947	34,375	33,895	34,119	33,924	33,674
Kentucky	7,295	7,828	7,838	7,767	7,657	7,586
Louisiana	3,319	3,364	3,211	3,364	3,319	3,319
Maryland	8,040	8,208	8,154	8,518	8,092	8,111
Mississippi	17,584	17,159	16,208	17,491	16,811	16,863
Missouri	8,489	8,362	8,817	9,042	8,937	8,857
North Carolina	24,740	23,914	23,424	24,646	23,389	24,614
Oklahoma	6,444	7,290	6,874	6,863	7,145	7,070
Pennsylvania	6,284	6,508	6,373	6,335	6,493	6,515
South Carolina	5,672	5,747	5,550	5,312	5,583	5,769
Texas	17,370	16,718	16,942	17,045	17,322	17,354
Virginia	6,357	6,322	6,157	5,990	6,206	6,082
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,462	12,723	11,346	12,399	12,850	12,021
Other States	11,378	11,407	12,321	11,076	11,077	11,110
United States	230,601	232,173	228,265	231,879	230,635	230,625
Percent of previous year	99	100	98	99	99	99

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Alabama	24,336	24,984	24,446	23,523	24,595	22,699
Arkansas	21,167	20,154	21,557	20,957	22,847	22,511
Delaware	5,074	4,768	4,734	4,901	4,981	4,939
Florida	1,319	1,352	1,251	1,260	1,245	1,327
Georgia	27,539	27,212	26,995	26,519	26,513	27,539
Kentucky	6,149	4,559	6,516	5,718	6,862	6,695
Louisiana	3,047	2,787	2,845	2,913	2,923	2,717
Maryland	5,862	5,474	5,054	5,292	5,357	4,726
Mississippi	15,003	15,235	14,920	15,029	14,614	13,538
Missouri	5,922	5,522	5,206	5,639	5,319	5,438
North Carolina	20,864	19,543	19,284	19,727	19,295	19,659
Oklahoma	4,497	5,261	3,347	3,909	3,182	3,151
Pennsylvania	4,483	5,006	4,878	4,829	4,923	4,898
South Carolina	4,831	5,427	5,567	5,041	4,939	4,672
Texas	14,846	15,732	14,808	14,172	13,827	13,824
Virginia	5,562	6,463	6,467	5,832	5,814	6,426
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,529	10,721	10,975	11,167	10,673	9,124
Other States	9,157	9,400	9,297	8,991	8,988	9,778
United States	191,187	189,600	188,147	185,419	186,897	183,661
Percent of previous year	102	100	101	98	99	97

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