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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 Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 22, 2020, up 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 32.9 million eggs during the week ending August 22, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.3 million eggs during the same week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

**Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 22, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 22, 2020 for the United States were 6.32 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 22, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.2 million chicks, down 3 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	32,085	32,966	32,639	31,994	32,911	32,940	100
Florida .....	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,162	1,163	1,163	103
Georgia .....	33,895	33,983	34,071	33,702	33,848	34,306	97
South Carolina....	5,550	5,312	5,583	5,726	5,719	5,725	98
United States .....	227,795	228,887	231,741	230,392	231,758	231,504	100

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Alabama .....	24,446	23,523	24,395	22,789	24,631	23,333	99
Florida .....	1,251	1,260	1,245	1,327	1,339	1,203	90
Georgia .....	26,995	26,519	26,749	27,168	26,209	27,184	97
South Carolina....	5,567	5,041	4,939	4,666	4,643	5,573	113
United States .....	188,147	185,419	186,924	183,196	184,319	186,138	98

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Alabama .....	32,085	32,966	32,639	31,994	32,911	32,940
Arkansas .....	22,612	22,755	23,431	23,417	23,489	23,251
Delaware .....	4,825	4,547	4,548	4,825	4,825	4,826
Florida .....	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,162	1,163	1,163
Georgia .....	33,895	33,983	34,071	33,702	33,848	34,306
Kentucky .....	7,838	7,767	7,657	7,586	7,754	7,725
Louisiana .....	3,211	3,364	3,319	3,319	3,185	3,272
Maryland .....	8,154	8,018	8,092	8,140	8,135	8,122
Mississippi .....	16,208	16,932	16,764	16,863	17,218	16,752
Missouri .....	8,817	8,886	8,937	8,857	8,853	8,857
North Carolina .....	23,424	24,104	24,549	24,614	24,667	24,058
Oklahoma .....	6,874	6,863	7,145	6,976	7,084	6,895
Pennsylvania .....	6,373	6,335	6,493	6,515	6,401	6,411
South Carolina .....	5,550	5,312	5,583	5,726	5,719	5,725
Texas .....	16,942	16,893	17,171	17,354	17,315	17,502
Virginia .....	6,157	5,809	6,206	6,082	6,216	6,218
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,346	11,995	12,850	12,063	11,910	12,225
Other States .....	12,321	11,195	11,123	11,197	11,065	11,256
United States .....	227,795	228,887	231,741	230,392	231,758	231,504
Percent of previous year .....	98	98	99	99	99	100

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Alabama .....	24,446	23,523	24,395	22,789	24,631	23,333
Arkansas .....	21,557	20,957	22,847	20,569	21,635	21,300
Delaware .....	4,734	4,901	4,981	4,999	4,746	4,395
Florida .....	1,251	1,260	1,245	1,327	1,339	1,203
Georgia .....	26,995	26,519	26,749	27,168	26,209	27,184
Kentucky .....	6,516	5,718	6,862	6,695	6,318	5,799
Louisiana .....	2,845	2,913	2,923	2,717	2,791	2,921
Maryland .....	5,054	5,292	5,357	4,959	5,293	5,533
Mississippi .....	14,920	15,029	14,614	13,538	14,283	14,245
Missouri .....	5,206	5,639	5,319	7,438	6,673	6,018
North Carolina .....	19,284	19,727	19,286	19,584	19,410	19,751
Oklahoma .....	3,347	3,909	3,182	3,151	2,850	4,440
Pennsylvania .....	4,878	4,829	4,923	4,898	4,810	4,941
South Carolina .....	5,567	5,041	4,939	4,666	4,643	5,573
Texas .....	14,808	14,172	13,827	13,822	13,897	14,272
Virginia .....	6,467	5,832	5,814	6,001	5,282	5,619
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,975	11,167	10,673	9,097	10,688	10,730
Other States .....	9,297	8,991	8,988	9,778	8,821	8,881
United States .....	188,147	185,419	186,924	183,196	184,319	186,138
Percent of previous year .....	101	98	99	97	97	98

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