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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 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 29, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.8 million eggs during the week ending August 29, 2020, down 2 percent 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 29, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 29, 2020 for the United States were 6.51 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.4 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 29, 2020, up slightly from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.5 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 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	32,966	32,771	32,813	32,911	33,136	32,842	98
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163	101
Georgia	33,983	34,071	33,647	33,848	34,159	34,275	97
South Carolina....	5,312	5,583	5,726	5,719	5,791	5,725	98
United States	228,413	231,563	230,378	231,422	231,930	229,938	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), September 2, 2020

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Alabama	23,524	24,396	22,789	24,631	23,485	24,423	100
Florida	1,260	1,251	1,326	1,339	1,203	1,316	99
Georgia	26,519	26,748	27,167	26,208	27,127	26,513	97
South Carolina....	5,041	4,940	4,754	4,653	5,584	4,274	80
United States	185,482	186,939	182,966	183,889	185,839	186,080	99

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Alabama	32,966	32,771	32,813	32,911	33,136	32,842
Arkansas	22,755	23,431	23,326	23,489	23,251	23,075
Delaware	4,547	4,548	4,825	4,825	4,826	4,826
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	33,983	34,071	33,647	33,848	34,159	34,275
Kentucky	7,767	7,657	6,726	7,754	7,725	6,838
Louisiana	3,364	3,319	3,319	3,185	3,272	3,319
Maryland	8,018	8,092	8,140	8,135	8,122	8,131
Mississippi	16,932	16,764	16,863	17,218	16,752	16,473
Missouri	8,886	8,937	8,857	8,853	8,857	8,888
North Carolina	24,104	24,549	24,614	24,667	24,058	23,996
Oklahoma	6,863	7,145	6,966	7,084	6,928	7,279
Pennsylvania	6,335	6,493	6,515	6,401	6,411	6,387
South Carolina	5,312	5,583	5,726	5,719	5,791	5,725
Texas	16,893	17,171	17,354	17,315	17,502	16,794
Virginia	5,809	6,206	6,082	6,216	6,218	6,161
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,995	12,850	12,571	11,910	12,815	12,605
Other States	10,721	10,813	10,872	10,729	10,944	11,161
United States	228,413	231,563	230,378	231,422	231,930	229,938
Percent of previous year	98	99	99	99	100	99

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Alabama	23,524	24,396	22,789	24,631	23,485	24,423
Arkansas	20,956	22,846	20,569	21,635	21,267	21,441
Delaware	4,901	4,981	4,999	4,746	4,395	4,350
Florida	1,260	1,251	1,326	1,339	1,203	1,316
Georgia	26,519	26,748	27,167	26,208	27,127	26,513
Kentucky	5,720	6,863	6,696	6,319	5,799	5,375
Louisiana	2,913	2,922	2,717	2,791	2,921	2,744
Maryland	5,292	5,357	4,959	5,293	5,470	6,018
Mississippi	15,029	14,614	13,538	14,283	14,245	14,369
Missouri	5,640	5,321	7,442	6,673	6,018	6,432
North Carolina	19,728	19,287	19,584	19,410	19,851	20,290
Oklahoma	3,909	3,180	3,149	2,850	4,440	3,754
Pennsylvania	4,829	4,924	4,897	4,810	4,941	4,962
South Carolina	5,041	4,940	4,754	4,653	5,584	4,274
Texas	14,172	13,823	13,819	13,893	14,268	14,559
Virginia	5,833	5,816	6,002	5,283	5,589	6,082
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,172	10,672	9,097	10,686	10,641	10,370
Other States	9,044	8,998	9,462	8,386	8,595	8,808
United States	185,482	186,939	182,966	183,889	185,839	186,080
Percent of previous year	98	99	97	97	98	99

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