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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 222 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 24, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 31.2 million eggs during the week ending October 24, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 32.8 million eggs during the same week, down 1 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 24, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through October 24, 2020 for the United States were 7.96 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 22.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 24, 2020, down 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 24.9 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
	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	31,581	32,262	30,556	31,870	31,185	31,216	98
Florida .....	1,163	1,163	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	104
Georgia .....	32,265	33,857	32,711	32,973	32,839	32,803	99
South Carolina....	5,774	5,631	5,339	5,389	5,605	5,808	100
United States .....	220,448	226,011	216,431	223,563	219,490	222,315	98

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Alabama .....	24,781	23,215	23,792	22,722	23,856	22,651	94
Florida .....	1,299	1,282	1,279	1,219	1,305	1,338	105
Georgia .....	25,808	25,765	26,170	25,324	26,195	24,903	97
South Carolina....	5,202	4,702	5,191	5,139	5,113	4,069	95
United States .....	186,262	181,385	181,263	177,248	181,656	173,200	98

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Alabama .....	31,581	32,262	30,556	31,870	31,185	31,216
Arkansas .....	22,832	23,256	23,183	21,708	21,617	21,979
Delaware .....	4,015	4,015	4,264	4,264	4,264	4,446
Florida .....	1,163	1,163	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	32,265	33,857	32,711	32,973	32,839	32,803
Kentucky .....	7,112	7,372	7,710	7,025	7,021	7,846
Louisiana .....	3,409	3,288	3,062	3,288	3,133	3,409
Maryland .....	7,638	7,901	7,631	7,635	7,640	7,631
Mississippi .....	15,968	16,812	15,568	16,319	15,907	16,804
Missouri .....	8,029	8,299	8,521	8,938	8,072	8,371
North Carolina .....	22,856	23,829	22,027	22,514	22,056	23,434
Oklahoma .....	6,523	6,682	6,170	6,451	6,215	6,331
Pennsylvania .....	6,339	6,222	6,091	6,305	6,311	6,098
South Carolina .....	5,774	5,631	5,339	5,389	5,605	5,808
Texas .....	16,589	16,434	15,682	16,601	16,711	16,667
Virginia .....	5,847	6,320	5,054	6,320	6,205	6,212
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,408	12,341	11,055	13,117	12,107	11,923
Other States .....	11,100	10,327	10,598	11,637	11,393	10,128
United States .....	220,448	226,011	216,431	223,563	219,490	222,315
Percent of previous year .....	97	100	99	102	98	98

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Alabama .....	24,781	23,215	23,792	22,722	23,856	22,651
Arkansas .....	21,893	20,954	20,857	21,643	20,993	20,113
Delaware .....	4,213	5,427	4,170	5,120	4,933	4,645
Florida .....	1,299	1,282	1,279	1,219	1,305	1,338
Georgia .....	25,808	25,765	26,170	25,324	26,195	24,903
Kentucky .....	6,239	6,832	5,298	6,040	5,825	5,780
Louisiana .....	2,958	2,961	2,782	3,081	2,950	2,671
Maryland .....	5,779	4,944	5,539	4,197	4,920	4,532
Mississippi .....	14,153	13,659	13,919	13,587	14,313	13,275
Missouri .....	6,310	5,873	6,454	5,404	5,371	5,972
North Carolina .....	19,394	18,408	18,214	18,517	19,129	18,322
Oklahoma .....	4,335	4,493	3,781	3,111	4,242	4,329
Pennsylvania .....	4,825	4,825	4,802	4,796	4,698	4,595
South Carolina .....	5,202	4,702	5,191	5,139	5,113	4,069
Texas .....	13,863	13,365	13,675	13,389	13,590	12,970
Virginia .....	5,359	5,668	5,229	5,422	6,019	4,762
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,382	10,598	11,374	9,963	10,030	9,884
Other States .....	8,469	8,414	8,737	8,574	8,174	8,389
United States .....	186,262	181,385	181,263	177,248	181,656	173,200
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	101	97	99	98

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