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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

December 23, 2020

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2020, down 1 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 33.2 million eggs during the week ending December 19, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.1 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through December 19, 2020 for the United States were 9.42 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2020, down 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.5 million chicks, up 4 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	32,740	33,054	33,289	32,647	32,864	33,244	97
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,212	1,209	1,209	1,211	103
Georgia	34,020	34,443	35,641	32,149	34,548	35,052	100
South Carolina....	5,765	5,449	5,631	5,580	5,573	5,738	97
United States	234,678	236,363	236,138	226,243	235,506	236,487	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), December 23, 2020

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	23,484	21,491	22,469	23,719	24,080	24,589	96
Florida	1,341	1,339	1,335	1,328	1,258	1,439	102
Georgia	26,258	24,356	25,140	26,236	26,881	27,473	104
South Carolina....	4,672	4,738	4,633	5,480	4,754	5,324	110
United States	180,197	176,230	180,476	187,947	188,591	189,188	100

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Alabama	32,740	33,054	33,289	32,647	32,864	33,244
Arkansas	23,661	24,051	24,073	23,853	23,479	23,401
Delaware	4,669	4,669	4,546	4,546	4,669	4,620
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,212	1,209	1,209	1,211
Georgia	34,020	34,443	35,641	32,149	34,548	35,052
Kentucky	7,808	7,798	7,826	6,827	7,684	7,828
Louisiana	3,304	3,364	3,319	3,122	3,485	3,501
Maryland	7,409	7,636	7,638	7,544	7,631	7,622
Mississippi	17,513	17,784	17,149	17,330	17,701	17,648
Missouri	9,215	9,199	9,168	9,125	9,183	9,183
North Carolina	24,389	24,503	23,371	23,689	24,406	24,498
Oklahoma	6,923	7,083	6,949	6,507	6,878	6,795
Pennsylvania	6,295	6,293	6,292	6,290	6,319	6,319
South Carolina	5,765	5,449	5,631	5,580	5,573	5,738
Texas	17,733	18,235	18,249	17,418	18,330	18,266
Virginia	6,445	6,460	6,567	6,136	6,535	6,384
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,944	13,299	13,501	11,034	13,083	13,228
Other States	12,636	11,834	11,717	11,237	11,929	11,949
United States	234,678	236,363	236,138	226,243	235,506	236,487
Percent of previous year	99	100	99	96	99	99

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Alabama	23,484	21,491	22,469	23,719	24,080	24,589
Arkansas	19,547	20,586	21,647	21,027	21,841	22,190
Delaware	4,771	4,333	4,501	4,889	4,579	4,773
Florida	1,341	1,339	1,335	1,328	1,258	1,439
Georgia	26,258	24,356	25,140	26,236	26,881	27,473
Kentucky	6,267	6,190	6,013	6,262	6,442	5,873
Louisiana	2,956	2,892	2,696	2,907	2,938	3,004
Maryland	5,118	6,268	5,348	5,718	5,489	5,509
Mississippi	14,249	13,885	14,693	14,829	14,848	14,594
Missouri	6,091	5,750	5,295	6,074	5,686	6,214
North Carolina	19,811	19,599	19,618	20,059	19,832	19,207
Oklahoma	3,625	3,264	4,261	4,402	4,299	3,271
Pennsylvania	4,597	4,712	4,777	4,768	4,768	4,767
South Carolina	4,672	4,738	4,633	5,480	4,754	5,324
Texas	13,684	14,793	13,676	14,412	14,725	14,782
Virginia	5,594	4,301	5,625	5,027	6,125	5,971
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,667	10,190	10,214	11,320	10,907	10,887
Other States	7,465	7,543	8,535	9,490	9,139	9,321
United States	180,197	176,230	180,476	187,947	188,591	189,188
Percent of previous year	98	98	98	99	100	100

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