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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 Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 2, 2021, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.4 million eggs during the week ending January 2, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.5 million eggs during the same week, down 2 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 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through January 2, 2021 for the United States were 9.79 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.1 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2021, down 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.1 million chicks, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	33,328	32,647	32,748	33,476	33,116	33,380	98
Florida	1,212	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	103
Georgia	35,641	32,966	34,541	34,925	34,161	34,450	98
South Carolina....	5,631	5,580	5,530	5,848	5,686	5,675	101
United States	238,258	227,134	235,156	237,266	235,252	236,225	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), January 6, 2021

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	22,469	23,719	23,915	24,285	23,317	24,134	95
Florida	1,335	1,328	1,258	1,332	1,291	1,182	96
Georgia	25,140	26,236	26,899	27,391	25,091	27,059	110
South Carolina....	4,633	5,480	4,738	5,402	5,829	5,127	105
United States	180,476	187,859	188,608	190,678	183,079	188,190	99

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020 and 2021

State	Week ending					
	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,328	32,647	32,748	33,476	33,116	33,380
Arkansas	24,073	23,853	23,479	23,401	23,978	24,300
Delaware	4,546	4,546	4,669	4,620	4,546	4,669
Florida	1,212	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	35,641	32,966	34,541	34,925	34,161	34,450
Kentucky	8,326	6,827	7,684	7,838	7,889	7,589
Louisiana	3,319	3,122	3,485	3,500	3,532	3,532
Maryland	7,638	7,544	7,631	7,622	7,636	7,639
Mississippi	17,149	17,330	17,701	17,648	17,532	17,519
Missouri	9,168	9,094	9,163	9,183	9,198	9,227
North Carolina	23,386	23,689	24,406	24,511	24,145	23,901
Oklahoma	6,949	6,507	6,737	7,153	6,936	7,068
Pennsylvania	6,292	6,290	6,319	6,319	6,124	6,293
South Carolina	5,631	5,580	5,530	5,848	5,686	5,675
Texas	18,949	17,418	18,330	18,317	18,062	18,280
Virginia	6,967	6,136	6,491	6,383	6,415	6,522
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,967	11,041	13,085	13,229	13,183	13,152
Other States	11,717	11,335	11,948	12,084	11,904	11,820
United States	238,258	227,134	235,156	237,266	235,252	236,225
Percent of previous year	100	97	99	99	99	100

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Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020 and 2021

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,469	23,719	23,915	24,285	23,317	24,134
Arkansas	21,647	21,038	21,847	22,137	22,115	20,649
Delaware	4,501	4,889	4,579	4,773	4,453	4,602
Florida	1,335	1,328	1,258	1,332	1,291	1,182
Georgia	25,140	26,236	26,899	27,391	25,091	27,059
Kentucky	6,013	6,262	6,442	5,987	5,479	6,369
Louisiana	2,696	2,907	2,938	2,920	2,677	2,961
Maryland	5,348	5,718	5,552	5,588	5,903	5,338
Mississippi	14,693	14,829	14,798	14,539	14,794	14,967
Missouri	5,295	6,074	5,686	6,214	5,516	5,921
North Carolina	19,618	20,059	20,003	19,258	19,378	19,704
Oklahoma	4,261	4,402	4,299	3,299	4,096	4,880
Pennsylvania	4,777	4,768	4,768	4,767	4,760	4,771
South Carolina	4,633	5,480	4,738	5,402	5,829	5,127
Texas	13,676	14,313	14,715	15,358	14,083	14,687
Virginia	5,625	5,027	6,125	6,154	4,874	5,698
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,214	11,320	10,907	11,888	10,363	10,557
Other States	8,535	9,490	9,139	9,386	9,060	9,584
United States	180,476	187,859	188,608	190,678	183,079	188,190
Percent of previous year	98	99	100	100	97	99

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