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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 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 16, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.2 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 January 16, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.0 million eggs during the same week, down 6 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 16, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through January 16, 2021 for the United States were 377 million. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 16, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.5 million chicks, down 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021	January 16, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	32,748	33,476	33,424	33,380	33,144	33,207	97
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	103
Georgia .....	34,541	34,925	34,608	34,450	34,414	33,023	94
South Carolina....	5,530	5,848	5,879	5,675	5,618	5,870	109
United States .....	235,389	238,840	236,851	236,750	234,441	235,450	98

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), January 21, 2021

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Alabama .....	23,915	24,306	23,088	24,414	23,720	24,159	94
Florida .....	1,258	1,332	1,291	1,182	1,297	1,308	98
Georgia .....	26,899	27,391	25,293	26,993	26,809	26,470	99
South Carolina....	4,738	5,402	5,787	4,993	5,403	4,866	99
United States .....	188,549	190,986	183,069	188,541	189,060	188,140	99

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Alabama .....	32,748	33,476	33,424	33,380	33,144	33,207
Arkansas .....	23,479	24,041	24,355	24,364	24,423	24,542
Delaware .....	4,948	4,762	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,669
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	34,541	34,925	34,608	34,450	34,414	33,023
Kentucky .....	7,684	7,838	7,889	7,589	7,534	7,877
Louisiana .....	3,485	3,500	3,532	3,532	2,987	3,516
Maryland .....	7,631	7,622	7,636	7,639	7,637	7,640
Mississippi .....	17,701	18,020	17,929	17,885	17,222	17,660
Missouri .....	9,163	9,183	9,198	9,227	9,165	9,149
North Carolina .....	24,360	24,479	23,668	23,917	23,969	24,187
Oklahoma .....	6,737	7,153	6,972	7,068	7,058	7,158
Pennsylvania .....	6,319	6,319	6,293	6,293	6,318	6,293
South Carolina .....	5,530	5,848	5,879	5,675	5,618	5,870
Texas .....	18,330	18,317	18,052	18,280	17,728	17,665
Virginia .....	6,491	6,383	6,415	6,522	6,432	6,505
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,085	13,681	13,173	13,231	13,068	13,047
Other States .....	11,948	12,084	11,950	11,820	11,846	12,233
United States .....	235,389	238,840	236,851	236,750	234,441	235,450
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	99	100	99	98

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Alabama .....	23,915	24,306	23,088	24,414	23,720	24,159
Arkansas .....	21,847	22,165	22,112	20,607	20,689	21,977
Delaware .....	4,506	4,527	4,047	5,160	4,616	4,952
Florida .....	1,258	1,332	1,291	1,182	1,297	1,308
Georgia .....	26,899	27,391	25,293	26,993	26,809	26,470
Kentucky .....	6,442	5,987	5,479	6,369	5,710	6,345
Louisiana .....	2,938	2,920	2,677	2,961	3,125	3,120
Maryland .....	4,878	5,830	6,493	4,704	5,239	4,489
Mississippi .....	14,798	14,583	14,762	15,203	15,149	15,130
Missouri .....	5,686	6,214	5,516	5,921	6,542	6,763
North Carolina .....	20,007	19,477	19,288	19,735	19,639	19,370
Oklahoma .....	4,299	3,299	4,096	4,880	4,273	3,207
Pennsylvania .....	4,768	4,767	4,760	4,771	4,785	4,761
South Carolina .....	4,738	5,402	5,787	4,993	5,403	4,866
Texas .....	14,715	15,358	14,083	14,687	14,896	14,655
Virginia .....	6,809	6,154	4,874	5,757	5,732	6,021
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,907	11,888	10,363	10,620	11,815	11,514
Other States .....	9,139	9,386	9,060	9,584	9,621	9,033
United States .....	188,549	190,986	183,069	188,541	189,060	188,140
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	97	99	100	99

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