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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 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 13, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.9 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.6 million eggs during the week ending February 13, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.1 million eggs during the same week, down 3 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 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 13, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 13, 2021 for the United States were 1.12 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.5 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 13, 2021, down 7 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.1 million chicks, down 9 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 9, 2021	January 16, 2021	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama.....	33,144	33,559	33,306	33,396	33,721	33,614	98
Florida.....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	100
Georgia.....	34,414	32,751	33,008	33,728	34,778	34,100	97
South Carolina....	5,618	5,914	5,878	5,872	5,899	5,660	98
United States.....	234,305	235,895	235,253	235,221	236,977	237,647	99

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Alabama.....	23,720	24,340	24,910	24,239	24,698	23,542	93
Florida.....	1,297	1,309	1,321	1,367	1,382	1,305	101
Georgia.....	26,809	26,418	25,869	26,050	24,942	25,120	91
South Carolina....	5,403	4,938	4,996	5,474	5,272	5,851	129
United States.....	189,222	188,322	187,947	186,046	187,097	186,257	98

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Alabama	33,144	33,559	33,306	33,396	33,721	33,614
Arkansas	24,319	23,819	24,405	24,246	24,475	24,620
Delaware	4,669	5,668	5,042	4,948	4,669	4,669
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	34,414	32,751	33,008	33,728	34,778	34,100
Kentucky	7,534	8,025	8,003	7,685	8,158	8,155
Louisiana	2,987	3,516	3,562	3,516	3,562	3,562
Maryland	7,637	7,640	7,635	7,380	7,807	7,773
Mississippi	17,222	16,789	17,223	17,804	18,111	18,096
Missouri	9,165	9,149	9,244	9,244	9,210	9,227
North Carolina	23,937	24,361	24,763	24,055	23,943	24,515
Oklahoma	7,058	7,183	7,072	6,944	7,319	7,166
Pennsylvania	6,318	6,319	6,319	6,167	6,296	6,354
South Carolina	5,618	5,914	5,878	5,872	5,899	5,660
Texas	17,728	18,224	17,505	18,213	17,517	17,349
Virginia	6,432	6,505	6,462	6,313	6,300	6,504
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,068	13,039	13,227	13,457	13,259	13,230
Other States	11,846	12,225	11,390	11,044	10,744	11,844
United States	234,305	235,895	235,253	235,221	236,977	237,647
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	98	99	99

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Alabama	23,720	24,340	24,910	24,239	24,698	23,542
Arkansas	20,689	22,087	21,845	22,283	21,698	22,101
Delaware	4,393	4,786	4,397	4,306	4,138	5,113
Florida	1,297	1,309	1,321	1,367	1,382	1,305
Georgia	26,809	26,418	25,869	26,050	24,942	25,120
Kentucky	5,710	6,345	5,740	6,586	5,497	6,165
Louisiana	3,125	3,002	3,015	2,575	2,979	3,018
Maryland	5,789	4,614	4,880	5,542	6,497	5,139
Mississippi	15,149	15,140	15,096	14,464	14,094	14,412
Missouri	6,542	6,763	6,480	5,925	5,350	5,171
North Carolina	19,717	19,311	19,699	19,140	19,787	19,816
Oklahoma	4,273	3,206	3,744	3,587	4,321	4,705
Pennsylvania	4,785	4,760	4,750	4,828	4,771	4,813
South Carolina	5,403	4,938	4,996	5,474	5,272	5,851
Texas	14,896	14,680	14,572	14,321	14,669	14,017
Virginia	5,489	6,118	6,523	5,731	5,783	5,367
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,815	11,522	11,323	10,681	11,622	11,708
Other States	9,621	8,983	8,787	8,947	9,597	8,894
United States	189,222	188,322	187,947	186,046	187,097	186,257
Percent of previous year	100	99	98	98	98	98

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