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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 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.3 million eggs during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.7 million eggs during the same week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 27, 2021 for the United States were 1.49 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.9 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 7 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.9 million chicks, up 3 percent from a year ago.

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

| State | Week ending | | | | | | Percent of previous year |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | January 23, 2021 | January 30, 2021 | February 6, 2021 | February 13, 2021 | February 20, 2021 | February 27, 2021 | |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 33,306 | 33,376 | 33,627 | 33,827 | 33,272 | 33,327 | 98 |
| Florida | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 | 102 |
| Georgia | 33,008 | 33,872 | 34,906 | 35,097 | 34,124 | 34,663 | 99 |
| South Carolina.... | 5,878 | 5,872 | 5,882 | 5,713 | 5,718 | 5,742 | 104 |
| United States | 234,135 | 233,444 | 235,980 | 236,536 | 230,392 | 235,809 | 98 |

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), March 3, 2021

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | January 23, 2021 | January 30, 2021 | February 6, 2021 | February 13, 2021 | February 20, 2021 | February 27, 2021 | |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 24,910 | 24,239 | 24,691 | 23,479 | 23,604 | 23,879 | 93 |
| Florida | 1,320 | 1,374 | 1,382 | 1,304 | 1,371 | 1,355 | 103 |
| Georgia | 25,869 | 26,050 | 24,873 | 25,045 | 26,528 | 26,878 | 103 |
| South Carolina.... | 4,932 | 5,408 | 5,202 | 5,718 | 5,117 | 5,203 | 98 |
| United States | 187,754 | 185,899 | 186,509 | 185,186 | 182,404 | 185,333 | 97 |

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| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) |
| Alabama | 33,306 | 33,376 | 33,627 | 33,827 | 33,272 | 33,327 |
| Arkansas | 24,405 | 24,429 | 24,336 | 24,195 | 23,906 | 24,257 |
| Delaware | 5,042 | 4,948 | 4,669 | 4,669 | 4,669 | 4,669 |
| Florida | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 | 1,209 |
| Georgia | 33,008 | 33,872 | 34,906 | 35,097 | 34,124 | 34,663 |
| Kentucky | 8,003 | 7,685 | 8,158 | 7,783 | 7,877 | 8,063 |
| Louisiana | 3,562 | 3,516 | 3,562 | 3,562 | 2,284 | 3,485 |
| Maryland | 7,635 | 7,473 | 7,807 | 7,773 | 7,777 | 7,830 |
| Mississippi | 16,448 | 16,459 | 17,099 | 16,915 | 16,946 | 16,936 |
| Missouri | 9,244 | 9,244 | 9,210 | 9,197 | 9,037 | 8,951 |
| North Carolina | 24,763 | 23,920 | 24,306 | 24,728 | 24,802 | 24,248 |
| Oklahoma | 7,072 | 6,944 | 7,468 | 7,279 | 6,595 | 7,499 |
| Pennsylvania | 6,077 | 5,857 | 6,179 | 6,198 | 5,887 | 6,050 |
| South Carolina | 5,878 | 5,872 | 5,882 | 5,713 | 5,718 | 5,742 |
| Texas | 17,505 | 17,904 | 17,517 | 17,387 | 15,261 | 17,723 |
| Virginia | 6,462 | 6,313 | 6,300 | 6,458 | 6,303 | 6,423 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 13,227 | 13,457 | 13,249 | 12,853 | 13,131 | 13,032 |
| Other States | 11,289 | 10,966 | 10,496 | 11,693 | 11,594 | 11,702 |
| United States | 234,135 | 233,444 | 235,980 | 236,536 | 230,392 | 235,809 |
| Percent of previous year | 99 | 97 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 98 |

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| Alabama | 24,910 | 24,239 | 24,691 | 23,479 | 23,604 | 23,879 |
| Arkansas | 21,851 | 22,305 | 21,542 | 21,691 | 21,239 | 21,285 |
| Delaware | 4,397 | 4,225 | 4,138 | 5,113 | 4,136 | 3,819 |
| Florida | 1,320 | 1,374 | 1,382 | 1,304 | 1,371 | 1,355 |
| Georgia | 25,869 | 26,050 | 24,873 | 25,045 | 26,528 | 26,878 |
| Kentucky | 5,740 | 6,587 | 5,497 | 6,628 | 5,596 | 5,365 |
| Louisiana | 3,015 | 2,575 | 2,980 | 3,019 | 1,632 | 2,358 |
| Maryland | 4,880 | 5,673 | 6,487 | 5,882 | 5,955 | 6,408 |
| Mississippi | 15,091 | 14,495 | 13,644 | 13,870 | 13,777 | 14,430 |
| Missouri | 6,480 | 5,925 | 5,352 | 5,125 | 6,030 | 6,287 |
| North Carolina | 19,699 | 19,140 | 19,853 | 19,792 | 19,567 | 19,667 |
| Oklahoma | 3,743 | 3,587 | 4,320 | 4,856 | 4,383 | 4,341 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,621 | 4,701 | 4,640 | 4,687 | 4,524 | 4,578 |
| South Carolina | 4,932 | 5,408 | 5,202 | 5,718 | 5,117 | 5,203 |
| Texas | 14,572 | 14,321 | 14,672 | 13,990 | 14,125 | 14,905 |
| Virginia | 6,522 | 5,728 | 5,781 | 4,684 | 5,307 | 5,118 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 11,323 | 10,681 | 11,621 | 11,439 | 11,080 | 11,208 |
| Other States | 8,789 | 8,885 | 9,834 | 8,864 | 8,433 | 8,249 |
| United States | 187,754 | 185,899 | 186,509 | 185,186 | 182,404 | 185,333 |
| Percent of previous year | 98 | 98 | 97 | 97 | 95 | 97 |

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