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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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 6, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.7 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 March 6, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.8 million eggs during the same week, down 1 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 6, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 6, 2021 for the United States were 1.68 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 6, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.5 million chicks, down 8 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	33,376	33,627	33,702	33,272	33,327	33,607	99
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	100
Georgia	33,872	34,906	35,097	34,124	34,663	34,812	99
South Carolina....	5,872	5,882	5,713	5,718	5,742	5,837	100
United States	233,342	235,980	236,758	230,677	238,559	238,270	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), March 10, 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	24,239	24,691	23,479	23,604	23,892	24,181	99
Florida	1,374	1,382	1,304	1,370	1,354	1,275	95
Georgia	26,050	24,873	25,045	26,528	26,867	25,529	92
South Carolina....	5,408	5,202	5,789	5,184	5,211	5,901	112
United States	185,900	186,509	185,252	182,411	186,289	186,806	98

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Alabama	33,376	33,627	33,702	33,272	33,327	33,607
Arkansas	24,429	24,336	24,195	23,913	24,194	24,084
Delaware	4,948	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,669
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	33,872	34,906	35,097	34,124	34,663	34,812
Kentucky	7,685	8,158	8,037	7,877	8,063	8,050
Louisiana	3,516	3,562	3,562	2,284	3,485	3,562
Maryland	7,473	7,807	7,882	7,883	7,913	7,838
Mississippi	16,459	17,099	17,038	16,946	16,936	17,160
Missouri	9,244	9,210	9,197	9,100	8,960	9,316
North Carolina	23,920	24,306	24,728	24,802	25,239	25,660
Oklahoma	6,944	7,468	7,279	6,595	7,499	7,156
Pennsylvania	5,755	6,179	6,090	5,960	6,139	6,067
South Carolina	5,872	5,882	5,713	5,718	5,742	5,837
Texas	17,904	17,517	17,356	15,261	18,927	17,176
Virginia	6,313	6,300	6,458	6,303	6,423	6,500
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,457	13,249	12,853	13,131	13,035	13,126
Other States	10,966	10,496	11,693	11,630	12,136	12,441
United States	233,342	235,980	236,758	230,677	238,559	238,270
Percent of previous year	97	99	99	97	100	99

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Alabama	24,239	24,691	23,479	23,604	23,892	24,181
Arkansas	22,305	21,542	21,691	21,877	21,927	22,845
Delaware	4,225	4,138	5,515	4,234	3,958	3,868
Florida	1,374	1,382	1,304	1,370	1,354	1,275
Georgia	26,050	24,873	25,045	26,528	26,867	25,529
Kentucky	6,587	5,497	6,628	5,596	5,365	5,613
Louisiana	2,575	2,980	3,019	1,632	2,358	3,041
Maryland	5,673	6,487	5,545	5,914	6,252	6,606
Mississippi	14,495	13,644	13,870	13,777	14,430	14,401
Missouri	5,925	5,352	5,125	5,410	5,665	6,117
North Carolina	19,140	19,853	19,792	19,567	19,679	20,490
Oklahoma	3,587	4,320	4,856	4,382	4,341	2,617
Pennsylvania	4,702	4,640	4,616	4,413	4,562	4,561
South Carolina	5,408	5,202	5,789	5,184	5,211	5,901
Texas	14,321	14,672	13,990	14,124	14,904	13,988
Virginia	5,728	5,781	4,683	5,306	5,117	4,817
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,681	11,621	11,439	11,079	12,184	11,820
Other States	8,885	9,834	8,866	8,414	8,223	9,136
United States	185,900	186,509	185,252	182,411	186,289	186,806
Percent of previous year	98	97	98	95	98	98

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