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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 Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 30, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.4 million eggs during the week ending December 30, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.8 million eggs during the same week, up 4 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 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 30, 2023 for the United States were 9.67 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.7 million chicks, down 6 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	33,677	34,033	34,140	34,154	34,207	34,369	99
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	101
Georgia	36,254	36,033	35,578	35,958	36,022	35,837	104
South Carolina....	5,894	5,978	5,967	6,253	6,242	6,225	103
United States	239,455	242,667	236,637	240,553	240,429	240,001	101

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Alabama	21,557	22,502	23,979	24,470	24,562	24,775	99
Florida	1,074	1,076	1,149	1,153	1,158	1,275	98
Georgia	27,500	28,850	27,683	28,860	28,931	26,682	94
South Carolina....	5,172	5,076	5,099	4,611	4,212	5,409	114
United States	179,271	184,610	187,562	188,721	191,104	183,731	98

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Alabama	33,677	34,033	34,140	34,154	34,207	34,369
Arkansas.....	24,415	24,531	24,267	24,531	24,456	24,267
Delaware	5,118	5,107	4,900	4,917	5,062	4,815
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,254	36,033	35,578	35,958	36,022	35,837
Kentucky.....	6,826	6,974	6,504	6,799	6,941	6,777
Louisiana	3,344	3,594	3,594	3,563	3,502	3,532
Maryland.....	8,062	8,065	8,064	8,065	8,001	7,954
Mississippi	16,960	16,733	16,581	17,186	17,036	17,322
Missouri	8,734	8,844	8,827	8,746	8,585	8,547
North Carolina.....	24,959	25,110	24,348	25,316	25,139	25,126
Oklahoma	6,992	7,167	6,551	6,403	6,402	6,490
Pennsylvania	7,120	7,664	7,109	7,479	7,750	7,391
South Carolina	5,894	5,978	5,967	6,253	6,242	6,225
Texas.....	18,064	18,874	18,092	18,472	18,321	18,835
Virginia.....	5,799	5,951	5,919	5,835	5,838	5,836
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,056	14,745	13,035	13,587	13,602	13,443
Other States.....	11,956	12,039	11,936	12,064	12,098	12,010
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Alabama	21,557	22,502	23,979	24,470	24,562	24,775
Arkansas.....	21,210	21,190	21,645	21,106	21,383	20,613
Delaware	5,625	3,322	4,528	4,519	4,845	4,494
Florida.....	1,074	1,076	1,149	1,153	1,158	1,275
Georgia.....	27,500	28,850	27,683	28,860	28,931	26,682
Kentucky.....	5,398	5,217	5,920	5,639	5,630	5,416
Louisiana	2,428	2,951	2,974	2,696	2,865	2,679
Maryland.....	5,002	5,081	5,864	5,910	5,854	5,560
Mississippi	13,465	13,429	13,493	13,494	13,384	13,220
Missouri	5,059	5,403	4,568	5,382	5,841	5,344
North Carolina.....	18,804	20,771	20,347	19,955	20,623	19,620
Oklahoma	3,692	4,843	4,641	4,539	3,874	4,311
Pennsylvania	4,356	4,900	4,571	4,922	5,183	4,643
South Carolina	5,172	5,076	5,099	4,611	4,212	5,409
Texas.....	13,480	14,202	14,324	14,571	15,112	14,082
Virginia.....	5,408	5,351	5,432	5,271	5,819	4,933
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,302	11,193	12,105	12,398	12,692	11,573
Other States.....	8,739	9,253	9,240	9,225	9,136	9,102
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