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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 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 6, 2024, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.0 million eggs during the week ending January 6, 2024, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.1 million eggs during the same week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 6, 2024, down slightly from a year ago.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.1 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 6, 2024, down 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.3 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023 and 2024

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023	January 6, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,033	34,085	34,023	34,256	34,359	34,025	99
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	36,033	35,189	35,971	36,114	35,496	35,109	99
South Carolina....	6,118	5,967	6,253	6,214	5,826	6,006	103
United States	242,807	236,524	239,961	240,322	239,151	237,144	99

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Alabama	22,502	23,962	24,437	24,510	24,688	23,146	96
Florida	1,076	1,149	1,153	1,158	1,275	1,354	114
Georgia	28,850	27,683	28,860	28,750	26,426	27,257	96
South Carolina....	5,076	5,099	4,611	4,204	5,365	5,241	115
United States	185,234	187,557	188,731	190,917	183,302	187,143	100

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Alabama	34,033	34,085	34,023	34,256	34,359	34,025
Arkansas.....	24,531	23,987	23,902	24,181	23,975	23,911
Delaware	5,107	4,900	4,917	5,062	4,815	5,010
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,033	35,189	35,971	36,114	35,496	35,109
Kentucky.....	6,974	6,504	6,936	6,941	6,777	6,942
Louisiana	3,594	3,594	3,563	3,502	3,532	3,532
Maryland.....	8,065	8,064	8,065	8,001	7,954	7,979
Mississippi	16,733	16,798	17,097	17,065	17,327	17,394
Missouri	8,844	8,827	8,797	8,585	8,547	8,580
North Carolina.....	25,110	24,348	25,433	25,139	25,126	24,067
Oklahoma	7,167	6,551	6,403	6,456	6,349	6,360
Pennsylvania	7,664	7,109	7,479	7,750	7,391	7,072
South Carolina	6,118	5,967	6,253	6,214	5,826	6,006
Texas.....	18,874	18,486	18,563	18,367	18,826	18,561
Virginia.....	5,951	5,919	5,835	5,838	5,836	5,824
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,745	13,035	13,421	13,589	13,883	13,422
Other States.....	12,039	11,936	12,078	12,037	11,907	12,125
United States	242,807	236,524	239,961	240,322	239,151	237,144

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Alabama	22,502	23,962	24,437	24,510	24,688	23,146
Arkansas.....	21,190	21,657	21,139	21,417	20,361	21,331
Delaware	3,322	4,528	4,519	4,845	4,494	4,244
Florida.....	1,076	1,149	1,153	1,158	1,275	1,354
Georgia.....	28,850	27,683	28,860	28,750	26,426	27,257
Kentucky.....	5,217	5,920	5,639	5,687	5,368	5,707
Louisiana	2,951	2,974	2,696	2,865	2,679	2,890
Maryland.....	5,081	5,864	5,910	5,805	5,558	5,237
Mississippi	13,429	13,493	13,504	13,337	13,424	14,115
Missouri	5,403	4,568	5,382	5,841	5,344	5,269
North Carolina.....	20,771	20,347	19,955	20,576	19,708	20,263
Oklahoma	4,843	4,641	4,539	3,874	4,311	3,814
Pennsylvania	4,900	4,571	4,922	5,183	4,643	4,731
South Carolina	5,076	5,099	4,611	4,204	5,365	5,241
Texas.....	14,202	14,324	14,571	15,218	14,084	14,642
Virginia.....	5,351	5,432	5,271	5,819	4,933	6,691
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,817	12,105	12,398	12,692	11,576	12,089
Other States.....	9,253	9,240	9,225	9,136	9,065	9,122
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