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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 January 20, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 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 January 20, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.3 million eggs during the same week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 20, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through January 20, 2024 for the United States were 560 million. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 20, 2024, down 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.5 million chicks, up 12 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023	January 6, 2024	January 13, 2024	January 20, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,023	34,307	34,359	34,128	34,262	34,373	100
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia .....	35,971	36,128	35,496	35,184	35,780	36,270	103
South Carolina....	6,253	6,214	5,826	6,161	6,218	6,208	106
United States .....	240,232	239,699	238,614	238,270	240,081	240,437	101

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Alabama .....	24,437	24,510	24,688	23,193	24,657	23,764	94
Florida .....	1,153	1,158	1,275	1,354	895	881	69
Georgia .....	28,860	28,750	26,426	27,151	27,282	28,544	112
South Carolina....	4,611	4,204	5,365	5,183	4,826	4,367	103
United States .....	188,731	190,915	183,518	187,543	186,666	185,992	101

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Alabama .....	34,023	34,307	34,359	34,128	34,262	34,373
Arkansas.....	24,173	24,058	24,275	23,911	23,889	24,308
Delaware .....	4,917	5,062	4,815	5,023	5,165	5,222
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,971	36,128	35,496	35,184	35,780	36,270
Kentucky.....	6,936	6,911	6,903	6,942	6,900	6,768
Louisiana .....	3,563	3,502	3,532	3,532	3,516	3,396
Maryland.....	8,065	7,800	7,954	7,979	7,977	7,977
Mississippi .....	17,097	17,165	17,327	17,394	17,393	17,367
Missouri .....	8,797	8,709	8,483	8,580	8,690	8,584
North Carolina.....	25,433	25,139	25,130	25,067	25,328	25,047
Oklahoma .....	6,403	6,077	5,970	6,272	6,134	6,135
Pennsylvania .....	7,479	7,750	7,494	7,828	7,639	7,812
South Carolina .....	6,253	6,214	5,826	6,161	6,218	6,208
Texas.....	18,563	18,276	18,230	18,061	18,068	18,302
Virginia.....	5,835	5,838	5,836	5,824	5,797	5,756
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,421	13,501	13,868	13,048	13,841	13,541
Other States.....	12,078	12,037	11,891	12,111	12,259	12,146
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Alabama .....	24,437	24,510	24,688	23,193	24,657	23,764
Arkansas.....	21,139	21,415	20,575	21,321	21,650	22,073
Delaware .....	4,519	4,845	4,494	4,561	4,414	4,955
Florida.....	1,153	1,158	1,275	1,354	895	881
Georgia.....	28,860	28,750	26,426	27,151	27,282	28,544
Kentucky.....	5,639	5,687	5,368	5,659	5,099	5,346
Louisiana .....	2,696	2,865	2,679	2,890	2,735	2,680
Maryland.....	5,910	5,805	5,558	4,901	5,460	4,887
Mississippi .....	13,504	13,337	13,424	14,116	14,153	14,067
Missouri .....	5,382	5,841	5,344	5,269	5,286	5,706
North Carolina.....	19,955	20,576	19,708	20,496	20,226	19,989
Oklahoma .....	4,539	3,874	4,311	3,814	2,766	2,144
Pennsylvania .....	4,922	5,183	4,643	4,944	4,854	4,946
South Carolina .....	4,611	4,204	5,365	5,183	4,826	4,367
Texas.....	14,571	15,218	14,084	14,642	14,784	14,347
Virginia.....	5,271	5,819	4,933	6,725	6,358	6,480
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,398	12,692	11,578	12,029	11,882	11,633
Other States.....	9,225	9,136	9,065	9,295	9,339	9,183
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