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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 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 17, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.1 million eggs during the week ending February 17, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.2 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 2024, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through February 17, 2024 for the United States were 1.30 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.1 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.9 million chicks, down slightly from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	January 13, 2024	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,534	34,788	34,787	34,782	34,899	35,091	101
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,635	35,803	35,892	36,140	36,050	36,244	102
South Carolina....	6,218	6,188	6,121	6,016	6,290	6,252	109
United States	239,730	238,954	239,431	241,907	241,709	243,609	101

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Alabama	25,247	24,456	24,358	24,605	24,273	24,080	102
Florida	1,320	881	1,239	1,229	962	1,095	86
Georgia	27,282	28,451	26,983	27,785	28,346	27,940	100
South Carolina....	4,826	4,407	5,045	4,707	4,835	4,475	91
United States	187,117	185,913	185,412	185,996	185,458	185,074	99

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Alabama	34,534	34,788	34,787	34,782	34,899	35,091
Arkansas.....	24,834	24,930	24,808	24,449	24,606	24,969
Delaware	5,165	5,222	5,495	5,483	5,566	5,618
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,635	35,803	35,892	36,140	36,050	36,244
Kentucky.....	7,027	6,778	6,795	6,853	6,788	7,153
Louisiana	3,516	3,396	3,594	3,562	3,557	3,589
Maryland.....	7,977	7,977	7,978	8,065	8,066	8,066
Mississippi	17,394	17,367	17,231	17,200	17,262	17,412
Missouri	8,503	8,552	8,456	8,574	8,586	8,607
North Carolina.....	25,124	24,767	24,583	25,434	25,195	24,893
Oklahoma	4,971	5,189	5,490	5,456	5,467	5,668
Pennsylvania	7,742	7,797	8,016	7,460	7,702	7,714
South Carolina	6,218	6,188	6,121	6,016	6,290	6,252
Texas.....	18,492	18,316	18,951	19,609	18,860	19,397
Virginia.....	5,797	5,756	5,701	5,578	5,594	5,667
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,647	13,275	12,783	13,781	14,103	13,708
Other States.....	11,929	11,628	11,525	12,240	11,893	12,336
United States	239,730	238,954	239,431	241,907	241,709	243,609

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Alabama	25,247	24,456	24,358	24,605	24,273	24,080
Arkansas.....	21,650	22,073	21,218	20,162	20,989	20,455
Delaware	4,414	4,955	5,304	6,003	4,520	5,226
Florida.....	1,320	881	1,239	1,229	962	1,095
Georgia.....	27,282	28,451	26,983	27,785	28,346	27,940
Kentucky.....	5,099	5,316	5,417	5,400	5,347	5,342
Louisiana	2,735	2,680	2,889	2,898	2,751	2,960
Maryland.....	5,460	4,886	5,562	4,603	6,219	6,151
Mississippi	13,564	13,424	13,588	13,588	13,403	13,431
Missouri	5,286	5,706	5,285	5,202	4,928	5,236
North Carolina.....	20,251	19,759	19,278	19,551	19,619	19,516
Oklahoma	2,766	2,144	3,281	3,834	3,885	3,773
Pennsylvania	4,854	4,983	5,567	4,963	4,939	5,012
South Carolina	4,826	4,407	5,045	4,707	4,835	4,475
Texas.....	14,784	14,481	13,751	14,548	14,377	14,928
Virginia.....	6,358	6,256	4,803	5,681	5,550	4,890
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,882	11,869	12,449	11,937	11,425	11,497
Other States.....	9,339	9,186	9,395	9,300	9,090	9,067
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