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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 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 7, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.7 million eggs during the week ending October 7, 2023, down 6 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.9 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through October 7, 2023 for the United States were 7.48 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.4 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.1 million chicks, up 7 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	33,626	33,307	32,935	33,563	32,901	32,700	94
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,659	35,363	35,479	34,671	34,431	34,857	100
South Carolina....	5,673	5,880	6,000	6,027	6,051	5,953	108
United States	234,009	232,021	230,603	232,854	231,544	230,054	97

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Alabama	23,943	23,949	24,290	23,684	23,783	23,362	96
Florida	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210	1,315	1,018	79
Georgia	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,255	27,692	28,140	107
South Carolina....	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,624	4,979	5,202	135
United States	187,781	187,130	188,337	184,407	182,446	181,746	97

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Alabama	33,626	33,307	32,935	33,563	32,901	32,700
Arkansas.....	24,358	22,170	22,782	23,565	23,063	22,881
Delaware	5,722	5,753	5,274	5,581	5,347	5,300
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,659	35,363	35,479	34,671	34,431	34,857
Kentucky.....	6,812	6,259	6,103	6,688	6,464	6,772
Louisiana	3,548	3,245	3,517	3,408	3,391	3,578
Maryland.....	7,877	8,064	7,879	8,066	8,067	7,879
Mississippi	16,260	15,816	16,550	16,917	16,336	15,219
Missouri	7,767	8,681	8,613	8,798	8,793	8,740
North Carolina.....	22,827	22,557	22,535	23,262	23,157	23,000
Oklahoma	6,453	6,666	6,701	6,055	6,661	6,318
Pennsylvania	7,345	7,264	7,269	6,803	6,961	7,265
South Carolina	5,673	5,880	6,000	6,027	6,051	5,953
Texas.....	17,491	17,982	17,907	17,736	18,119	17,900
Virginia.....	5,871	5,865	5,847	5,867	5,782	5,655
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,987	13,521	12,430	13,212	12,502	12,956
Other States.....	12,508	12,403	11,557	11,410	12,293	11,856
United States	234,009	232,021	230,603	232,854	231,544	230,054

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Alabama	23,943	23,949	24,290	23,684	23,783	23,362
Arkansas.....	20,258	19,634	20,598	20,655	19,052	20,802
Delaware	6,630	5,834	4,683	4,782	5,537	5,120
Florida.....	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210	1,315	1,018
Georgia.....	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,255	27,692	28,140
Kentucky.....	5,144	5,300	5,201	4,963	5,062	4,358
Louisiana	2,947	2,892	2,830	2,839	2,637	3,031
Maryland.....	4,442	5,950	6,596	6,706	6,032	6,064
Mississippi	13,402	13,547	13,636	13,004	12,793	13,326
Missouri	5,921	5,497	5,163	6,031	6,007	5,111
North Carolina.....	19,694	19,150	19,062	18,460	18,636	18,148
Oklahoma	5,489	5,736	5,324	3,890	4,145	3,945
Pennsylvania	4,849	4,713	4,866	4,832	4,781	4,904
South Carolina	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,624	4,979	5,202
Texas.....	14,562	14,729	14,852	14,082	14,422	14,338
Virginia.....	5,551	4,853	5,068	4,728	4,461	4,393
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,966	12,255	11,814	11,786	11,556	11,170
Other States.....	9,700	9,678	9,818	9,876	9,556	9,314
United States	187,781	187,130	188,337	184,407	182,446	181,746

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