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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 Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 18, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 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 May 18, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.1 million eggs during the same week, down 1 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 18, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through May 18, 2024 for the United States were 3.76 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 18, 2024, up 9 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.8 million chicks, down 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	April 13, 2024	April 20, 2024	April 27, 2024	May 4, 2024	May 11, 2024	May 18, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	35,072	34,952	35,086	35,025	34,331	35,052	103
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,569	36,121	35,905	36,354	35,835	36,137	99
South Carolina....	6,312	6,249	6,178	6,128	6,171	6,095	108
United States	247,098	245,946	245,415	245,596	244,739	244,852	100

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Alabama	24,154	24,667	24,734	24,732	24,865	25,699	109
Florida	1,239	1,191	1,350	1,346	1,341	1,338	105
Georgia	28,167	28,169	27,747	28,561	28,008	26,795	98
South Carolina....	5,122	4,918	5,004	4,996	5,062	5,221	117
United States	189,855	189,504	189,631	190,447	189,765	189,572	101

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Alabama	35,072	34,952	35,086	35,025	34,331	35,052
Arkansas.....	25,757	25,659	25,725	25,808	25,866	25,399
Delaware	5,544	5,600	5,643	5,725	5,714	5,666
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,569	36,121	35,905	36,354	35,835	36,137
Kentucky.....	8,000	7,953	8,149	7,862	8,133	8,092
Louisiana	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,515	3,654	3,362
Maryland.....	8,063	8,005	8,005	8,065	8,065	8,053
Mississippi	17,785	18,042	17,199	17,199	17,214	17,345
Missouri	8,893	8,983	8,778	8,550	8,901	8,857
North Carolina.....	25,562	25,383	25,648	25,611	25,424	25,322
Oklahoma	5,644	5,508	5,860	6,081	6,062	6,041
Pennsylvania	7,969	7,832	7,861	7,627	7,381	8,037
South Carolina	6,312	6,249	6,178	6,128	6,171	6,095
Texas.....	19,405	19,202	19,550	19,932	19,689	19,514
Virginia.....	5,734	5,720	5,692	5,833	5,700	5,428
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,628	13,857	13,201	12,972	13,404	13,223
Other States.....	12,281	12,000	12,055	12,084	11,970	12,004
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Alabama	24,154	24,667	24,734	24,732	24,865	25,699
Arkansas.....	20,329	21,607	21,087	21,259	20,934	21,034
Delaware	5,191	5,510	5,297	5,053	4,534	6,096
Florida.....	1,239	1,191	1,350	1,346	1,341	1,338
Georgia.....	28,167	28,169	27,747	28,561	28,008	26,795
Kentucky.....	5,996	5,891	5,655	5,847	5,992	5,895
Louisiana	2,880	2,909	2,923	2,915	3,013	2,921
Maryland.....	5,437	5,221	5,271	5,945	6,734	5,144
Mississippi	13,491	13,883	13,401	13,448	13,736	13,492
Missouri	5,529	5,517	5,119	5,265	5,818	6,446
North Carolina.....	19,765	19,744	19,486	19,767	19,892	19,977
Oklahoma	5,039	3,662	4,886	4,372	3,209	3,377
Pennsylvania	4,736	5,087	5,072	4,908	4,901	4,757
South Carolina	5,122	4,918	5,004	4,996	5,062	5,221
Texas.....	14,886	14,859	15,281	15,224	14,877	15,023
Virginia.....	5,258	5,041	5,434	5,012	4,784	5,419
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,243	12,319	12,746	12,398	12,679	11,515
Other States.....	9,393	9,309	9,138	9,399	9,386	9,423
United States	189,855	189,504	189,631	190,447	189,765	189,572

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