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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 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 25, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.8 million eggs during the week ending May 25, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.2 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 25, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through May 25, 2024 for the United States were 3.95 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 25, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.2 million chicks, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	April 20, 2024	April 27, 2024	May 4, 2024	May 11, 2024	May 18, 2024	May 25, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,952	35,086	35,041	34,331	35,052	34,849	101
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,121	35,905	36,280	35,835	36,137	36,215	100
South Carolina....	6,249	6,178	6,128	6,171	6,095	6,154	111
United States	245,946	245,415	245,411	244,739	245,157	244,765	101

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Alabama	24,667	24,734	24,732	24,865	25,716	24,737	103
Florida	1,221	1,350	1,346	1,341	1,338	1,336	116
Georgia	28,169	27,747	28,561	28,008	26,795	28,166	102
South Carolina....	4,918	5,004	4,996	5,062	5,206	4,950	112
United States	189,758	189,915	190,531	190,194	189,451	188,807	100

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Alabama	34,952	35,086	35,041	34,331	35,052	34,849
Arkansas.....	25,659	25,725	25,662	25,866	25,399	25,507
Delaware	5,600	5,643	5,725	5,714	5,598	5,656
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,121	35,905	36,280	35,835	36,137	36,215
Kentucky.....	7,953	8,149	8,023	8,133	8,092	8,055
Louisiana	3,655	3,655	3,515	3,654	3,362	3,561
Maryland.....	8,005	8,005	8,065	8,065	8,053	8,059
Mississippi	18,042	17,199	17,199	17,214	17,345	17,182
Missouri	8,983	8,778	8,550	8,901	8,857	8,721
North Carolina.....	25,383	25,648	25,672	25,424	25,322	25,631
Oklahoma	5,508	5,860	5,921	6,062	6,041	5,901
Pennsylvania	7,832	7,861	7,627	7,381	8,086	7,816
South Carolina	6,249	6,178	6,128	6,171	6,095	6,154
Texas.....	19,202	19,550	19,932	19,689	19,514	19,498
Virginia.....	5,720	5,692	5,863	5,700	5,428	5,491
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,857	13,201	12,899	13,404	13,547	13,283
Other States.....	12,000	12,055	12,084	11,970	12,004	11,961
United States	245,946	245,415	245,411	244,739	245,157	244,765

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Alabama	24,667	24,734	24,732	24,865	25,716	24,737
Arkansas.....	21,607	21,207	21,259	21,361	21,034	22,817
Delaware	5,510	5,297	5,053	4,534	6,045	6,156
Florida.....	1,221	1,350	1,346	1,341	1,338	1,336
Georgia.....	28,169	27,747	28,561	28,008	26,795	28,166
Kentucky.....	5,891	5,655	5,847	5,992	5,895	6,088
Louisiana	3,009	2,923	2,915	3,013	2,921	2,905
Maryland.....	5,221	5,271	5,945	6,734	5,105	5,099
Mississippi	13,883	13,401	13,448	13,736	13,462	13,413
Missouri	5,697	5,319	5,345	5,818	6,446	5,103
North Carolina.....	19,744	19,486	19,767	19,892	19,977	19,891
Oklahoma	3,662	4,886	4,372	3,209	3,377	2,051
Pennsylvania	5,087	5,072	4,908	4,901	4,797	4,740
South Carolina	4,918	5,004	4,996	5,062	5,206	4,950
Texas.....	14,859	15,281	15,224	14,877	15,023	15,296
Virginia.....	5,041	5,434	5,012	4,784	5,440	5,290
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,319	12,746	12,398	12,679	11,449	11,538
Other States.....	9,253	9,102	9,403	9,388	9,425	9,231
United States	189,758	189,915	190,531	190,194	189,451	188,807

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