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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 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 10, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 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 August 10, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.4 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 10, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through August 10, 2024 for the United States were 6.04 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 10, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 million chicks, down 1 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	July 6, 2024	July 13, 2024	July 20, 2024	July 27, 2024	August 3, 2024	August 10, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,804	34,749	34,858	34,442	35,384	35,136	104
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222	100
Georgia .....	36,345	35,022	35,593	36,243	35,880	35,440	100
South Carolina....	6,148	6,048	6,307	6,116	6,307	6,307	109
United States .....	247,513	245,956	248,959	248,434	250,305	249,031	104

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Alabama .....	24,946	24,984	24,538	24,437	24,055	24,782	101
Florida .....	1,336	1,302	1,277	1,346	1,254	1,187	96
Georgia .....	27,573	27,956	27,299	28,080	27,271	27,754	99
South Carolina....	4,808	4,558	4,969	5,423	4,635	5,141	99
United States .....	189,975	188,351	190,402	191,942	190,841	193,202	102

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Alabama .....	34,804	34,749	34,858	34,442	35,384	35,136
Arkansas.....	25,803	26,060	26,039	25,839	25,964	25,729
Delaware .....	5,646	5,644	5,611	5,634	5,634	5,634
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222
Georgia.....	36,345	35,022	35,593	36,243	35,880	35,440
Kentucky.....	8,011	8,025	8,169	8,148	8,011	8,129
Louisiana .....	3,655	3,258	3,530	3,608	3,655	3,608
Maryland.....	8,094	8,047	8,095	8,091	8,095	8,095
Mississippi .....	17,707	17,666	17,727	17,752	17,696	17,681
Missouri .....	8,873	9,054	9,023	9,007	9,022	8,833
North Carolina.....	25,876	25,373	25,947	26,122	26,360	25,765
Oklahoma .....	6,018	6,194	6,220	5,867	6,335	6,314
Pennsylvania .....	7,940	7,991	8,071	7,949	7,996	7,962
South Carolina .....	6,148	6,048	6,307	6,116	6,307	6,307
Texas.....	19,320	19,077	19,717	19,643	19,759	19,720
Virginia.....	5,376	5,359	5,475	5,657	5,555	5,661
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,645	15,781	15,531	15,560	15,770	15,720
Other States.....	12,027	11,383	11,821	11,531	11,657	12,075
United States .....	247,513	245,956	248,959	248,434	250,305	249,031

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Alabama .....	24,946	24,984	24,538	24,437	24,055	24,782
Arkansas.....	21,853	19,986	21,082	20,806	22,177	21,969
Delaware .....	5,449	5,049	5,732	5,442	5,341	5,267
Florida.....	1,336	1,302	1,277	1,346	1,254	1,187
Georgia.....	27,573	27,956	27,299	28,080	27,271	27,754
Kentucky.....	5,944	5,877	6,001	5,685	6,245	6,252
Louisiana .....	2,948	3,037	3,054	2,944	2,717	2,941
Maryland.....	5,787	5,346	5,292	5,904	5,641	5,599
Mississippi .....	13,930	13,904	14,060	13,718	13,737	13,580
Missouri .....	5,851	6,277	5,485	5,503	5,810	5,585
North Carolina.....	19,776	20,046	20,122	20,090	20,166	20,364
Oklahoma .....	3,005	3,345	4,210	4,863	3,724	4,172
Pennsylvania .....	4,924	5,063	5,096	5,027	5,043	5,050
South Carolina .....	4,808	4,558	4,969	5,423	4,635	5,141
Texas.....	15,021	14,998	15,254	15,286	14,946	15,528
Virginia.....	4,904	5,677	5,578	5,034	5,310	5,204
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,481	11,685	12,368	13,092	13,819	13,551
Other States.....	9,439	9,261	8,985	9,262	8,950	9,276
United States .....	189,975	188,351	190,402	191,942	190,841	193,202

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