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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 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 31, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.3 million eggs during the week ending August 31, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.6 million eggs during the same week, down slightly from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 31, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through August 31, 2024 for the United States were 6.62 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.9 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 31, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 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)
	July 27, 2024	August 3, 2024	August 10, 2024	August 17, 2024	August 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,335	35,384	35,207	35,394	35,234	35,338	105
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,771	35,442	35,361	35,647	35,141	35,587	100
South Carolina....	6,116	6,307	6,290	6,099	6,062	6,062	107
United States	248,393	249,560	248,212	248,648	247,592	247,754	105

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Alabama	24,460	24,121	24,863	23,516	24,993	24,880	104
Florida	1,346	1,254	1,261	1,318	1,249	1,331	103
Georgia	28,080	27,271	27,850	27,947	27,460	27,819	100
South Carolina....	5,423	4,576	5,014	5,139	4,909	5,190	127
United States	191,965	190,791	193,512	193,053	193,545	193,091	103

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Alabama	34,335	35,384	35,207	35,394	35,234	35,338
Arkansas.....	25,832	25,863	25,729	25,536	25,540	25,541
Delaware	5,634	5,634	5,595	5,524	5,570	5,475
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,771	35,442	35,361	35,647	35,141	35,587
Kentucky.....	8,179	8,011	8,123	8,048	8,171	8,173
Louisiana	3,608	3,655	3,608	3,608	3,655	3,655
Maryland.....	8,091	8,095	8,093	8,092	8,092	8,092
Mississippi	17,834	17,696	17,681	17,744	17,728	17,631
Missouri	9,015	9,022	8,833	8,865	8,908	9,041
North Carolina.....	26,122	26,118	25,670	25,826	25,888	25,610
Oklahoma	6,038	6,335	5,870	6,213	6,165	6,165
Pennsylvania	7,924	7,970	7,887	7,934	7,972	7,971
South Carolina	6,116	6,307	6,290	6,099	6,062	6,062
Texas.....	19,598	19,729	19,604	19,908	19,375	19,097
Virginia.....	5,687	5,555	5,661	5,453	5,457	5,580
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	15,853	15,862	15,659	15,383	15,607	15,569
Other States.....	11,531	11,657	12,119	12,149	11,802	11,942
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Alabama	24,460	24,121	24,863	23,516	24,993	24,880
Arkansas.....	20,806	22,177	21,969	20,230	21,550	21,166
Delaware	5,442	5,341	5,608	4,385	5,732	5,689
Florida.....	1,346	1,254	1,261	1,318	1,249	1,331
Georgia.....	28,080	27,271	27,850	27,947	27,460	27,819
Kentucky.....	5,685	6,245	6,195	6,102	6,184	6,059
Louisiana	2,944	2,717	2,941	2,991	3,052	2,980
Maryland.....	5,904	5,641	5,498	6,542	5,424	5,396
Mississippi	13,718	13,737	13,711	13,896	13,894	13,520
Missouri	5,503	5,810	5,585	5,515	5,241	5,186
North Carolina.....	20,090	20,166	20,677	20,777	21,138	20,977
Oklahoma	4,863	3,724	4,178	5,421	4,562	4,367
Pennsylvania	5,027	5,052	5,103	5,109	4,977	4,998
South Carolina	5,423	4,576	5,014	5,139	4,909	5,190
Texas.....	15,286	14,309	15,419	15,559	15,622	15,482
Virginia.....	5,034	5,300	4,880	4,943	4,672	5,199
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,092	14,405	13,475	14,553	13,909	13,488
Other States.....	9,262	8,945	9,285	9,110	8,977	9,364
United States	191,965	190,791	193,512	193,053	193,545	193,091

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