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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 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 26, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.8 million eggs during the week ending October 26, 2024, up 6 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.2 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through October 26, 2024 for the United States were 8.13 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 22.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 2024, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 million chicks, up 6 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	35,081	35,246	32,474	34,997	34,960	33,754	106
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	34,504	34,623	34,155	35,030	34,915	35,194	102
South Carolina....	5,874	6,286	5,971	6,254	6,222	6,241	100
United States	239,382	244,612	236,150	241,146	241,972	241,409	104

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Alabama	24,616	24,972	23,796	24,304	25,260	22,602	97
Florida	1,398	1,461	1,193	1,322	1,291	1,423	131
Georgia	28,249	27,666	26,368	27,918	26,629	27,772	106
South Carolina....	4,472	4,360	4,901	4,549	4,267	3,990	81
United States	192,077	190,027	183,820	186,728	190,243	183,934	103

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Alabama	35,081	35,246	32,474	34,997	34,960	33,754
Arkansas.....	23,872	25,228	24,153	24,426	24,844	24,934
Delaware	4,662	5,085	4,949	5,049	5,048	5,126
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	34,504	34,623	34,155	35,030	34,915	35,194
Kentucky.....	7,889	7,487	7,209	7,860	7,965	7,967
Louisiana	3,655	3,590	3,484	3,484	3,608	3,484
Maryland.....	8,044	8,047	7,881	7,878	8,047	8,013
Mississippi	17,262	17,555	16,121	16,758	16,550	16,455
Missouri	8,827	8,916	8,696	8,973	8,902	8,420
North Carolina.....	24,152	25,208	24,908	24,434	24,271	25,097
Oklahoma	6,173	6,150	6,189	4,980	5,000	5,613
Pennsylvania	7,726	7,582	7,442	7,691	8,219	7,942
South Carolina	5,874	6,286	5,971	6,254	6,222	6,241
Texas.....	18,693	19,200	18,853	19,209	18,458	18,674
Virginia.....	5,582	5,639	5,436	5,619	5,756	5,778
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,617	16,234	15,896	15,765	16,287	15,794
Other States.....	11,544	11,311	11,108	11,514	11,695	11,698
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Arkansas.....	22,004	20,514	18,956	19,683	21,126	20,754
Delaware	5,597	5,105	5,304	5,188	5,313	5,329
Florida.....	1,398	1,461	1,193	1,322	1,291	1,423
Georgia.....	28,249	27,666	26,368	27,918	26,629	27,772
Kentucky.....	6,037	5,971	5,909	5,855	5,672	5,500
Louisiana	2,906	3,050	2,776	3,020	2,917	2,912
Maryland.....	5,820	5,622	4,595	4,732	4,984	5,465
Mississippi	13,981	13,777	12,758	13,895	14,311	12,946
Missouri	5,112	5,463	6,150	5,521	5,380	5,720
North Carolina.....	19,969	19,779	19,488	19,405	20,565	20,406
Oklahoma	3,766	4,711	4,243	4,521	4,263	3,057
Pennsylvania	4,954	5,045	5,098	5,281	4,892	4,833
South Carolina	4,472	4,360	4,901	4,549	4,267	3,990
Texas.....	15,293	14,744	14,000	14,848	15,076	14,844
Virginia.....	4,469	4,728	5,339	4,999	5,120	4,629
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,009	13,810	13,651	12,647	14,382	13,027
Other States.....	9,425	9,249	9,295	9,040	8,795	8,725
United States	192,077	190,027	183,820	186,728	190,243	183,934

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