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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 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 30, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.0 million eggs during the week ending November 30, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.2 million eggs during the same week, down 5 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through November 30, 2024 for the United States were 9.07 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 2024, up 8 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.2 million chicks, down 9 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	33,645	33,069	33,939	35,086	34,079	35,021	103
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,225	100
Georgia .....	33,596	33,554	33,135	33,988	34,562	34,212	95
South Carolina....	6,241	6,030	5,584	6,211	6,110	5,904	97
United States .....	243,485	241,370	241,094	247,650	245,551	247,672	102

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Alabama .....	21,802	24,967	24,321	24,550	22,867	24,329	108
Florida .....	1,623	1,335	1,341	1,277	1,397	1,215	113
Georgia .....	26,389	26,563	26,486	25,785	26,650	26,249	91
South Carolina....	4,171	4,889	4,537	4,513	4,202	4,447	88
United States .....	183,246	188,680	184,066	188,852	187,789	189,191	102

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Alabama .....	33,645	33,069	33,939	35,086	34,079	35,021
Arkansas.....	25,671	25,068	25,623	25,694	25,182	25,771
Delaware .....	5,215	5,256	5,252	5,257	5,250	5,430
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,225
Georgia.....	33,596	33,554	33,135	33,988	34,562	34,212
Kentucky.....	7,920	7,756	7,960	8,257	8,140	8,190
Louisiana .....	3,484	3,484	3,367	3,655	3,655	3,655
Maryland.....	8,017	8,095	8,094	8,092	8,094	8,095
Mississippi .....	17,326	16,749	17,764	17,719	17,365	18,107
Missouri .....	8,795	8,442	9,161	9,157	8,805	9,201
North Carolina.....	25,924	25,310	25,748	26,227	26,237	26,147
Oklahoma .....	5,583	5,840	5,142	5,332	5,935	5,636
Pennsylvania .....	8,065	7,835	7,977	8,285	8,068	8,053
South Carolina .....	6,241	6,030	5,584	6,211	6,110	5,904
Texas.....	19,279	20,076	18,342	19,888	19,183	19,582
Virginia.....	5,778	5,688	5,682	5,727	5,727	5,727
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	16,054	16,154	15,622	15,982	15,845	15,728
Other States.....	11,667	11,739	11,477	11,868	12,091	11,988
United States .....	243,485	241,370	241,094	247,650	245,551	247,672

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Alabama .....	21,802	24,967	24,321	24,550	22,867	24,329
Arkansas.....	21,414	20,011	20,908	21,804	21,360	21,026
Delaware .....	4,484	4,239	4,186	4,560	4,421	4,315
Florida.....	1,623	1,335	1,341	1,277	1,397	1,215
Georgia.....	26,389	26,563	26,486	25,785	26,650	26,249
Kentucky.....	5,562	6,034	5,813	5,844	5,834	5,758
Louisiana .....	2,912	2,908	2,891	2,942	2,931	2,793
Maryland.....	6,577	6,166	6,163	6,269	5,982	6,243
Mississippi .....	13,110	13,559	13,388	14,106	14,084	14,104
Missouri .....	5,720	6,592	5,368	5,433	5,298	5,896
North Carolina.....	19,913	19,453	19,507	20,870	20,443	20,684
Oklahoma .....	3,017	4,001	1,803	3,153	3,306	4,191
Pennsylvania .....	4,746	5,043	5,398	4,439	5,032	5,158
South Carolina .....	4,171	4,889	4,537	4,513	4,202	4,447
Texas.....	14,844	14,481	14,521	15,018	15,565	14,583
Virginia.....	5,209	5,020	5,144	4,869	5,234	5,181
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,020	14,248	13,245	14,338	14,118	13,947
Other States.....	8,733	9,171	9,046	9,082	9,065	9,072
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