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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 6 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 7, 2024, up 6 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 35.6 million eggs during the week ending December 7, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.1 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 December 7, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through December 7, 2024 for the United States were 9.26 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.4 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 7, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.9 million chicks, down 3 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	33,069	33,939	35,086	34,079	35,523	35,601	104
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	100
Georgia .....	33,554	33,135	33,988	34,562	34,569	35,058	100
South Carolina....	6,030	5,584	6,211	6,110	6,449	6,433	108
United States .....	241,334	241,302	248,207	245,862	250,136	249,821	106

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), December 11, 2024

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Alabama .....	24,951	24,322	24,522	22,867	24,343	24,430	102
Florida .....	1,335	1,341	1,277	1,397	1,240	1,325	115
Georgia .....	26,563	26,486	25,785	26,650	26,070	26,932	97
South Carolina....	4,889	4,537	4,513	4,202	4,415	5,030	99
United States .....	187,036	184,067	188,824	187,789	188,814	192,965	103

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Alabama .....	33,069	33,939	35,086	34,079	35,523	35,601
Arkansas.....	25,068	25,631	25,694	25,182	25,771	25,599
Delaware .....	5,256	5,252	5,257	5,250	5,430	5,442
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222
Georgia.....	33,554	33,135	33,988	34,562	34,569	35,058
Kentucky.....	7,756	7,960	8,257	8,140	8,190	7,964
Louisiana .....	3,484	3,367	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,653
Maryland.....	8,095	8,094	8,092	8,094	8,095	8,095
Mississippi .....	16,749	17,764	17,719	17,676	18,107	18,106
Missouri .....	8,442	9,161	9,157	8,805	9,201	9,157
North Carolina.....	25,310	25,748	26,305	26,237	26,147	25,869
Oklahoma .....	5,840	5,142	5,770	5,935	6,182	6,187
Pennsylvania .....	7,835	7,977	8,326	8,068	8,053	8,446
South Carolina .....	6,030	5,584	6,211	6,110	6,449	6,433
Texas.....	20,076	18,342	19,888	19,183	20,134	19,937
Virginia.....	5,688	5,682	5,727	5,727	5,727	5,362
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	16,154	15,622	15,982	15,845	15,683	15,715
Other States.....	11,703	11,677	11,868	12,091	11,995	11,975
United States .....	241,334	241,302	248,207	245,862	250,136	249,821

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Alabama .....	24,951	24,322	24,522	22,867	24,343	24,430
Arkansas.....	18,412	20,908	21,804	21,360	21,018	21,421
Delaware .....	4,239	4,186	4,560	4,421	4,315	4,199
Florida.....	1,335	1,341	1,277	1,397	1,240	1,325
Georgia.....	26,563	26,486	25,785	26,650	26,070	26,932
Kentucky.....	6,034	5,813	5,844	5,834	5,758	6,133
Louisiana .....	2,908	2,891	2,942	2,931	2,861	3,092
Maryland.....	6,166	6,163	6,269	5,982	6,193	6,438
Mississippi .....	13,559	13,388	14,106	14,084	14,104	14,106
Missouri .....	6,592	5,368	5,433	5,298	5,896	5,734
North Carolina.....	19,453	19,507	20,870	20,443	20,535	21,107
Oklahoma .....	3,972	1,803	3,153	3,306	4,191	4,328
Pennsylvania .....	5,043	5,398	4,439	5,032	5,158	5,441
South Carolina .....	4,889	4,537	4,513	4,202	4,415	5,030
Texas.....	14,481	14,521	15,018	15,565	14,463	15,227
Virginia.....	5,020	5,144	4,869	5,234	5,181	5,079
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,248	13,245	14,338	14,118	14,001	13,697
Other States.....	9,171	9,046	9,082	9,065	9,072	9,246
United States .....	187,036	184,067	188,824	187,789	188,814	192,965

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