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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 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 14, 2024, up 3 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 34.7 million eggs during the week ending December 14, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.6 million eggs during the same week, down 4 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 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through December 14, 2024 for the United States were 9.46 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.5 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.6 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 9, 2024	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	33,939	35,148	35,016	35,583	34,733	34,717	102
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,222	100
Georgia .....	33,135	34,514	34,696	34,569	33,998	34,625	96
South Carolina....	5,584	6,211	6,110	5,939	5,733	5,735	92
United States .....	241,102	248,500	248,280	249,686	245,348	247,104	103

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Alabama .....	24,322	24,522	24,100	24,321	24,405	24,534	100
Florida .....	1,341	1,277	1,397	1,240	1,290	1,194	104
Georgia .....	26,486	25,785	26,650	26,070	27,316	27,607	96
South Carolina....	4,537	4,513	4,202	4,215	4,973	5,096	111
United States .....	184,087	188,824	188,138	188,764	193,734	193,522	103

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Alabama .....	33,939	35,148	35,016	35,583	34,733	34,717
Arkansas.....	25,631	25,843	26,030	25,771	25,690	25,906
Delaware .....	5,252	5,257	5,250	5,430	5,442	5,436
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,222
Georgia.....	33,135	34,514	34,696	34,569	33,998	34,625
Kentucky.....	7,960	8,083	8,172	8,190	7,896	8,100
Louisiana .....	3,367	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,653	3,624
Maryland.....	8,094	8,092	8,094	8,095	8,095	8,094
Mississippi .....	17,764	17,749	18,081	18,107	18,111	18,081
Missouri .....	9,161	9,157	8,682	9,201	9,157	8,624
North Carolina.....	25,748	26,197	26,233	26,147	25,841	26,172
Oklahoma .....	5,142	5,770	5,965	6,182	5,199	5,770
Pennsylvania .....	7,977	8,326	8,068	8,053	8,411	8,248
South Carolina .....	5,584	6,211	6,110	5,939	5,733	5,735
Texas.....	18,342	19,925	19,500	20,134	19,181	19,307
Virginia.....	5,682	5,727	5,727	5,727	5,362	5,719
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	15,622	15,753	15,687	15,683	15,712	15,809
Other States.....	11,477	11,868	12,091	11,995	11,912	11,915
United States .....	241,102	248,500	248,280	249,686	245,348	247,104

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Alabama .....	24,322	24,522	24,100	24,321	24,405	24,534
Arkansas.....	20,908	21,804	21,382	21,079	21,414	21,381
Delaware .....	4,186	4,560	4,221	4,315	4,199	5,184
Florida.....	1,341	1,277	1,397	1,240	1,290	1,194
Georgia.....	26,486	25,785	26,650	26,070	27,316	27,607
Kentucky.....	5,813	5,844	5,834	5,758	6,034	6,343
Louisiana .....	2,891	2,942	2,931	2,861	3,092	3,093
Maryland.....	6,163	6,269	6,022	6,193	6,491	6,305
Mississippi .....	13,388	14,106	13,326	14,215	14,469	14,837
Missouri .....	5,368	5,433	5,298	5,896	5,734	5,134
North Carolina.....	19,507	20,870	20,443	20,535	21,150	20,048
Oklahoma .....	1,803	3,153	3,306	4,191	4,328	4,777
Pennsylvania .....	5,398	4,439	5,032	5,158	5,487	5,222
South Carolina .....	4,537	4,513	4,202	4,215	4,973	5,096
Texas.....	14,521	15,018	15,565	14,463	15,247	15,257
Virginia.....	5,144	4,869	5,234	5,181	4,812	4,532
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,245	14,338	14,118	14,001	14,043	13,614
Other States.....	9,066	9,082	9,077	9,072	9,250	9,364
United States .....	184,087	188,824	188,138	188,764	193,734	193,522

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