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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 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 21, 2024, up 4 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 35.5 million eggs during the week ending December 21, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.2 million eggs during the same week, down 3 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 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through December 21, 2024 for the United States were 9.65 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.1 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.9 million chicks, down 6 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	35,148	35,016	35,506	34,733	34,717	35,464	103
Florida .....	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,222	1,225	100
Georgia .....	34,643	34,945	34,814	33,998	34,625	35,212	97
South Carolina....	6,211	6,110	5,939	5,733	5,735	6,089	98
United States .....	248,629	248,755	250,055	245,348	247,196	249,810	104

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Alabama .....	24,522	24,100	24,321	24,405	24,659	25,084	102
Florida .....	1,277	1,397	1,240	1,290	1,194	1,310	113
Georgia .....	26,094	26,959	26,379	27,716	27,218	26,927	94
South Carolina....	4,513	4,202	4,415	4,973	6,096	5,142	122
United States .....	189,133	188,295	189,273	194,034	194,149	194,125	102

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Alabama .....	35,148	35,016	35,506	34,733	34,717	35,464
Arkansas.....	25,843	26,030	26,154	25,690	25,906	26,263
Delaware .....	5,257	5,250	5,430	5,442	5,436	5,437
Florida.....	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,222	1,225
Georgia.....	34,643	34,945	34,814	33,998	34,625	35,212
Kentucky.....	8,083	7,878	8,090	7,896	7,806	8,016
Louisiana .....	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,653	3,624	3,624
Maryland.....	8,092	8,094	8,095	8,095	8,094	8,094
Mississippi .....	17,749	18,142	18,107	18,111	18,081	18,066
Missouri .....	9,157	9,271	9,201	9,157	9,143	9,114
North Carolina.....	26,197	26,264	26,216	25,841	26,172	26,112
Oklahoma .....	5,770	5,965	6,182	5,199	5,770	6,022
Pennsylvania .....	8,326	8,068	8,032	8,411	8,248	8,138
South Carolina .....	6,211	6,110	5,939	5,733	5,735	6,089
Texas.....	19,925	19,500	20,104	19,181	19,307	19,521
Virginia.....	5,727	5,727	5,727	5,362	5,719	5,668
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	15,753	15,526	15,583	15,712	15,676	15,896
Other States.....	11,868	12,091	11,995	11,912	11,915	11,849
United States .....	248,629	248,755	250,055	245,348	247,196	249,810

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Alabama .....	24,522	24,100	24,321	24,405	24,659	25,084
Arkansas.....	21,804	21,382	21,079	21,414	22,097	21,363
Delaware .....	4,560	4,421	4,315	4,199	5,481	4,223
Florida.....	1,277	1,397	1,240	1,290	1,194	1,310
Georgia.....	26,094	26,959	26,379	27,716	27,218	26,927
Kentucky.....	5,844	5,834	5,758	6,034	6,041	5,874
Louisiana .....	2,942	2,931	2,861	3,092	3,093	3,065
Maryland.....	6,269	5,982	6,193	6,491	6,094	6,242
Mississippi .....	14,106	13,026	14,215	14,469	14,689	14,579
Missouri .....	5,433	5,298	5,896	5,734	5,655	6,296
North Carolina.....	20,870	20,443	20,535	21,050	20,079	20,824
Oklahoma .....	3,153	3,306	4,191	4,328	3,961	4,005
Pennsylvania .....	4,439	5,032	5,158	5,487	5,222	5,290
South Carolina .....	4,513	4,202	4,415	4,973	6,096	5,142
Texas.....	15,018	15,565	14,463	15,247	15,373	15,345
Virginia.....	4,869	5,234	5,181	4,812	4,503	5,335
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,338	14,118	14,001	14,043	13,320	13,834
Other States.....	9,082	9,065	9,072	9,250	9,374	9,387
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