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# Southern Region News Release

## 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 Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 1, 2022, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.2 million eggs during the week ending January 1, 2022, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.1 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 1, 2022, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through January 1, 2022 for the United States were 9.64 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 1, 2022, down 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.6 million chicks, down 1 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021 and 2022

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	November 27, 2021	December 4, 2021	December 11, 2021	December 18, 2021	December 25, 2021	January 1, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	34,349	33,984	34,098	34,010	34,016	34,227	103
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,194	1,194	99
Georgia .....	35,369	34,882	34,447	35,032	35,214	35,124	102
South Carolina....	5,536	5,274	4,808	5,126	5,630	5,011	88
United States .....	242,318	240,848	238,914	237,478	238,478	236,267	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), January 5, 2022

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Alabama .....	22,372	23,139	23,417	24,414	23,877	23,721	97
Florida .....	1,334	1,364	1,327	1,243	1,016	1,138	96
Georgia .....	25,654	27,397	27,373	27,056	26,611	26,624	99
South Carolina....	4,775	4,475	4,156	4,494	5,259	3,433	69
United States .....	182,825	187,111	188,520	187,305	186,416	184,985	98

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Alabama .....	34,349	33,984	34,098	34,010	34,016	34,227
Arkansas .....	24,916	24,589	24,451	24,800	24,707	24,665
Delaware .....	4,911	4,723	4,724	4,844	4,845	4,657
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,194	1,194
Georgia .....	35,369	34,882	34,447	35,032	35,214	35,124
Kentucky .....	7,600	7,638	7,410	5,199	5,199	5,021
Louisiana .....	3,260	3,290	3,320	2,791	3,289	3,288
Maryland .....	7,975	7,977	7,974	7,974	7,977	7,968
Mississippi .....	16,748	16,915	16,960	16,909	16,765	16,315
Missouri .....	9,528	9,413	9,395	9,387	9,206	9,206
North Carolina .....	25,360	24,870	25,498	25,362	25,270	24,932
Oklahoma .....	7,388	7,655	7,448	7,687	7,882	7,681
Pennsylvania .....	6,684	6,982	6,972	6,821	6,695	6,621
South Carolina .....	5,536	5,274	4,808	5,126	5,630	5,011
Texas .....	18,817	18,816	18,502	18,661	18,589	18,467
Virginia .....	6,674	6,732	6,691	6,526	6,489	6,467
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,406	13,620	12,723	12,940	13,233	13,198
Other States .....	12,572	12,263	12,268	12,184	12,278	12,225
United States .....	242,318	240,848	238,914	237,478	238,478	236,267
Percent of previous year .....	102	106	101	99	101	100

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Alabama .....	22,372	23,139	23,417	24,414	23,877	23,721
Arkansas .....	21,314	22,053	22,061	22,421	22,253	21,382
Delaware .....	4,349	5,927	4,886	4,230	4,508	4,581
Florida .....	1,334	1,364	1,327	1,243	1,016	1,138
Georgia .....	25,654	27,397	27,373	27,056	26,611	26,624
Kentucky .....	6,166	6,080	6,536	3,645	3,847	4,289
Louisiana .....	2,463	2,684	2,685	2,780	2,736	2,817
Maryland .....	6,021	5,096	5,989	5,917	5,591	5,603
Mississippi .....	13,396	12,781	14,004	13,927	13,977	14,064
Missouri .....	5,762	6,616	7,087	7,468	6,287	6,334
North Carolina .....	19,631	20,261	20,259	20,377	19,401	20,106
Oklahoma .....	4,744	3,821	3,681	2,989	4,122	4,597
Pennsylvania .....	5,077	5,070	5,064	4,971	5,085	5,068
South Carolina .....	4,775	4,475	4,156	4,494	5,259	3,433
Texas .....	13,723	14,222	14,802	14,580	14,478	14,583
Virginia .....	5,679	5,569	5,228	5,654	5,953	6,066
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,931	11,154	10,540	11,527	12,163	11,430
Other States .....	9,434	9,402	9,425	9,612	9,252	9,149
United States .....	182,825	187,111	188,520	187,305	186,416	184,985
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	100	98	102	98

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