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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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 12, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.8 million eggs during the week ending March 12, 2022, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.3 million eggs during the same week, up 1 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 12, 2022, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through March 12, 2022 for the United States were 1.85 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 12, 2022, up 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.0 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	February 5, 2022	February 12, 2022	February 19, 2022	February 26, 2022	March 5, 2022	March 12, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,351	34,660	34,752	34,306	34,763	34,840	103
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	99
Georgia	35,055	34,972	35,124	35,353	35,162	35,264	101
South Carolina....	5,590	5,531	5,457	5,599	5,557	5,373	91
United States.....	239,181	239,841	239,621	238,935	240,849	240,630	101

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Alabama	23,732	23,754	23,821	24,180	25,362	25,296	106
Florida	1,210	1,123	1,142	1,212	1,216	1,121	82
Georgia	27,062	28,081	27,071	25,373	24,520	25,009	95
South Carolina....	4,257	4,552	3,829	5,322	5,204	4,232	79
United States.....	185,622	184,588	185,895	185,561	185,948	186,544	102

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Alabama	34,351	34,660	34,752	34,306	34,763	34,840
Arkansas.....	24,857	24,662	24,662	24,368	24,849	24,282
Delaware	4,760	4,790	4,973	5,175	4,890	4,880
Florida.....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia.....	35,055	34,972	35,124	35,353	35,162	35,264
Kentucky.....	5,566	5,341	5,670	5,320	5,529	5,447
Louisiana	3,275	3,175	3,290	3,199	3,078	3,063
Maryland.....	7,792	7,992	7,333	7,837	7,881	7,902
Mississippi	16,807	16,792	16,735	16,578	16,686	16,569
Missouri	9,256	9,605	9,600	9,598	9,605	9,605
North Carolina.....	24,878	25,106	25,194	24,700	26,155	26,262
Oklahoma	7,559	7,622	7,494	7,761	7,658	7,628
Pennsylvania	6,663	6,508	6,497	6,619	6,591	6,576
South Carolina	5,590	5,531	5,457	5,599	5,557	5,373
Texas.....	18,913	19,089	19,122	19,283	19,330	19,039
Virginia.....	6,702	6,807	6,831	6,801	6,827	6,831
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,336	13,452	13,254	12,929	12,932	12,984
Other States.....	12,627	12,543	12,439	12,315	12,162	12,891
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Alabama	23,732	23,754	23,821	24,180	25,362	25,296
Arkansas.....	21,898	21,823	21,252	21,554	21,245	21,568
Delaware	4,920	5,102	5,854	4,348	4,312	4,746
Florida.....	1,210	1,123	1,142	1,212	1,216	1,121
Georgia.....	27,062	28,081	27,071	25,373	24,520	25,009
Kentucky.....	4,032	4,163	4,328	4,269	3,980	4,250
Louisiana	2,681	2,672	2,699	2,677	2,653	2,696
Maryland.....	6,284	5,311	5,154	6,004	6,150	5,048
Mississippi	13,401	13,185	13,747	13,799	13,804	13,849
Missouri	7,156	6,371	6,104	6,325	6,768	6,162
North Carolina.....	20,437	19,449	20,237	19,480	19,563	20,460
Oklahoma	3,623	4,348	4,708	4,649	4,482	4,910
Pennsylvania	4,229	4,093	4,055	4,472	4,255	4,287
South Carolina	4,257	4,552	3,829	5,322	5,204	4,232
Texas.....	14,441	14,254	14,866	14,754	14,819	14,923
Virginia.....	5,642	5,486	5,487	5,627	5,530	5,770
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,269	11,403	12,096	11,982	12,572	12,812
Other States.....	9,348	9,418	9,445	9,534	9,513	9,405
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