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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 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 14, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.1 million eggs during the week ending May 14, 2022, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.9 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2022, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through May 14, 2022 for the United States were 3.54 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2022, up 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.9 million chicks, down 2 percent from a year ago.

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

| State | Week ending | | | | | | Percent of previous year (percent) |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| | April 9, 2022 | April 16, 2022 | April 23, 2022 | April 30, 2022 | May 7, 2022 | May 14, 2022 | |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | |
| Alabama | 34,398 | 34,750 | 34,906 | 35,104 | 34,312 | 34,093 | 102 |
| Florida | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 99 |
| Georgia | 34,970 | 35,294 | 34,973 | 35,086 | 35,284 | 34,939 | 102 |
| South Carolina.... | 5,645 | 5,550 | 5,542 | 5,483 | 5,532 | 5,564 | 94 |
| United States..... | 239,173 | 239,192 | 239,815 | 241,939 | 240,575 | 241,857 | 101 |

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| Alabama | 24,538 | 24,673 | 25,476 | 25,378 | 25,043 | 25,601 | 106 |
| Florida | 1,311 | 1,311 | 1,426 | 1,436 | 1,332 | 1,330 | 98 |
| Georgia | 27,303 | 26,721 | 25,277 | 25,330 | 26,905 | 25,856 | 98 |
| South Carolina.... | 3,752 | 4,813 | 4,666 | 4,337 | 4,908 | 4,557 | 93 |
| United States..... | 187,753 | 187,472 | 187,887 | 187,245 | 187,043 | 188,306 | 100 |

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| Arkansas..... | 24,903 | 24,909 | 24,569 | 24,561 | 24,526 | 24,724 |
| Delaware | 4,762 | 4,724 | 4,561 | 4,964 | 4,723 | 5,025 |
| Florida..... | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 | 1,194 |
| Georgia..... | 34,970 | 35,294 | 34,973 | 35,086 | 35,284 | 34,939 |
| Kentucky..... | 5,448 | 5,617 | 5,669 | 7,022 | 6,509 | 6,522 |
| Louisiana | 3,320 | 3,290 | 3,290 | 3,351 | 3,380 | 3,344 |
| Maryland..... | 7,976 | 8,007 | 8,006 | 8,007 | 8,000 | 8,007 |
| Mississippi | 16,698 | 15,562 | 15,545 | 16,103 | 17,254 | 17,486 |
| Missouri | 9,248 | 9,561 | 9,648 | 9,648 | 9,648 | 9,438 |
| North Carolina..... | 25,127 | 25,820 | 25,995 | 26,202 | 25,744 | 25,858 |
| Oklahoma | 7,561 | 7,601 | 7,673 | 7,626 | 7,427 | 7,498 |
| Pennsylvania | 6,642 | 6,603 | 6,471 | 6,427 | 6,439 | 6,595 |
| South Carolina | 5,645 | 5,550 | 5,542 | 5,483 | 5,532 | 5,564 |
| Texas..... | 18,735 | 18,832 | 19,115 | 19,197 | 18,870 | 18,912 |
| Virginia..... | 6,816 | 6,820 | 6,820 | 6,816 | 6,665 | 6,820 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia..... | 13,006 | 12,978 | 13,079 | 12,733 | 12,840 | 13,165 |
| Other States..... | 12,724 | 12,080 | 12,759 | 12,415 | 12,228 | 12,673 |
| United States | 239,173 | 239,192 | 239,815 | 241,939 | 240,575 | 241,857 |

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| Alabama | 24,538 | 24,673 | 25,476 | 25,378 | 25,043 | 25,601 |
| Arkansas..... | 21,015 | 21,734 | 21,961 | 21,349 | 22,553 | 21,514 |
| Delaware | 4,557 | 4,069 | 4,640 | 4,647 | 5,957 | 5,018 |
| Florida..... | 1,311 | 1,311 | 1,426 | 1,436 | 1,332 | 1,330 |
| Georgia..... | 27,303 | 26,721 | 25,277 | 25,330 | 26,905 | 25,856 |
| Kentucky..... | 4,771 | 4,785 | 4,724 | 4,862 | 5,052 | 5,203 |
| Louisiana | 2,673 | 2,713 | 2,715 | 2,774 | 2,757 | 2,739 |
| Maryland..... | 5,866 | 6,346 | 6,079 | 5,310 | 4,840 | 5,407 |
| Mississippi | 13,501 | 13,657 | 13,732 | 13,685 | 12,770 | 12,406 |
| Missouri | 5,957 | 6,161 | 5,872 | 6,050 | 6,080 | 6,539 |
| North Carolina..... | 21,401 | 20,076 | 20,357 | 20,176 | 20,156 | 20,735 |
| Oklahoma | 5,323 | 5,104 | 5,213 | 5,456 | 4,302 | 4,354 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,432 | 4,405 | 4,202 | 4,365 | 4,465 | 4,455 |
| South Carolina | 3,752 | 4,813 | 4,666 | 4,337 | 4,908 | 4,557 |
| Texas..... | 14,814 | 14,809 | 14,802 | 14,598 | 14,830 | 15,437 |
| Virginia..... | 5,509 | 5,754 | 5,861 | 6,314 | 5,703 | 6,095 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia..... | 11,414 | 10,963 | 11,649 | 11,376 | 10,179 | 11,342 |
| Other States..... | 9,616 | 9,378 | 9,235 | 9,802 | 9,211 | 9,718 |
| United States | 187,753 | 187,472 | 187,887 | 187,245 | 187,043 | 188,306 |

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