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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.

December 7, 2022

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### Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 3, 2022, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.0 million eggs during the week ending December 3, 2022, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.9 million eggs during the same week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 3, 2022, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through December 3, 2022 for the United States were 9.03 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 25.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 3, 2022, up 12 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 24.8 million chicks, down 10 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	October 29, 2022	November 5, 2022	November 12, 2022	November 19, 2022	November 26, 2022	December 3, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	33,710	33,396	34,242	34,126	33,726	34,956	103
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	33,962	34,157	35,515	35,923	35,628	35,937	103
South Carolina....	5,427	5,641	5,770	5,980	5,907	5,810	110
United States .....	235,002	233,365	238,231	240,558	237,885	240,865	100

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Alabama .....	25,103	23,349	24,248	24,304	23,952	25,822	112
Florida .....	1,329	1,342	1,328	1,329	1,332	1,331	98
Georgia .....	26,858	26,946	26,744	26,160	25,439	24,779	90
South Carolina....	4,485	5,312	5,125	4,352	4,109	4,989	111
United States .....	184,353	186,866	185,699	183,528	182,695	186,991	100

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Alabama .....	33,710	33,396	34,242	34,126	33,726	34,956
Arkansas.....	23,885	24,152	24,698	24,401	24,346	24,328
Delaware .....	4,939	5,180	5,148	5,123	5,215	5,233
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	33,962	34,157	35,515	35,923	35,628	35,937
Kentucky.....	6,917	6,407	6,131	6,285	6,043	6,115
Louisiana .....	3,396	3,516	3,214	3,516	3,516	3,516
Maryland.....	7,869	8,004	8,005	8,002	8,005	8,003
Mississippi .....	15,705	15,860	15,660	16,659	16,344	16,162
Missouri .....	8,573	9,033	9,926	9,905	9,954	9,813
North Carolina.....	23,690	23,717	23,831	25,359	24,811	25,003
Oklahoma .....	7,088	7,375	7,336	7,732	7,279	7,307
Pennsylvania .....	6,374	6,893	6,966	6,920	6,915	6,902
South Carolina .....	5,427	5,641	5,770	5,980	5,907	5,810
Texas.....	19,433	16,927	18,231	18,217	17,586	18,395
Virginia.....	6,538	6,050	6,449	4,667	5,128	6,388
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,140	12,997	13,041	13,694	13,491	12,926
Other States.....	13,131	12,835	12,843	12,824	12,766	12,846
United States .....	235,002	233,365	238,231	240,558	237,885	240,865

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Alabama .....	25,103	23,349	24,248	24,304	23,952	25,822
Arkansas.....	20,698	20,962	20,859	21,152	21,235	20,982
Delaware .....	4,702	5,308	5,185	4,684	4,793	4,517
Florida.....	1,329	1,342	1,328	1,329	1,332	1,331
Georgia.....	26,858	26,946	26,744	26,160	25,439	24,779
Kentucky.....	5,600	5,102	5,520	5,817	5,016	5,683
Louisiana .....	2,676	2,786	3,002	2,953	2,862	2,705
Maryland.....	4,998	4,792	4,806	5,307	7,054	5,640
Mississippi .....	12,864	13,159	13,493	13,202	13,444	13,336
Missouri .....	7,329	6,981	6,198	5,494	5,002	6,913
North Carolina.....	18,077	19,311	19,387	19,177	19,093	19,652
Oklahoma .....	3,871	4,639	4,480	3,954	5,700	4,767
Pennsylvania .....	4,694	4,724	4,663	4,422	4,741	4,766
South Carolina .....	4,485	5,312	5,125	4,352	4,109	4,989
Texas.....	14,207	14,911	14,148	15,308	13,483	14,222
Virginia.....	6,133	6,336	6,384	5,980	4,302	6,079
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,401	11,482	10,855	10,639	11,445	11,313
Other States.....	9,328	9,424	9,274	9,294	9,693	9,495
United States .....	184,353	186,866	185,699	183,528	182,695	186,991

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