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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 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 24, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.0 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 December 24, 2022, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.8 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 24, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through December 24, 2022 for the United States were 9.60 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.9 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 24, 2022, up 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 million chicks, up 4 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 19, 2022	November 26, 2022	December 3, 2022	December 10, 2022	December 17, 2022	December 24, 2022	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,721	34,584	34,863	34,663	34,444	34,152	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,923	35,468	35,860	35,862	35,676	35,813	102
South Carolina....	5,980	5,907	6,043	5,786	6,042	5,848	104
United States	241,659	239,439	240,765	240,187	240,309	239,686	101

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Alabama	24,304	24,262	25,809	24,822	25,271	24,931	104
Florida	1,329	1,332	1,331	1,292	1,315	1,230	121
Georgia	26,160	25,439	24,884	27,473	27,183	27,775	104
South Carolina....	4,394	4,159	5,037	4,473	5,295	4,811	91
United States	183,550	183,023	187,059	190,187	188,121	188,178	101

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Alabama	34,721	34,584	34,863	34,663	34,444	34,152
Arkansas.....	24,401	24,346	24,328	24,195	24,383	24,443
Delaware	5,123	5,215	5,354	5,271	5,166	5,206
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,923	35,468	35,860	35,862	35,676	35,813
Kentucky.....	6,802	6,564	6,115	5,943	6,053	6,274
Louisiana	3,516	3,516	3,516	3,350	3,380	3,426
Maryland.....	8,002	8,005	8,003	8,005	8,001	8,066
Mississippi	16,659	16,344	16,172	16,432	16,341	16,054
Missouri	9,905	9,954	9,813	9,813	9,812	9,761
North Carolina.....	25,359	24,811	25,003	24,389	24,767	25,032
Oklahoma	7,732	7,279	7,326	7,697	7,482	7,488
Pennsylvania	6,909	6,934	6,848	6,646	6,724	6,682
South Carolina	5,980	5,907	6,043	5,786	6,042	5,848
Texas.....	18,217	17,902	18,395	18,506	18,415	18,128
Virginia.....	4,667	5,128	6,388	6,286	6,394	6,294
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,694	13,491	12,770	13,412	13,260	13,204
Other States.....	12,824	12,766	12,743	12,706	12,744	12,590
United States	241,659	239,439	240,765	240,187	240,309	239,686

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Alabama	24,304	24,262	25,809	24,822	25,271	24,931
Arkansas.....	21,152	21,235	20,966	22,391	21,536	21,159
Delaware	4,684	4,793	4,511	4,469	5,435	4,821
Florida.....	1,329	1,332	1,331	1,292	1,315	1,230
Georgia.....	26,160	25,439	24,884	27,473	27,183	27,775
Kentucky.....	5,817	5,016	5,545	6,371	6,224	6,233
Louisiana	2,953	2,862	2,705	2,966	2,927	2,937
Maryland.....	5,307	7,054	5,866	7,164	5,501	6,345
Mississippi	13,202	13,444	13,223	13,881	13,675	13,403
Missouri	5,494	5,002	6,913	6,377	6,711	7,183
North Carolina.....	19,177	19,093	19,548	19,638	18,664	18,708
Oklahoma	3,954	5,711	4,767	4,097	3,956	3,577
Pennsylvania	4,412	4,740	4,763	4,773	4,769	4,741
South Carolina	4,394	4,159	5,037	4,473	5,295	4,811
Texas.....	15,308	13,483	14,268	14,499	14,159	14,565
Virginia.....	5,979	4,301	6,081	3,761	4,367	5,556
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	10,639	11,445	11,373	12,275	11,735	10,835
Other States.....	9,285	9,652	9,469	9,465	9,398	9,368
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