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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 Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 10, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.9 million eggs during the week ending February 10, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.2 million eggs during the same week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 2024, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through February 10, 2024 for the United States were 1.12 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.4 million chicks, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	January 6, 2024	January 13, 2024	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,128	34,534	34,788	34,274	34,782	34,899	101
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,184	35,635	35,803	35,612	36,206	36,188	102
South Carolina....	6,161	6,218	6,188	6,121	6,016	6,290	110
United States	237,598	240,130	239,354	240,177	241,973	241,541	100

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Alabama	23,781	25,247	24,456	24,358	24,605	24,273	102
Florida	1,354	1,320	881	1,239	1,229	962	76
Georgia	27,151	27,282	28,451	26,983	27,785	28,431	99
South Carolina....	5,183	4,826	4,407	5,045	4,707	5,079	104
United States	187,568	187,117	185,913	185,641	185,996	185,477	99

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Alabama	34,128	34,534	34,788	34,274	34,782	34,899
Arkansas.....	24,931	24,834	24,930	24,781	24,449	24,606
Delaware	5,023	5,165	5,222	5,495	5,483	5,465
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,184	35,635	35,803	35,612	36,206	36,188
Kentucky.....	6,942	7,027	6,778	6,779	6,853	6,791
Louisiana	3,532	3,516	3,396	3,594	3,562	3,557
Maryland.....	7,979	7,977	7,977	7,978	8,065	8,065
Mississippi	17,394	17,394	17,367	17,231	17,200	17,262
Missouri	8,496	8,503	8,552	8,593	8,574	8,586
North Carolina.....	24,885	25,124	24,767	24,644	25,434	25,243
Oklahoma	5,018	4,971	5,189	5,950	5,456	5,467
Pennsylvania	8,086	7,742	7,797	8,055	7,460	7,687
South Carolina	6,161	6,218	6,188	6,121	6,016	6,290
Texas.....	17,561	18,492	18,316	18,931	19,609	18,860
Virginia.....	5,824	5,797	5,756	5,701	5,578	5,594
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,048	13,647	13,275	13,216	13,781	13,896
Other States.....	12,181	12,329	12,028	11,997	12,240	11,860
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Alabama	23,781	25,247	24,456	24,358	24,605	24,273
Arkansas.....	21,321	21,650	22,073	21,218	20,162	20,989
Delaware	4,561	4,414	4,955	5,304	6,003	6,124
Florida.....	1,354	1,320	881	1,239	1,229	962
Georgia.....	27,151	27,282	28,451	26,983	27,785	28,431
Kentucky.....	5,659	5,099	5,316	5,417	5,400	5,405
Louisiana	2,890	2,735	2,680	2,889	2,898	2,751
Maryland.....	4,901	5,460	4,886	5,562	4,603	4,683
Mississippi	13,528	13,564	13,424	13,588	13,588	13,403
Missouri	5,269	5,286	5,706	5,285	5,202	4,928
North Carolina.....	20,521	20,251	19,759	19,507	19,551	19,253
Oklahoma	3,814	2,766	2,144	3,281	3,834	3,885
Pennsylvania	4,944	4,854	4,983	5,567	4,963	5,041
South Carolina	5,183	4,826	4,407	5,045	4,707	5,079
Texas.....	14,642	14,784	14,481	13,751	14,548	14,377
Virginia.....	6,725	6,358	6,256	4,803	5,681	5,286
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,029	11,882	11,869	12,449	11,937	11,530
Other States.....	9,295	9,339	9,186	9,395	9,300	9,077
United States	187,568	187,117	185,913	185,641	185,996	185,477

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