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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 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 24, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.1 million eggs during the week ending February 24, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.2 million eggs during the same week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through February 24, 2024 for the United States were 1.49 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.5 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.0 million chicks, up 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 20, 2024	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,788	34,787	34,979	34,899	35,091	35,056	101
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	35,803	35,892	36,225	36,050	36,244	36,249	103
South Carolina....	6,188	6,121	6,016	6,290	6,252	6,163	104
United States .....	239,229	239,519	242,315	241,709	243,629	244,604	102

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Alabama .....	24,456	24,358	24,605	24,273	24,080	24,498	102
Florida .....	881	1,239	1,229	962	1,105	1,327	108
Georgia .....	28,451	26,983	27,785	28,488	27,940	27,990	101
South Carolina....	4,407	5,045	4,707	4,835	4,475	4,695	101
United States .....	185,913	185,412	185,996	185,459	185,071	186,718	100

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Alabama .....	34,788	34,787	34,979	34,899	35,091	35,056
Arkansas.....	24,930	24,808	24,507	24,606	24,969	25,325
Delaware .....	5,409	5,495	5,483	5,566	5,618	5,515
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,803	35,892	36,225	36,050	36,244	36,249
Kentucky.....	6,778	6,795	6,853	6,788	7,153	7,905
Louisiana .....	3,396	3,594	3,562	3,557	3,503	3,471
Maryland.....	8,065	8,066	8,065	8,066	8,066	8,066
Mississippi .....	17,367	17,231	17,200	17,262	17,412	17,469
Missouri .....	8,552	8,456	8,656	8,586	8,607	8,797
North Carolina.....	24,767	24,583	25,283	25,195	24,893	25,333
Oklahoma .....	5,189	5,490	5,396	5,467	5,668	5,575
Pennsylvania .....	7,797	8,016	7,421	7,702	7,796	7,681
South Carolina .....	6,188	6,121	6,016	6,290	6,252	6,163
Texas.....	18,316	18,951	19,764	18,860	19,397	19,445
Virginia.....	5,756	5,701	5,578	5,594	5,667	5,667
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,275	12,783	13,862	14,103	13,732	13,482
Other States.....	11,628	11,525	12,240	11,893	12,336	12,180
United States .....	239,229	239,519	242,315	241,709	243,629	244,604

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Alabama .....	24,456	24,358	24,605	24,273	24,080	24,498
Arkansas.....	22,073	21,218	20,162	20,989	20,455	19,706
Delaware .....	4,955	5,304	6,003	4,520	5,226	5,229
Florida.....	881	1,239	1,229	962	1,105	1,327
Georgia.....	28,451	26,983	27,785	28,488	27,940	27,990
Kentucky.....	5,316	5,417	5,400	5,328	5,342	5,459
Louisiana .....	2,680	2,889	2,898	2,751	2,979	2,930
Maryland.....	4,886	5,562	4,603	6,219	6,152	5,487
Mississippi .....	13,424	13,588	13,588	13,385	13,431	13,327
Missouri .....	5,706	5,285	5,202	4,928	5,236	5,491
North Carolina.....	19,759	19,278	19,551	19,515	19,516	19,807
Oklahoma .....	2,144	3,281	3,834	3,885	3,773	4,329
Pennsylvania .....	4,983	5,567	4,963	4,939	5,062	4,638
South Carolina .....	4,407	5,045	4,707	4,835	4,475	4,695
Texas.....	14,481	13,751	14,548	14,377	14,928	15,322
Virginia.....	6,256	4,803	5,681	5,550	4,939	5,214
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,869	12,449	11,937	11,425	11,355	12,124
Other States.....	9,186	9,395	9,300	9,090	9,077	9,145
United States .....	185,913	185,412	185,996	185,459	185,071	186,718

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