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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 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 16, 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 March 16, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.4 million eggs during the same week, up 3 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 March 16, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through March 16, 2024 for the United States were 2.05 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 2024, down 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.0 million chicks, up 2 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama .....	34,899	35,122	35,133	35,260	34,318	35,124	102
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia .....	36,050	36,228	36,156	36,001	36,237	36,378	103
South Carolina....	6,290	6,252	6,088	6,082	5,970	6,332	104
United States .....	242,114	243,330	244,611	243,409	242,934	243,791	102

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Alabama .....	24,273	24,080	24,471	24,659	25,458	24,221	98
Florida .....	962	1,105	1,317	1,243	1,330	1,414	117
Georgia .....	28,488	27,940	28,018	26,914	26,697	28,036	102
South Carolina....	4,835	4,475	4,586	4,268	5,399	5,015	106
United States .....	185,459	185,071	185,785	187,022	188,207	187,749	101

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Alabama .....	34,899	35,122	35,133	35,260	34,318	35,124
Arkansas.....	24,606	24,990	25,655	25,193	25,096	24,774
Delaware .....	5,566	5,618	5,538	5,620	5,574	5,583
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,050	36,228	36,156	36,001	36,237	36,378
Kentucky.....	6,788	7,138	8,133	7,732	8,062	8,088
Louisiana .....	3,557	3,503	3,471	3,533	3,548	3,563
Maryland.....	8,066	8,066	8,061	8,050	8,063	8,062
Mississippi .....	17,262	17,412	17,469	17,458	17,296	17,396
Missouri .....	8,692	8,535	8,798	8,833	8,705	8,798
North Carolina.....	25,195	25,074	25,346	24,723	24,937	24,712
Oklahoma .....	5,467	5,698	5,426	5,338	5,125	4,891
Pennsylvania .....	7,702	7,822	7,659	7,900	7,935	7,803
South Carolina .....	6,290	6,252	6,088	6,082	5,970	6,332
Texas.....	19,268	19,352	19,312	19,311	19,376	19,376
Virginia.....	5,594	5,667	5,667	5,664	5,664	5,667
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,994	13,592	13,615	13,623	13,894	13,737
Other States.....	11,893	12,036	11,859	11,863	11,909	12,282
United States .....	242,114	243,330	244,611	243,409	242,934	243,791

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Alabama .....	24,273	24,080	24,471	24,659	25,458	24,221
Arkansas.....	20,989	20,455	19,927	20,713	21,554	21,267
Delaware .....	4,520	5,226	4,632	5,539	4,574	4,550
Florida.....	962	1,105	1,317	1,243	1,330	1,414
Georgia.....	28,488	27,940	28,018	26,914	26,697	28,036
Kentucky.....	5,328	5,342	5,376	5,352	5,600	5,943
Louisiana .....	2,751	2,979	2,930	2,888	2,836	2,820
Maryland.....	6,219	6,152	5,874	6,389	6,558	6,797
Mississippi .....	13,385	13,431	13,369	13,462	13,781	13,638
Missouri .....	4,928	5,236	5,491	5,476	5,425	5,522
North Carolina.....	19,515	19,516	19,794	20,367	19,729	19,349
Oklahoma .....	3,885	3,773	4,329	3,883	3,170	3,101
Pennsylvania .....	4,939	5,062	4,569	4,998	4,965	4,791
South Carolina .....	4,835	4,475	4,586	4,268	5,399	5,015
Texas.....	14,377	14,928	14,660	14,489	14,520	14,591
Virginia.....	5,550	4,939	5,288	4,665	5,128	5,139
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,425	11,355	12,280	12,819	12,339	12,527
Other States.....	9,090	9,077	8,874	8,898	9,144	9,028
United States .....	185,459	185,071	185,785	187,022	188,207	187,749

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