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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 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 13, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.9 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 April 13, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.1 million eggs during the same week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 13, 2024 for the United States were 2.81 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.2 million chicks, up slightly from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024	April 13, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	33,951	35,297	35,037	35,073	34,791	35,055	101
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,223	36,290	36,248	36,111	36,366	36,103	99
South Carolina....	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048	6,312	111
United States	244,472	246,437	246,226	244,446	244,509	246,921	102

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Alabama	25,485	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,495	24,162	102
Florida	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,253	1,239	96
Georgia	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,168	28,167	100
South Carolina....	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,722	5,122	101
United States	188,234	188,594	188,232	187,837	190,197	189,769	102

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Alabama	33,951	35,297	35,037	35,073	34,791	35,055
Arkansas.....	25,202	24,488	25,569	25,196	25,284	25,727
Delaware	5,574	5,583	5,559	5,573	5,489	5,544
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,223	36,290	36,248	36,111	36,366	36,103
Kentucky.....	7,967	8,085	8,141	7,777	8,105	8,128
Louisiana	3,548	3,563	3,624	3,624	3,624	3,655
Maryland.....	8,063	8,064	8,061	8,065	8,061	8,063
Mississippi	17,405	17,552	17,685	17,279	17,320	17,523
Missouri	8,861	8,957	8,944	8,373	8,981	8,990
North Carolina.....	25,239	25,257	25,191	25,143	24,690	25,742
Oklahoma	6,309	6,424	6,048	6,260	5,970	5,700
Pennsylvania	7,876	7,829	7,447	7,773	7,937	7,969
South Carolina	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048	6,312
Texas.....	19,391	19,346	19,185	19,186	19,275	19,284
Virginia.....	5,664	5,698	5,508	5,363	5,417	5,734
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,995	14,040	14,008	13,910	13,990	13,900
Other States.....	12,009	12,408	12,513	12,369	11,936	12,267
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Alabama	25,485	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,495	24,162
Arkansas.....	21,554	21,490	22,057	22,144	21,690	20,329
Delaware	4,574	5,070	4,830	5,017	5,719	5,191
Florida.....	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,253	1,239
Georgia.....	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,168	28,167
Kentucky.....	5,600	6,006	5,816	5,614	6,070	5,996
Louisiana	2,836	2,820	2,890	2,836	2,756	2,880
Maryland.....	6,558	6,352	5,984	5,383	5,796	5,437
Mississippi	13,781	13,638	13,434	13,272	13,681	13,491
Missouri	5,425	5,522	5,806	5,207	5,122	5,529
North Carolina.....	19,729	19,451	19,237	19,637	19,916	19,707
Oklahoma	3,170	3,646	3,679	3,979	3,833	5,039
Pennsylvania	4,965	4,791	4,694	4,777	4,999	4,736
South Carolina	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,722	5,122
Texas.....	14,520	14,591	14,743	14,430	14,798	14,886
Virginia.....	5,128	5,151	4,860	6,108	5,310	5,258
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,339	12,634	12,766	12,474	11,597	13,207
Other States.....	9,144	9,030	8,937	9,099	9,272	9,393
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