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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 April 20, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.0 million eggs during the week ending April 20, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.8 million eggs during the same week, up 4 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 20, 2024 for the United States were 3.00 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.2 million chicks, down slightly from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024	April 13, 2024	April 20, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	35,297	35,037	35,134	34,791	35,055	35,002	103
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	36,290	36,248	36,189	36,366	36,103	35,840	104
South Carolina....	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048	6,312	6,249	111
United States	246,437	246,220	245,417	244,409	246,781	245,393	102

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Alabama	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,495	24,154	24,667	101
Florida	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,253	1,239	1,191	91
Georgia	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,168	28,167	28,189	100
South Carolina....	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,722	5,122	4,882	110
United States	188,594	188,232	187,837	190,197	189,855	189,354	101

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Alabama	35,297	35,037	35,134	34,791	35,055	35,002
Arkansas.....	24,488	25,569	25,672	25,284	25,727	25,659
Delaware	5,583	5,559	5,573	5,489	5,544	5,549
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	36,290	36,248	36,189	36,366	36,103	35,840
Kentucky.....	8,085	8,141	7,951	8,105	8,128	7,927
Louisiana	3,563	3,624	3,624	3,624	3,655	3,655
Maryland.....	8,064	8,061	8,065	8,061	8,063	8,005
Mississippi	17,552	17,685	17,579	17,520	17,523	17,532
Missouri	8,957	8,944	8,650	8,981	8,990	8,990
North Carolina.....	25,257	25,191	25,143	24,690	25,742	25,508
Oklahoma	6,424	6,048	5,838	5,770	5,700	5,674
Pennsylvania	7,829	7,447	7,859	7,937	7,969	7,835
South Carolina	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048	6,312	6,249
Texas.....	19,346	19,185	19,261	19,275	19,284	19,096
Virginia.....	5,698	5,508	5,363	5,417	5,734	5,689
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	14,040	14,002	13,776	13,890	13,760	13,768
Other States.....	12,408	12,513	12,369	11,936	12,267	12,190
United States	246,437	246,220	245,417	244,409	246,781	245,393

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Alabama	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,495	24,154	24,667
Arkansas.....	21,490	22,057	22,144	21,690	20,329	21,407
Delaware	5,070	4,830	5,017	5,719	5,191	5,326
Florida.....	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,253	1,239	1,191
Georgia.....	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,168	28,167	28,189
Kentucky.....	6,006	5,816	5,614	6,070	5,996	5,891
Louisiana	2,820	2,890	2,836	2,756	2,880	2,909
Maryland.....	6,352	5,984	5,383	5,796	5,437	4,991
Mississippi	13,638	13,434	13,272	13,681	13,491	13,883
Missouri	5,522	5,806	5,207	5,122	5,529	5,517
North Carolina.....	19,451	19,237	19,637	19,916	19,765	19,591
Oklahoma	3,646	3,679	3,979	3,833	5,039	3,662
Pennsylvania	4,791	4,694	4,777	4,999	4,736	5,066
South Carolina	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,722	5,122	4,882
Texas.....	14,591	14,743	14,430	14,798	14,886	14,859
Virginia.....	5,151	4,860	6,108	5,310	5,258	5,645
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,634	12,766	12,474	11,597	13,243	12,241
Other States.....	9,030	8,937	9,099	9,272	9,393	9,437
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