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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 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 17, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 35.4 million eggs during the week ending August 17, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.6 million eggs during the same week, up slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 17, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through August 17, 2024 for the United States were 6.23 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.4 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 17, 2024, down 6 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.9 million chicks, up 5 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	July 13, 2024	July 20, 2024	July 27, 2024	August 3, 2024	August 10, 2024	August 17, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,749	34,858	34,335	35,384	35,207	35,394	104
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225	100
Georgia	35,022	35,593	35,771	35,880	35,361	35,647	100
South Carolina....	6,048	6,307	6,116	6,307	6,290	6,099	102
United States	245,765	249,019	248,393	250,048	248,202	248,860	104

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Alabama	24,984	24,538	24,437	24,055	24,782	23,449	94
Florida	1,302	1,277	1,346	1,254	1,261	1,318	101
Georgia	27,956	27,299	28,080	27,271	27,850	27,947	105
South Carolina....	4,558	4,969	5,423	4,635	5,014	5,182	106
United States	188,351	190,402	191,942	190,784	193,220	192,825	103

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Alabama	34,749	34,858	34,335	35,384	35,207	35,394
Arkansas.....	26,060	26,039	25,832	25,964	25,729	25,536
Delaware	5,644	5,611	5,634	5,634	5,595	5,375
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225
Georgia.....	35,022	35,593	35,771	35,880	35,361	35,647
Kentucky.....	8,025	8,169	8,179	8,011	8,123	8,048
Louisiana	3,258	3,530	3,608	3,655	3,608	3,608
Maryland.....	8,047	8,095	8,091	8,095	8,093	8,092
Mississippi	17,727	17,787	17,834	17,696	17,681	17,744
Missouri	9,054	9,023	9,015	9,022	8,833	8,865
North Carolina.....	25,373	25,947	26,122	26,360	25,670	25,826
Oklahoma	6,194	6,220	6,038	6,335	5,870	6,213
Pennsylvania	7,991	8,071	7,924	7,970	7,887	7,934
South Carolina	6,048	6,307	6,116	6,307	6,290	6,099
Texas.....	18,525	19,717	19,598	19,207	19,604	19,908
Virginia.....	5,359	5,475	5,687	5,555	5,661	5,453
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	16,081	15,531	15,853	16,091	15,659	15,744
Other States.....	11,383	11,821	11,531	11,657	12,109	12,149
United States	245,765	249,019	248,393	250,048	248,202	248,860

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Alabama	24,984	24,538	24,437	24,055	24,782	23,449
Arkansas.....	19,986	21,082	20,806	22,177	21,969	20,230
Delaware	5,049	5,732	5,442	5,341	5,397	4,185
Florida.....	1,302	1,277	1,346	1,254	1,261	1,318
Georgia.....	27,956	27,299	28,080	27,271	27,850	27,947
Kentucky.....	5,877	6,001	5,685	6,245	6,195	6,102
Louisiana	3,037	3,054	2,944	2,717	2,941	2,991
Maryland.....	5,346	5,292	5,904	5,641	5,498	6,542
Mississippi	13,904	14,060	13,718	13,737	13,711	13,896
Missouri	6,277	5,485	5,503	5,810	5,585	5,515
North Carolina.....	20,046	20,122	20,090	20,166	20,677	20,777
Oklahoma	3,345	4,210	4,863	3,724	4,178	5,421
Pennsylvania	5,063	5,096	5,027	5,052	5,103	5,109
South Carolina	4,558	4,969	5,423	4,635	5,014	5,182
Texas.....	14,998	15,254	15,286	14,309	15,419	15,559
Virginia.....	5,677	5,578	5,034	5,300	4,880	4,943
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,685	12,368	13,092	14,405	13,475	14,549
Other States.....	9,261	8,985	9,262	8,945	9,285	9,110
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