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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.

October 2, 2024

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 6 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 28, 2024, up 6 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 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 September 28, 2024, up 10 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.4 million eggs during the same week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through September 28, 2024 for the United States were 7.39 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.9 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.9 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)
	August 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	35,397	35,338	35,210	34,253	35,034	35,126	110
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	(X)
Georgia	35,247	35,399	35,299	33,972	34,956	34,356	101
South Carolina....	6,062	6,273	5,818	5,684	5,874	5,837	96
United States	247,583	246,797	243,568	237,003	241,975	242,693	106

(X) Not applicable.

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Alabama	24,993	24,784	24,802	24,326	24,630	24,864	105
Florida	1,249	1,367	1,338	1,325	1,398	1,521	116
Georgia	27,560	27,666	28,156	28,914	28,249	27,932	101
South Carolina....	4,909	5,188	4,510	4,537	4,472	4,598	92
United States	193,202	193,602	192,749	192,757	192,091	190,106	104

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Alabama	35,397	35,338	35,210	34,253	35,034	35,126
Arkansas.....	25,660	25,454	25,249	24,204	25,366	25,588
Delaware	5,570	5,475	4,956	4,916	4,662	5,085
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,247	35,399	35,299	33,972	34,956	34,356
Kentucky.....	8,211	7,998	7,876	8,170	7,952	7,451
Louisiana	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,313	3,655	3,590
Maryland.....	8,092	8,092	7,965	7,909	8,044	8,045
Mississippi	17,518	17,660	17,157	15,707	16,797	17,322
Missouri	8,887	8,996	9,008	9,020	8,872	8,874
North Carolina.....	25,534	24,818	24,691	24,752	24,472	24,860
Oklahoma	6,165	6,284	6,079	5,832	6,173	6,126
Pennsylvania	8,023	7,794	7,701	7,626	7,726	7,582
South Carolina	6,062	6,273	5,818	5,684	5,874	5,837
Texas.....	19,505	19,017	18,784	17,653	18,511	18,718
Virginia.....	5,457	5,550	5,397	5,588	5,612	5,609
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	15,573	15,826	15,688	15,394	15,500	15,836
Other States.....	11,802	11,943	11,811	11,785	11,544	11,463
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Alabama	24,993	24,784	24,802	24,326	24,630	24,864
Arkansas.....	21,360	21,464	20,567	21,815	22,004	20,514
Delaware	5,648	5,715	4,813	4,783	5,597	4,990
Florida.....	1,249	1,367	1,338	1,325	1,398	1,521
Georgia.....	27,560	27,666	28,156	28,914	28,249	27,932
Kentucky.....	6,075	6,059	6,188	6,022	6,037	5,870
Louisiana	3,016	2,980	3,072	3,116	2,906	3,050
Maryland.....	5,424	5,560	6,130	6,081	5,820	5,727
Mississippi	13,894	13,612	13,679	13,729	13,981	13,530
Missouri	5,241	5,786	6,170	5,272	5,112	5,463
North Carolina.....	21,117	20,890	20,750	20,451	19,969	19,279
Oklahoma	4,562	4,267	3,877	3,727	3,766	4,711
Pennsylvania	4,977	4,869	5,164	5,169	4,954	5,045
South Carolina	4,909	5,188	4,510	4,537	4,472	4,598
Texas.....	15,622	15,456	15,588	15,500	15,293	15,013
Virginia.....	4,672	4,912	4,900	5,231	4,469	4,885
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,906	13,661	13,639	13,429	14,009	13,848
Other States.....	8,977	9,366	9,406	9,330	9,425	9,266
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