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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 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 5, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.9 million eggs during the week ending October 5, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.7 million eggs during the same week, down 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 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through October 5, 2024 for the United States were 7.57 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.9 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.4 million chicks, down 8 percent from a year ago.

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

| State | Week ending | | | | | | Percent of previous year (percent) |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | August 31, 2024 | September 7, 2024 | September 14, 2024 | September 21, 2024 | September 28, 2024 | October 5, 2024 | |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | |
| Alabama | 35,338 | 35,210 | 34,253 | 35,034 | 35,156 | 32,875 | 101 |
| Florida | 1,225 | 1,224 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 134 |
| Georgia | 35,395 | 35,299 | 33,528 | 34,678 | 34,622 | 33,672 | 96 |
| South Carolina.... | 6,279 | 5,818 | 5,684 | 5,874 | 6,286 | 5,941 | 100 |
| United States | 246,842 | 243,568 | 236,184 | 241,697 | 244,241 | 238,202 | 105 |

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| Alabama | 24,784 | 24,802 | 24,326 | 24,630 | 24,969 | 23,897 | 101 |
| Florida | 1,367 | 1,338 | 1,325 | 1,398 | 1,461 | 1,161 | 114 |
| Georgia | 27,855 | 28,156 | 28,914 | 28,249 | 27,666 | 26,366 | 92 |
| South Carolina.... | 5,158 | 4,510 | 4,537 | 4,472 | 4,360 | 4,705 | 97 |
| United States | 193,555 | 192,749 | 192,704 | 192,091 | 190,024 | 183,989 | 101 |

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| Arkansas..... | 25,454 | 25,249 | 23,554 | 25,366 | 25,588 | 24,318 |
| Delaware | 5,475 | 4,956 | 4,916 | 4,662 | 5,085 | 4,949 |
| Florida..... | 1,225 | 1,224 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 |
| Georgia..... | 35,395 | 35,299 | 33,528 | 34,678 | 34,622 | 33,672 |
| Kentucky..... | 8,003 | 7,876 | 7,758 | 7,952 | 7,450 | 6,834 |
| Louisiana | 3,655 | 3,655 | 3,313 | 3,655 | 3,590 | 3,484 |
| Maryland..... | 8,093 | 7,965 | 7,909 | 8,044 | 8,047 | 7,872 |
| Mississippi | 17,660 | 17,157 | 16,294 | 16,797 | 17,322 | 18,233 |
| Missouri | 8,996 | 9,008 | 9,074 | 8,872 | 8,874 | 9,114 |
| North Carolina..... | 24,831 | 24,691 | 24,620 | 24,472 | 25,212 | 24,785 |
| Oklahoma | 6,284 | 6,079 | 5,832 | 6,173 | 6,150 | 6,108 |
| Pennsylvania | 7,794 | 7,701 | 7,626 | 7,726 | 7,582 | 7,275 |
| South Carolina | 6,279 | 5,818 | 5,684 | 5,874 | 6,286 | 5,941 |
| Texas..... | 19,017 | 18,784 | 17,683 | 18,511 | 18,897 | 19,117 |
| Virginia..... | 5,550 | 5,397 | 5,558 | 5,612 | 5,609 | 5,436 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia..... | 15,841 | 15,688 | 15,572 | 15,500 | 16,108 | 15,794 |
| Other States..... | 11,952 | 11,811 | 11,785 | 11,544 | 11,438 | 11,170 |
| United States | 246,842 | 243,568 | 236,184 | 241,697 | 244,241 | 238,202 |

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| Alabama | 24,784 | 24,802 | 24,326 | 24,630 | 24,969 | 23,897 |
| Arkansas..... | 21,464 | 20,567 | 21,815 | 22,004 | 20,514 | 18,956 |
| Delaware | 4,958 | 4,813 | 4,783 | 5,597 | 5,105 | 5,197 |
| Florida..... | 1,367 | 1,338 | 1,325 | 1,398 | 1,461 | 1,161 |
| Georgia..... | 27,855 | 28,156 | 28,914 | 28,249 | 27,666 | 26,366 |
| Kentucky..... | 6,029 | 6,188 | 6,022 | 6,037 | 5,971 | 5,932 |
| Louisiana | 2,980 | 3,072 | 3,116 | 2,906 | 3,050 | 2,776 |
| Maryland..... | 5,911 | 6,130 | 6,081 | 5,820 | 5,622 | 5,183 |
| Mississippi | 13,612 | 13,679 | 13,729 | 13,981 | 13,777 | 12,681 |
| Missouri | 5,786 | 6,170 | 5,272 | 5,112 | 5,463 | 6,150 |
| North Carolina..... | 20,778 | 20,750 | 20,398 | 19,969 | 19,779 | 19,757 |
| Oklahoma | 4,267 | 3,877 | 3,727 | 3,766 | 4,711 | 4,243 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,869 | 5,164 | 5,169 | 4,954 | 5,045 | 5,012 |
| South Carolina | 5,158 | 4,510 | 4,537 | 4,472 | 4,360 | 4,705 |
| Texas..... | 15,456 | 15,588 | 15,500 | 15,293 | 14,744 | 13,932 |
| Virginia..... | 5,234 | 4,900 | 5,231 | 4,469 | 4,728 | 5,019 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia..... | 13,688 | 13,639 | 13,429 | 14,009 | 13,810 | 13,734 |
| Other States..... | 9,359 | 9,406 | 9,330 | 9,425 | 9,249 | 9,288 |
| United States | 193,555 | 192,749 | 192,704 | 192,091 | 190,024 | 183,989 |

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