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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.

August 23, 2023

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 246 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 19, 2023, up slightly 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 35.9 million eggs during the week ending August 19, 2023, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 37.2 million eggs during the same week, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through August 19, 2023 for the United States were 6.20 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 26.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2023, up 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.7 million chicks, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	July 15, 2023	July 22, 2023	July 29, 2023	August 5, 2023	August 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	36,411	36,391	35,904	35,905	35,583	35,856	103
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	37,123	37,210	36,588	36,667	36,887	37,183	105
South Carolina....	5,359	5,900	5,863	6,019	5,765	5,968	102
United States	246,812	247,109	245,102	245,604	246,151	246,400	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), August 23, 2023

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Alabama	25,657	25,588	25,357	26,095	25,901	26,348	103
Florida	1,270	1,151	1,237	1,170	1,236	1,304	104
Georgia	27,525	27,686	29,044	28,562	29,077	27,681	104
South Carolina....	4,493	4,845	5,109	4,915	5,251	4,890	103
United States	189,903	189,240	190,852	191,652	192,798	191,035	100

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Alabama	36,411	36,391	35,904	35,905	35,583	35,856
Arkansas.....	24,900	24,566	24,421	24,780	24,864	24,597
Delaware	5,437	5,064	5,590	5,718	5,578	5,721
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	37,123	37,210	36,588	36,667	36,887	37,183
Kentucky.....	8,396	8,041	8,162	8,361	8,101	8,021
Louisiana	3,502	3,517	2,928	2,928	3,517	3,517
Maryland.....	8,095	8,096	8,095	8,097	8,066	8,065
Mississippi	17,272	17,398	17,045	17,500	17,303	17,237
Missouri	9,862	9,681	9,764	9,680	9,658	9,769
North Carolina.....	23,994	24,798	24,301	24,373	24,186	24,101
Oklahoma	7,163	7,554	7,587	7,497	7,291	7,373
Pennsylvania	7,291	7,308	7,364	7,218	7,485	7,284
South Carolina	5,359	5,900	5,863	6,019	5,765	5,968
Texas.....	18,949	18,488	18,025	18,552	18,264	18,647
Virginia.....	5,910	6,303	5,787	5,906	6,317	5,789
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,414	12,988	13,881	12,782	13,579	13,520
Other States.....	12,509	12,581	12,572	12,396	12,482	12,527
United States	246,812	247,109	245,102	245,604	246,151	246,400

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Alabama	25,657	25,588	25,357	26,095	25,901	26,348
Arkansas.....	21,244	21,366	21,640	21,175	22,612	20,640
Delaware	4,403	5,450	5,555	4,384	5,310	4,793
Florida.....	1,270	1,151	1,237	1,170	1,236	1,304
Georgia.....	27,525	27,686	29,044	28,562	29,077	27,681
Kentucky.....	6,539	7,037	6,333	6,632	6,527	6,867
Louisiana	2,912	2,866	2,687	2,887	2,856	2,526
Maryland.....	6,559	5,530	5,268	5,707	5,493	6,270
Mississippi	13,186	13,395	13,194	13,823	14,109	13,480
Missouri	6,273	5,948	6,695	6,339	5,524	5,966
North Carolina.....	19,725	18,597	18,971	18,611	19,104	19,655
Oklahoma	4,382	4,825	3,388	4,394	3,911	5,417
Pennsylvania	4,670	4,702	4,748	4,827	4,901	4,905
South Carolina	4,493	4,845	5,109	4,915	5,251	4,890
Texas.....	14,794	14,441	14,868	14,904	14,884	14,385
Virginia.....	4,841	4,703	5,430	5,911	5,414	4,791
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,814	11,399	11,569	11,534	11,056	11,481
Other States.....	9,616	9,711	9,759	9,782	9,632	9,636
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