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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 Down 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 30, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 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 September 30, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.4 million eggs during the same week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through September 30, 2023 for the United States were 7.30 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2023, down 7 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.8 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)
	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	34,127	33,626	33,307	33,500	33,574	32,882	101
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	133
Georgia	35,643	35,659	35,363	35,597	34,671	34,431	98
South Carolina....	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876	6,027	6,047	104
United States	239,741	234,997	232,121	234,098	233,050	232,263	97

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Alabama	25,032	23,943	23,949	24,290	23,684	23,783	93
Florida	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210	1,315	100
Georgia	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,258	27,760	104
South Carolina....	5,305	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,641	4,989	98
United States	188,435	187,781	187,130	188,337	184,423	182,843	97

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Alabama	34,127	33,626	33,307	33,500	33,574	32,882
Arkansas.....	24,073	24,358	22,170	23,967	23,565	23,063
Delaware	5,627	5,722	5,753	5,274	5,581	5,556
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,643	35,659	35,363	35,597	34,671	34,431
Kentucky.....	6,866	6,812	6,259	6,769	6,688	6,464
Louisiana	3,517	3,408	3,245	3,517	3,578	3,578
Maryland.....	8,066	7,877	8,064	7,879	8,066	8,067
Mississippi	16,957	16,260	15,816	16,550	16,917	16,336
Missouri	8,863	8,868	8,681	8,741	8,798	8,793
North Carolina.....	23,970	22,827	22,681	22,652	23,262	23,157
Oklahoma	7,169	6,453	6,666	6,257	6,125	6,554
Pennsylvania	7,303	7,345	7,264	7,295	6,803	6,961
South Carolina	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876	6,027	6,047
Texas.....	18,430	17,491	17,982	17,953	17,736	18,119
Virginia.....	5,864	5,871	5,865	5,831	5,867	5,782
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,748	13,014	13,497	13,220	13,235	13,038
Other States.....	12,383	12,508	12,403	11,995	11,332	12,210
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Alabama	25,032	23,943	23,949	24,290	23,684	23,783
Arkansas.....	20,205	20,258	19,634	20,598	20,635	19,038
Delaware	5,135	6,630	5,834	4,683	4,782	5,892
Florida.....	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210	1,315
Georgia.....	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,258	27,760
Kentucky.....	5,351	5,144	5,300	5,201	4,927	5,009
Louisiana	2,525	2,947	2,892	2,830	2,839	2,652
Maryland.....	5,584	4,442	5,950	6,596	6,721	6,102
Mississippi	13,789	13,402	13,547	13,636	13,078	12,749
Missouri	6,132	5,921	5,497	5,163	6,031	6,007
North Carolina.....	19,417	19,694	19,150	19,062	18,434	18,647
Oklahoma	5,982	5,489	5,736	5,324	3,890	4,145
Pennsylvania	4,838	4,849	4,713	4,866	4,832	4,781
South Carolina	5,305	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,641	4,989
Texas.....	14,997	14,562	14,729	14,852	14,071	14,457
Virginia.....	5,454	5,551	4,853	5,068	4,728	4,461
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,553	11,966	12,255	11,814	11,786	11,500
Other States.....	9,440	9,700	9,678	9,818	9,876	9,556
United States	188,435	187,781	187,130	188,337	184,423	182,843

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