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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 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 21, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.2 million eggs during the week ending October 21, 2023, down 5 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.0 million eggs during the same week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through October 21, 2023 for the United States were 7.84 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.3 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2023, up 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.7 million chicks, up 3 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	32,935	32,968	31,958	32,516	32,260	32,230	95
Florida	1,225	1,225	0	914	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,479	34,234	34,431	34,880	34,694	35,017	99
South Carolina....	6,000	6,027	6,051	5,919	5,926	6,118	103
United States	230,815	231,509	228,314	227,752	227,937	229,501	97

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Alabama	24,290	23,684	23,783	23,497	23,786	23,259	103
Florida	1,006	1,210	1,315	1,018	1,281	0	0
Georgia	27,641	28,255	27,692	28,516	26,968	26,726	103
South Carolina....	5,889	4,634	4,979	4,865	4,469	4,363	88
United States	188,335	184,417	182,594	182,347	182,444	178,882	96

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Alabama	32,935	32,968	31,958	32,516	32,260	32,230
Arkansas.....	22,782	23,061	23,430	22,781	23,072	23,393
Delaware	5,274	5,581	5,347	5,300	5,279	5,247
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	0	914	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,479	34,234	34,431	34,880	34,694	35,017
Kentucky.....	6,103	6,496	6,734	6,772	6,745	6,696
Louisiana	3,517	3,578	3,578	3,578	3,563	3,517
Maryland.....	7,879	8,066	8,067	7,879	7,698	8,071
Mississippi	16,550	16,917	16,336	15,219	15,089	16,354
Missouri	8,613	8,803	8,517	8,740	8,835	8,081
North Carolina.....	22,785	23,745	23,008	21,922	22,335	22,041
Oklahoma	6,701	6,634	6,676	6,344	6,342	6,326
Pennsylvania	7,269	6,622	6,961	7,309	7,239	7,323
South Carolina	6,000	6,027	6,051	5,919	5,926	6,118
Texas.....	17,907	17,857	17,862	16,665	16,388	16,671
Virginia.....	5,847	5,842	5,352	5,655	5,564	5,735
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,404	12,442	11,712	13,401	13,678	13,246
Other States.....	11,545	11,411	12,294	11,958	12,005	12,210
United States	230,815	231,509	228,314	227,752	227,937	229,501

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Alabama	24,290	23,684	23,783	23,497	23,786	23,259
Arkansas.....	20,598	20,655	19,052	20,807	20,353	20,067
Delaware	4,683	4,782	5,537	5,120	4,457	4,080
Florida.....	1,006	1,210	1,315	1,018	1,281	0
Georgia.....	27,641	28,255	27,692	28,516	26,968	26,726
Kentucky.....	5,201	4,963	5,062	4,411	4,746	4,740
Louisiana	2,830	2,839	2,785	3,031	3,028	2,814
Maryland.....	6,596	6,706	6,032	6,118	6,621	6,102
Mississippi	13,636	13,004	12,793	13,387	13,453	13,152
Missouri	5,163	6,031	6,007	5,111	5,011	5,331
North Carolina.....	19,062	18,460	18,636	18,317	19,363	19,109
Oklahoma	5,324	3,890	4,145	3,945	4,629	4,797
Pennsylvania	4,866	4,832	4,781	4,904	4,393	4,473
South Carolina	5,889	4,634	4,979	4,865	4,469	4,363
Texas.....	14,852	14,082	14,422	14,339	14,616	14,459
Virginia.....	5,068	4,728	4,461	4,392	5,136	5,240
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,814	11,786	11,556	11,237	11,079	10,352
Other States.....	9,816	9,876	9,556	9,332	9,055	9,818
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