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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.

December 20, 2023

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 16, 2023, up slightly 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 33.8 million eggs during the week ending December 16, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 35.6 million eggs during the same week, down slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 16, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 16, 2023 for the United States were 9.30 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.1 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 16, 2023, down 5 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.5 million chicks, up 5 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year (percent)
	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	
Alabama	32,835	32,628	33,209	33,705	33,148	33,791	98
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	100
Georgia	35,733	36,481	35,858	35,891	35,878	35,624	100
South Carolina....	6,264	6,186	5,894	5,978	5,967	6,253	103
United States	236,020	238,267	238,724	241,495	238,418	240,959	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), December 20, 2023

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Alabama	23,574	22,806	21,557	22,502	23,979	24,067	95
Florida	1,337	1,317	1,074	1,076	1,149	1,153	88
Georgia	26,631	27,323	27,500	28,850	27,683	28,494	105
South Carolina....	4,906	4,567	5,172	5,076	5,099	4,611	87
United States	177,081	181,822	179,271	185,224	187,659	187,833	100

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Alabama	32,835	32,628	33,209	33,705	33,148	33,791
Arkansas.....	24,146	23,962	24,415	24,363	24,131	24,531
Delaware	4,873	4,897	4,618	5,107	5,087	4,917
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,733	36,481	35,858	35,891	35,878	35,624
Kentucky.....	6,962	6,658	6,947	6,960	6,560	6,799
Louisiana	3,593	3,578	3,594	3,594	3,594	3,563
Maryland.....	8,066	8,065	8,062	8,065	8,064	8,065
Mississippi	16,397	16,934	16,960	16,733	16,781	16,986
Missouri	8,815	8,433	8,734	8,844	8,469	8,746
North Carolina.....	24,078	25,104	24,959	24,868	24,162	25,316
Oklahoma	7,607	7,444	6,992	7,167	7,567	6,403
Pennsylvania	7,173	7,159	7,120	7,716	7,109	7,491
South Carolina	6,264	6,186	5,894	5,978	5,967	6,253
Texas.....	17,672	17,811	18,064	18,526	18,092	19,052
Virginia.....	5,609	5,783	5,799	6,251	6,119	6,235
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	12,933	13,760	14,318	14,435	14,534	13,878
Other States.....	12,039	12,159	11,956	12,067	11,931	12,084
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Alabama	23,574	22,806	21,557	22,502	23,979	24,067
Arkansas.....	18,483	20,877	21,210	21,180	21,785	21,089
Delaware	5,838	5,346	5,625	3,322	4,528	4,519
Florida.....	1,337	1,317	1,074	1,076	1,149	1,153
Georgia.....	26,631	27,323	27,500	28,850	27,683	28,494
Kentucky.....	4,436	5,438	5,398	5,217	5,920	5,647
Louisiana	2,652	3,051	2,428	2,951	2,974	2,696
Maryland.....	4,107	4,357	5,002	5,081	5,864	5,910
Mississippi	13,220	12,519	13,465	13,429	13,493	13,490
Missouri	4,847	5,978	5,059	5,403	4,568	5,377
North Carolina.....	17,944	20,009	18,804	20,771	20,347	19,942
Oklahoma	4,262	3,367	3,692	4,843	4,641	4,539
Pennsylvania	4,738	4,125	4,356	4,900	4,571	4,896
South Carolina	4,906	4,567	5,172	5,076	5,099	4,611
Texas.....	13,801	14,665	13,480	14,202	14,324	14,571
Virginia.....	5,769	5,762	5,408	5,351	5,432	5,217
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,253	10,951	11,302	11,817	12,062	12,387
Other States.....	9,283	9,364	8,739	9,253	9,240	9,228
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