

# **Broiler Hatchery**

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### **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 29, 2025, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

### **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 29, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through November 29, 2025 for the United States were 9.21 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### **Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2025**

J. 00	Week ending						
State	October 25,	November 1,	November 8,	November 15,	November 22,	November 29,	
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	
	(1,000 eggs)						
Alabama Arkansas Delaware Georgia Kentucky Maryland Mississippi Missouri	34,517	32,853	33,624	34,039	33,098	33,640	
	24,936	25,876	25,859	25,252	25,632	25,680	
	5,496	5,402	5,402	5,402	5,402	5,402	
	34,900	34,853	34,479	34,683	35,351	35,547	
	7,811	7,817	7,854	7,920	7,802	7,828	
	8,417	8,414	8,557	8,382	8,386	8,385	
	17,854	16,467	17,254	18,181	18,227	18,187	
	8,501	8,976	9,150	9,152	8,713	9,202	
North Carolina Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Carolina Texas Virginia California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	24,878	25,666	25,668	26,290	26,302	26,062	
	6,008	6,043	5,998	5,988	6,013	5,832	
	8,570	8,726	8,716	8,994	8,919	8,990	
	6,112	5,910	6,154	6,045	6,344	6,289	
	18,563	19,168	17,441	18,963	19,391	19,713	
	5,898	5,819	5,816	5,764	5,772	5,774	
Other States	16,825	17,047	17,060	16,952	17,081	16,993	
	244,943	245,572	244,574	248,289	248,739	249,787	

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2025**

	Week ending						
State	October 25,	November 1,	November 8,	November 15,	November 22,	November 29,	
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	
	(1,000 chicks)						
Alabama Arkansas Delaware Georgia Kentucky Maryland Mississippi	21,958	22,804	23,783	24,426	22,084	22,672	
	21,689	19,908	18,250	21,384	22,158	21,684	
	5,319	5,934	5,354	5,321	5,190	5,565	
	27,673	27,095	26,654	27,290	27,693	27,676	
	5,795	5,843	5,262	6,322	5,776	5,820	
	6,240	6,034	6,864	6,868	6,769	6,649	
	12,405	13,032	13,621	14,057	12,742	13,614	
Missouri  North Carolina	6,529	5,847	6,274	5,356	5,437	5,485	
	19,412	18,346	18,925	19,936	20,253	20,032	
Oklahoma	2,994	3,511	4,185	3,235	3,971	4,513	
Pennsylvania	4,721	5,194	5,292	4,936	5,089	4,988	
South Carolina	5,015	5,161	4,713	4,860	5,321	5,472	
TexasVirginia California, Tennessee,	14,918	14,346	14,763	14,914	15,134	13,701	
	5,171	5,067	4,235	4,545	4,920	5,012	
and West Virginia Other States	13,797	14,308	13,503	14,003	14,418	13,588	
	13,769	13,492	13,728	14,031	14,179	14,102	
United States	187,405	185,922	185,406	191,484	191,134	190,573	

### Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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