



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 252 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 27, 2025, up 2 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 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through December 27, 2025 for the United States were 10.00 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	November 22, 2025	November 29, 2025	December 6, 2025	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,437	35,340	34,928	34,947	34,700	34,678
Arkansas	26,570	26,722	25,753	26,062	26,125	26,121
Delaware	5,646	5,402	5,769	5,769	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,283	35,390	34,804	35,190	35,232	35,229
Kentucky	7,939	7,786	7,740	7,970	7,858	7,942
Maryland	8,386	8,385	8,383	8,383	8,386	8,383
Mississippi	18,227	18,438	18,257	18,223	17,870	18,272
Missouri	9,113	9,198	9,203	9,218	9,226	9,170
North Carolina	26,312	26,456	25,331	25,737	26,331	26,239
Oklahoma	6,013	5,832	5,987	5,993	5,935	5,928
Pennsylvania	8,919	8,990	8,587	9,086	9,134	9,127
South Carolina	6,344	6,289	6,347	6,273	6,198	6,379
Texas	19,588	20,205	18,833	19,760	19,708	19,670
Virginia	5,742	6,150	5,363	5,755	5,765	5,766
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,230	16,490	15,274	15,955	16,092	16,094
Other States	17,154	17,109	17,428	16,917	17,095	17,264
United States	251,903	254,182	247,987	251,238	251,524	252,131

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

State	Week ending					
	November 22, 2025	November 29, 2025	December 6, 2025	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,084	22,639	24,283	23,499	24,322	23,525
Arkansas	22,158	21,733	22,897	22,318	22,154	22,598
Delaware	5,190	5,418	5,428	5,927	5,636	5,833
Georgia	27,615	27,521	28,220	28,362	27,572	27,207
Kentucky	5,776	5,820	6,044	5,927	5,660	5,957
Maryland	6,769	6,640	6,770	5,998	6,221	6,685
Mississippi	12,742	13,637	14,463	14,398	14,541	14,413
Missouri	5,437	5,485	5,305	5,824	6,176	5,574
North Carolina	20,253	20,042	20,597	20,690	21,164	20,503
Oklahoma	3,971	4,513	3,636	3,987	3,579	3,841
Pennsylvania	5,089	4,988	5,399	5,235	5,370	4,954
South Carolina	5,321	5,479	4,498	4,959	5,379	5,883
Texas	15,134	13,701	14,987	15,597	16,143	14,776
Virginia	4,920	5,012	5,154	5,262	5,445	4,151
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,418	13,603	13,751	14,519	14,673	13,467
Other States	14,262	14,150	14,059	14,129	14,033	14,092
United States	191,139	190,381	195,491	196,631	198,068	193,459

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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