



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 253 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 3, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.6 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 197 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through January 3, 2026 for the United States were 10.2 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	Week ending					
	November 29, 2025	December 6, 2025	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,340	35,559	35,489	34,885	34,678	34,822
Arkansas	26,722	26,377	26,682	26,125	26,121	26,102
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,769	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,390	34,672	35,237	35,261	35,217	35,361
Kentucky	7,786	7,756	8,033	7,858	7,942	8,027
Maryland	8,385	8,383	8,383	8,386	8,383	8,383
Mississippi	18,438	18,257	18,423	17,986	18,272	18,393
Missouri	9,198	9,141	9,155	9,226	9,170	9,170
North Carolina	26,487	25,919	26,416	26,331	26,239	26,422
Oklahoma	5,832	5,928	5,818	5,935	5,928	5,928
Pennsylvania	8,990	8,587	9,086	9,290	9,127	9,127
South Carolina	6,289	6,347	6,273	6,198	6,379	6,270
Texas	20,205	18,712	19,658	19,225	19,670	19,794
Virginia	6,150	5,348	5,785	5,765	5,766	5,808
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,490	14,764	15,956	15,834	16,094	15,853
Other States	17,109	17,428	16,887	17,095	17,264	17,179
United States	254,680	249,047	253,050	251,269	252,119	252,508

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	Week ending					
	November 29, 2025	December 6, 2025	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,639	24,283	23,495	24,329	23,825	24,236
Arkansas	21,733	22,897	22,404	22,189	22,598	22,218
Delaware	5,418	5,428	5,927	6,224	5,833	5,791
Georgia	27,521	28,220	28,362	27,878	27,571	28,176
Kentucky	5,820	6,044	5,927	5,660	5,957	6,112
Maryland	6,640	6,770	5,998	6,026	6,685	6,708
Mississippi	13,637	14,463	14,338	14,558	14,413	14,315
Missouri	5,485	5,305	5,824	6,176	5,574	6,006
North Carolina	20,042	20,597	20,690	21,084	20,503	20,849
Oklahoma	4,513	3,636	3,987	3,579	3,841	3,677
Pennsylvania	4,988	5,399	5,235	5,436	4,954	5,381
South Carolina	5,479	4,498	4,959	5,379	5,883	5,448
Texas	13,701	14,987	15,597	16,088	14,776	15,500
Virginia	5,012	5,154	5,262	5,616	4,151	4,616
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,603	13,751	14,519	14,448	13,467	13,915
Other States	14,150	14,059	14,129	14,013	14,092	13,899
United States	190,381	195,491	196,653	198,683	194,123	196,847

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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