



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 251 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 10, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 196 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 10, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 6, 2025	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,559	35,504	35,017	34,678	34,822	34,896
Arkansas	26,377	26,682	26,750	26,121	26,102	26,118
Delaware	5,769	5,769	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	34,672	35,237	35,198	35,217	35,361	35,096
Kentucky	7,756	8,033	8,032	7,942	8,027	8,094
Maryland	8,383	8,383	8,386	8,383	8,383	8,385
Mississippi	18,172	18,403	18,072	18,142	18,263	18,249
Missouri	9,141	9,155	9,137	9,170	9,170	9,114
North Carolina	25,919	26,416	26,344	26,239	26,422	26,463
Oklahoma	5,928	5,818	5,935	5,928	5,928	5,832
Pennsylvania	8,587	9,086	9,290	9,127	9,135	9,134
South Carolina	6,347	6,273	6,198	6,379	6,270	6,278
Texas	18,712	19,658	19,668	19,730	19,794	19,820
Virginia	5,348	5,785	5,795	5,766	5,808	5,804
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,764	15,956	15,743	16,094	15,853	15,868
Other States	17,428	16,887	17,095	17,264	17,179	16,421
United States	248,862	253,045	252,529	252,049	252,386	251,441

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

State	Week ending					
	December 6, 2025	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,283	23,495	24,329	23,842	24,234	23,771
Arkansas	22,897	22,404	22,189	22,478	22,214	21,830
Delaware	5,428	5,927	6,224	5,833	5,791	5,776
Georgia	28,220	28,362	27,178	27,571	28,076	28,217
Kentucky	6,044	5,927	5,660	5,957	6,112	6,053
Maryland	6,770	5,998	6,026	6,685	6,708	6,653
Mississippi	14,463	14,338	14,558	14,361	14,289	14,460
Missouri	5,305	5,824	6,176	5,574	6,006	5,998
North Carolina	20,597	20,690	21,084	20,503	20,849	20,398
Oklahoma	3,636	3,987	3,579	3,841	3,677	4,161
Pennsylvania	5,399	5,455	5,436	4,954	5,375	5,439
South Carolina	4,498	4,959	5,379	5,883	5,445	5,479
Texas	14,987	15,597	16,088	14,776	15,500	15,194
Virginia	5,154	5,262	5,616	4,151	4,616	4,886
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,751	14,519	14,448	13,467	13,915	13,492
Other States	14,059	14,129	14,013	14,092	13,899	13,897
United States	195,491	196,873	197,983	193,968	196,706	195,704

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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