



# 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 253 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 17, 2026, up 2 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 196 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 17, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through January 17, 2026 for the United States were 392 million. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026	January 17, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,504	35,017	34,770	34,822	34,896	35,228
Arkansas .....	26,682	26,750	26,616	26,102	26,159	26,209
Delaware .....	5,769	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia .....	35,237	35,198	35,456	35,361	35,189	35,435
Kentucky .....	8,033	8,032	7,989	8,027	8,053	8,063
Maryland .....	8,383	8,386	8,383	8,383	8,385	8,383
Mississippi .....	18,403	18,072	18,050	18,263	18,249	18,327
Missouri .....	9,155	9,137	9,139	9,170	9,114	9,091
North Carolina .....	26,416	26,344	26,304	26,422	26,330	26,467
Oklahoma .....	5,818	5,935	5,928	5,928	5,832	5,812
Pennsylvania .....	9,086	9,290	9,127	9,135	9,076	9,183
South Carolina .....	6,273	6,198	6,379	6,270	6,278	6,388
Texas .....	19,658	19,668	19,715	19,794	19,813	19,771
Virginia .....	5,785	5,795	5,796	5,808	5,804	5,822
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,956	15,743	15,988	15,853	16,081	15,953
Other States .....	16,887	17,095	17,264	17,179	16,421	17,404
United States .....	253,045	252,529	252,773	252,386	251,549	253,405

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

State	Week ending					
	December 13, 2025	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026	January 17, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,215	24,329	23,842	24,234	23,765	22,762
Arkansas .....	22,404	22,189	22,478	22,214	21,830	23,283
Delaware .....	5,927	6,224	5,833	5,791	5,776	5,538
Georgia .....	28,362	28,783	28,049	28,076	29,114	28,663
Kentucky .....	5,927	5,660	5,957	6,112	6,053	5,904
Maryland .....	5,998	6,026	6,685	6,708	6,653	6,768
Mississippi .....	14,338	14,558	14,361	14,289	14,460	14,474
Missouri .....	5,824	6,176	5,574	6,006	5,998	5,774
North Carolina .....	20,690	21,084	20,503	20,849	20,550	20,867
Oklahoma .....	3,987	3,579	3,841	3,677	4,161	3,050
Pennsylvania .....	5,455	5,436	4,954	5,375	5,227	5,231
South Carolina .....	4,959	4,454	5,371	5,445	4,544	4,847
Texas .....	15,597	16,088	14,776	15,600	15,394	15,203
Virginia .....	5,262	5,616	4,151	4,616	5,061	5,038
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	14,519	14,448	13,467	13,915	13,262	15,122
Other States .....	14,129	14,013	14,092	13,939	14,060	13,907
United States .....	196,593	198,663	193,934	196,846	195,908	196,431

## 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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