



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 24, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 195 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 24, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through January 24, 2026 for the United States were 587 million. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026	January 17, 2026	January 24, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,017	34,770	34,934	34,896	35,228	35,423
Arkansas	26,750	26,616	26,706	26,159	25,951	26,504
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,198	35,456	35,361	35,189	35,435	35,476
Kentucky	8,032	7,989	7,996	8,053	8,063	7,993
Maryland	8,386	8,383	8,383	8,385	8,383	8,383
Mississippi	18,072	18,050	18,202	18,249	18,203	18,268
Missouri	9,137	9,139	9,170	9,114	9,091	9,122
North Carolina	26,344	26,304	26,396	26,330	26,467	26,422
Oklahoma	5,935	5,928	5,928	5,832	5,812	5,815
Pennsylvania	9,290	9,010	9,001	9,076	9,183	9,243
South Carolina	6,198	6,379	6,270	6,278	6,388	6,204
Texas	19,668	19,715	19,794	19,813	19,771	19,660
Virginia	5,795	5,796	5,808	5,804	5,822	5,114
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,743	15,988	15,553	16,031	15,853	15,894
Other States	17,095	17,264	17,181	16,421	17,404	17,173
United States	252,529	252,656	252,552	251,499	252,923	252,563

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

State	Week ending					
	December 20, 2025	December 27, 2025	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026	January 17, 2026	January 24, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,329	23,842	24,234	23,765	22,762	24,488
Arkansas	22,189	22,478	22,214	21,830	23,283	22,045
Delaware	6,224	5,833	5,791	5,776	5,538	5,659
Georgia	28,783	28,049	28,076	29,114	28,663	28,578
Kentucky	5,660	5,957	6,112	6,053	5,904	5,987
Maryland	6,026	6,685	6,708	6,653	6,768	6,865
Mississippi	14,558	14,361	14,289	14,460	14,474	14,106
Missouri	6,176	5,574	6,006	5,998	5,774	5,367
North Carolina	21,084	20,503	20,849	20,550	20,867	20,380
Oklahoma	3,579	3,841	3,677	4,161	3,050	4,556
Pennsylvania	5,436	4,950	5,379	5,227	5,231	5,264
South Carolina	4,454	5,371	5,445	4,544	4,847	4,796
Texas	16,088	14,776	15,600	15,394	15,203	15,150
Virginia	5,616	4,151	4,616	5,061	5,038	5,272
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,448	13,467	13,915	13,262	14,927	13,059
Other States	14,013	14,092	13,939	14,059	13,907	13,744
United States	198,663	193,930	196,850	195,907	196,236	195,316

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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