



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 254 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 7, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 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 February 7, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through February 7, 2026 for the United States were 979 million. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026	January 17, 2026	January 24, 2026	January 31, 2026	February 7, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,934	34,927	35,274	35,527	35,592	35,696
Arkansas	26,706	27,062	26,332	26,497	27,015	26,994
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,361	35,935	36,181	36,267	36,070	36,259
Kentucky	7,996	8,038	8,189	7,977	7,975	7,943
Maryland	8,383	8,485	8,383	8,383	8,383	8,485
Mississippi	18,202	18,198	18,228	18,244	18,358	18,267
Missouri	9,170	9,145	9,121	9,122	9,122	9,122
North Carolina	26,396	26,377	26,493	26,463	26,532	26,423
Oklahoma	5,928	5,832	5,812	5,815	5,815	5,832
Pennsylvania	9,011	9,113	9,212	9,243	9,183	8,559
South Carolina	6,270	6,284	6,388	6,204	6,079	6,177
Texas	19,794	19,853	19,786	19,639	19,191	19,809
Virginia	5,808	5,804	5,822	5,114	4,969	5,751
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,230	15,968	15,823	15,412	15,971	15,731
Other States	17,181	16,401	17,444	17,173	16,330	17,054
United States	252,239	253,291	254,357	252,949	252,454	253,971

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

State	Week ending					
	January 3, 2026	January 10, 2026	January 17, 2026	January 24, 2026	January 31, 2026	February 7, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,234	23,765	22,751	24,500	24,519	23,721
Arkansas	22,214	21,830	23,262	22,026	23,131	21,914
Delaware	5,965	5,953	5,638	5,759	5,681	5,071
Georgia	28,076	29,050	28,661	28,645	28,548	29,225
Kentucky	6,112	6,053	5,904	5,987	5,780	6,184
Maryland	6,510	6,500	6,668	6,859	6,943	7,014
Mississippi	14,289	14,460	14,443	14,129	14,460	14,507
Missouri	6,006	5,998	5,774	5,367	5,541	5,733
North Carolina	20,849	20,737	20,842	20,371	20,618	20,520
Oklahoma	3,677	4,161	3,050	4,605	3,477	3,773
Pennsylvania	5,414	5,148	5,231	5,264	5,268	5,360
South Carolina	5,445	4,480	4,847	4,796	4,708	4,763
Texas	15,600	15,394	15,203	15,133	15,992	15,174
Virginia	4,616	5,091	5,038	5,272	4,891	5,467
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,915	13,262	14,927	13,027	13,743	13,818
Other States	13,939	14,001	13,907	13,758	12,350	13,893
United States	196,861	195,883	196,146	195,498	195,650	196,137

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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