



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 14, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 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 196 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through February 14, 2026 for the United States were 1.18 billion. 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 10, 2026	January 17, 2026	January 24, 2026	January 31, 2026	February 7, 2026	February 14, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama	34,927	35,274	35,502	35,592	35,696	35,866
Arkansas	27,062	26,332	26,758	27,015	26,677	26,700
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,935	36,181	36,267	36,070	36,268	36,263
Kentucky	8,038	8,189	8,103	7,975	7,943	7,973
Maryland	8,485	8,383	8,383	8,383	8,485	8,383
Mississippi	18,198	18,228	18,244	18,358	17,703	18,114
Missouri	9,145	9,121	9,123	9,122	9,122	9,123
North Carolina	26,377	26,493	26,515	26,532	26,423	26,327
Oklahoma	5,832	5,812	5,815	5,815	5,832	5,833
Pennsylvania	9,113	9,212	9,258	9,183	8,559	9,324
South Carolina	6,284	6,388	6,204	6,079	6,177	6,177
Texas	19,853	19,786	19,561	19,191	19,809	19,805
Virginia	5,804	5,822	5,114	4,969	5,751	5,795
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,968	15,823	15,478	15,971	15,989	15,872
Other States	16,471	17,464	17,217	16,330	17,054	16,926
United States	253,361	254,377	253,411	252,454	253,357	254,350

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

State	Week ending					
	January 10, 2026	January 17, 2026	January 24, 2026	January 31, 2026	February 7, 2026	February 14, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama	23,765	22,751	24,500	24,519	23,716	24,243
Arkansas	21,830	23,262	22,026	23,131	21,840	21,725
Delaware	5,953	5,638	5,759	5,631	5,071	6,061
Georgia	29,050	28,661	28,645	28,648	29,208	29,795
Kentucky	6,053	5,904	5,987	5,780	6,184	5,903
Maryland	6,500	6,668	6,859	6,943	7,014	6,338
Mississippi	14,460	14,443	14,129	14,460	14,549	14,484
Missouri	5,998	5,774	5,367	5,541	5,733	6,067
North Carolina	20,737	20,842	20,371	20,598	20,620	20,591
Oklahoma	4,161	2,850	4,755	3,477	3,773	4,143
Pennsylvania	5,148	5,231	5,264	5,268	5,360	5,384
South Carolina	4,480	4,847	4,796	4,808	4,763	4,266
Texas	15,394	15,203	15,133	15,992	15,174	14,793
Virginia	5,091	5,038	5,272	4,891	5,467	4,534
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,262	14,927	13,027	13,743	13,834	13,758
Other States	13,991	13,907	13,728	12,350	13,893	13,669
United States	195,873	195,946	195,618	195,780	196,199	195,754

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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