



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 March 7, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.5 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 March 7, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through March 7, 2026 for the United States were 1.75 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 31, 2026	February 7, 2026	February 14, 2026	February 21, 2026	February 28, 2026	March 7, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,782	35,886	35,785	35,856	35,827	35,648
Arkansas	26,698	26,907	27,009	26,663	26,714	26,977
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	36,092	36,333	36,055	35,565	35,945	36,096
Kentucky	8,066	8,144	8,175	8,018	8,154	8,210
Maryland	8,383	8,485	8,383	8,383	8,485	8,498
Mississippi	18,358	17,703	18,084	18,114	18,071	17,871
Missouri	9,123	9,122	9,123	9,123	9,123	9,123
North Carolina	25,683	26,563	26,243	26,320	25,998	26,050
Oklahoma	5,815	5,832	5,833	5,815	5,812	5,832
Pennsylvania	9,186	8,561	9,324	9,059	9,062	8,953
South Carolina	6,085	6,176	6,186	6,122	6,144	6,061
Texas	19,104	19,703	19,699	19,668	19,686	19,643
Virginia	4,969	5,751	5,795	5,793	5,780	5,983
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,731	16,039	16,013	15,931	16,016	16,024
Other States	16,167	17,118	17,004	17,729	17,244	16,397
United States	251,111	254,192	254,580	254,028	253,930	253,235

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

State	Week ending					
	January 31, 2026	February 7, 2026	February 14, 2026	February 21, 2026	February 28, 2026	March 7, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,479	23,656	24,137	24,017	24,391	23,929
Arkansas	23,131	21,840	21,725	22,218	21,881	22,367
Delaware	5,457	4,806	5,981	5,061	6,215	6,627
Georgia	28,272	29,208	29,182	27,877	28,692	29,075
Kentucky	5,689	5,989	5,922	5,957	5,918	6,035
Maryland	6,989	7,003	6,216	6,684	6,168	5,576
Mississippi	14,460	14,549	14,484	15,165	13,920	14,398
Missouri	5,541	5,733	6,067	5,521	5,751	5,663
North Carolina	20,399	20,462	20,165	20,285	20,427	20,204
Oklahoma	3,477	3,773	4,143	3,702	3,964	3,639
Pennsylvania	5,239	5,522	5,474	5,446	4,525	4,968
South Carolina	5,284	4,700	4,879	5,309	5,312	5,092
Texas	15,992	15,174	14,793	14,524	14,750	14,820
Virginia	4,891	5,435	4,705	4,804	4,704	5,180
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,743	13,830	13,816	13,272	13,903	13,814
Other States	12,343	13,893	13,689	12,723	13,560	13,510
United States	195,386	195,573	195,378	192,565	194,081	194,897

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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