



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 March 14, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.7 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 March 14, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through March 14, 2026 for the United States were 1.95 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					
	February 7, 2026	February 14, 2026	February 21, 2026	February 28, 2026	March 7, 2026	March 14, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,886	35,785	35,866	35,827	35,557	35,672
Arkansas	26,907	27,009	27,271	26,714	26,329	26,652
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	36,177	36,055	35,765	35,945	36,096	35,840
Kentucky	8,144	8,175	8,019	8,154	8,210	8,234
Maryland	8,485	8,383	8,383	8,485	8,498	8,485
Mississippi	17,703	18,084	18,107	18,071	17,739	17,840
Missouri	9,122	9,123	9,123	9,123	9,123	9,152
North Carolina	26,563	26,243	26,381	25,998	26,050	26,281
Oklahoma	5,832	5,833	5,815	5,812	5,832	5,833
Pennsylvania	8,561	9,324	9,058	9,062	8,953	9,112
South Carolina	6,176	6,186	6,122	6,144	6,061	6,283
Texas	19,703	19,699	19,567	19,686	19,643	19,517
Virginia	5,751	5,795	5,793	5,780	5,983	5,984
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,039	16,013	16,080	16,016	16,022	16,036
Other States	17,118	17,004	17,729	17,244	16,397	16,924
United States	254,036	254,580	254,948	253,930	252,362	253,714

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

State	Week ending					
	February 7, 2026	February 14, 2026	February 21, 2026	February 28, 2026	March 7, 2026	March 14, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,656	24,137	24,017	24,391	23,930	24,405
Arkansas	21,840	21,725	22,218	21,981	22,450	22,734
Delaware	4,806	5,981	5,061	6,215	6,627	6,101
Georgia	29,208	29,182	27,877	28,492	28,969	28,709
Kentucky	5,989	5,922	5,957	5,918	6,035	5,981
Maryland	7,003	6,216	6,684	6,168	5,576	6,278
Mississippi	14,549	14,484	15,165	13,920	14,369	14,331
Missouri	5,733	6,067	5,521	5,751	5,663	5,765
North Carolina	20,462	20,165	20,285	20,427	20,204	20,297
Oklahoma	3,773	4,143	3,702	3,964	3,639	3,415
Pennsylvania	5,522	5,474	5,446	4,525	4,968	5,015
South Carolina	4,700	4,879	5,309	5,312	5,192	5,010
Texas	15,174	14,793	14,524	14,750	14,820	14,800
Virginia	5,435	4,705	4,804	4,704	5,180	5,918
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,830	13,816	13,272	13,903	13,763	13,241
Other States	13,893	13,689	12,723	13,560	13,508	14,116
United States	195,573	195,378	192,565	193,981	194,893	196,116

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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