



# 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 256 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 198 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2026, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through April 18, 2026 for the United States were 2.93 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					
	March 14, 2026	March 21, 2026	March 28, 2026	April 4, 2026	April 11, 2026	April 18, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,622	35,585	35,863	35,332	35,674	35,783
Arkansas .....	26,790	26,653	27,620	27,062	27,132	27,032
Delaware .....	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia .....	35,290	36,006	36,128	35,900	36,226	36,027
Kentucky .....	8,270	8,230	8,359	7,989	7,879	7,985
Maryland .....	8,689	8,592	8,820	7,953	8,170	8,223
Mississippi .....	17,848	18,167	18,358	18,618	18,844	18,834
Missouri .....	9,199	9,214	8,829	9,184	9,185	9,185
North Carolina .....	26,499	25,948	26,230	24,630	26,040	26,201
Oklahoma .....	5,669	6,129	5,849	5,927	5,967	5,940
Pennsylvania .....	9,148	9,331	8,635	9,228	9,301	9,284
South Carolina .....	6,410	6,331	6,596	6,578	6,556	6,389
Texas .....	19,345	19,676	19,608	19,727	20,034	19,727
Virginia .....	5,984	5,984	5,764	5,838	5,845	5,718
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,422	15,995	16,724	16,473	16,173	16,318
Other States .....	16,700	17,531	17,044	17,229	17,124	17,224
United States .....	253,754	255,241	256,296	253,537	256,019	255,739

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

State	Week ending					
	March 14, 2026	March 21, 2026	March 28, 2026	April 4, 2026	April 11, 2026	April 18, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,498	24,319	23,663	23,624	24,737	25,283
Arkansas .....	22,734	22,826	22,914	22,304	21,726	22,967
Delaware .....	5,476	6,087	5,094	5,811	5,757	5,852
Georgia .....	28,712	28,877	29,509	29,679	28,020	28,143
Kentucky .....	5,982	5,915	6,180	5,919	6,022	5,948
Maryland .....	6,587	6,682	7,821	6,922	6,983	6,868
Mississippi .....	14,331	14,059	14,260	14,420	14,532	14,584
Missouri .....	5,765	5,322	5,085	5,745	5,952	5,309
North Carolina .....	20,450	20,541	20,564	20,680	20,358	20,928
Oklahoma .....	3,415	3,814	3,799	3,810	4,183	3,949
Pennsylvania .....	5,015	5,145	5,173	5,549	5,508	4,937
South Carolina .....	4,878	4,526	4,600	4,309	5,323	5,056
Texas .....	14,800	14,905	14,765	14,881	15,128	15,031
Virginia .....	6,169	5,365	5,039	4,956	4,989	4,970
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,332	14,615	14,115	14,190	13,821	14,566
Other States .....	14,097	13,803	13,184	13,564	14,280	14,064
United States .....	196,241	195,801	195,765	196,363	197,319	198,455

## 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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