



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 256 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 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 April 25, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through April 25, 2026 for the United States were 3.13 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 21, 2026	March 28, 2026	April 4, 2026	April 11, 2026	April 18, 2026	April 25, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,585	35,863	35,372	35,674	35,783	35,787
Arkansas	26,653	27,620	27,004	27,132	27,032	27,247
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	36,006	36,128	35,964	36,226	36,048	35,968
Kentucky	8,230	8,359	7,984	7,879	7,985	7,998
Maryland	8,592	8,820	7,953	8,170	8,223	8,308
Mississippi	18,167	18,358	18,618	18,844	18,834	18,769
Missouri	9,214	8,829	9,199	9,185	9,185	9,185
North Carolina	25,948	26,230	24,130	26,040	26,201	26,391
Oklahoma	6,129	6,024	5,927	5,967	5,940	5,931
Pennsylvania	9,331	8,635	9,314	9,301	9,284	9,132
South Carolina	6,331	6,596	6,578	6,556	6,389	6,321
Texas	19,676	19,608	19,817	20,034	19,727	19,581
Virginia	5,984	5,764	5,838	5,845	5,718	5,722
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,995	16,724	16,283	16,173	16,318	16,271
Other States	17,531	17,044	17,729	17,124	17,224	17,597
United States	255,241	256,471	253,579	256,019	255,760	256,077

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

State	Week ending					
	March 21, 2026	March 28, 2026	April 4, 2026	April 11, 2026	April 18, 2026	April 25, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,419	23,663	23,624	24,737	25,289	24,693
Arkansas	22,926	22,914	22,304	21,726	23,054	22,680
Delaware	6,087	5,094	5,811	5,757	5,852	4,889
Georgia	28,877	29,509	29,679	27,997	28,141	28,236
Kentucky	5,915	6,180	5,919	6,022	5,948	5,880
Maryland	5,682	7,821	6,922	6,983	6,868	6,488
Mississippi	14,059	14,260	14,420	14,532	14,578	14,746
Missouri	5,322	5,085	5,745	5,952	5,309	5,886
North Carolina	20,541	20,564	20,780	20,358	20,928	19,889
Oklahoma	3,814	3,799	3,810	4,183	3,892	3,369
Pennsylvania	5,145	5,173	5,549	5,508	4,937	5,426
South Carolina	4,526	4,600	4,309	5,323	5,056	4,294
Texas	14,905	14,765	14,881	15,128	15,031	15,131
Virginia	5,365	5,039	4,956	4,989	4,970	5,499
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,615	14,115	14,190	13,821	14,566	14,229
Other States	13,803	13,184	13,564	14,280	14,064	14,360
United States	196,001	195,765	196,463	197,296	198,483	195,695

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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