



# 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 257 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 9, 2026, up 2 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 199 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 9, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through May 9, 2026 for the United States were 3.53 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					
	April 4, 2026	April 11, 2026	April 18, 2026	April 25, 2026	May 2, 2026	May 9, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,372	35,760	35,855	35,787	35,825	35,603
Arkansas .....	27,004	26,909	26,683	27,157	27,100	27,086
Delaware .....	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia .....	35,964	36,226	36,223	36,119	36,536	36,479
Kentucky .....	7,984	7,942	8,121	8,008	8,016	8,197
Maryland .....	7,953	8,170	8,223	8,308	8,333	8,308
Mississippi .....	18,648	19,548	19,538	19,475	19,414	19,457
Missouri .....	9,199	9,185	9,185	9,185	8,901	9,185
North Carolina .....	24,130	26,040	26,178	26,391	26,406	26,350
Oklahoma .....	5,927	5,967	6,056	5,931	5,948	6,048
Pennsylvania .....	9,314	9,392	9,375	9,140	9,133	8,689
South Carolina .....	6,578	6,556	6,389	6,321	6,282	6,291
Texas .....	19,817	20,035	19,722	19,586	19,457	19,524
Virginia .....	5,838	5,845	5,718	5,722	5,868	5,867
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,283	16,259	16,515	16,287	16,124	16,475
Other States .....	17,729	17,124	17,224	17,597	17,301	17,251
United States .....	253,609	256,827	256,874	256,883	256,513	256,679

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

State	Week ending					
	April 4, 2026	April 11, 2026	April 18, 2026	April 25, 2026	May 2, 2026	May 9, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,624	24,737	25,289	24,660	24,939	25,029
Arkansas .....	22,304	21,726	23,054	22,641	22,006	22,578
Delaware .....	5,811	5,757	5,852	4,889	5,019	5,386
Georgia .....	29,679	27,997	28,141	28,244	29,282	28,321
Kentucky .....	5,919	6,022	5,948	5,880	6,086	6,019
Maryland .....	6,922	6,983	6,868	6,488	6,884	6,569
Mississippi .....	14,461	14,532	14,578	14,775	15,269	15,661
Missouri .....	5,745	5,952	5,309	5,886	5,768	6,285
North Carolina .....	20,939	20,358	20,928	19,829	20,961	20,887
Oklahoma .....	3,810	4,183	3,892	3,369	4,357	3,371
Pennsylvania .....	5,549	5,508	4,937	5,414	5,351	5,454
South Carolina .....	4,309	5,323	5,056	4,354	4,825	5,276
Texas .....	14,881	15,128	15,031	15,141	15,037	14,709
Virginia .....	4,956	4,989	4,970	5,602	5,598	5,269
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	14,190	13,810	14,563	14,228	13,311	13,687
Other States .....	13,564	14,280	14,064	14,353	14,113	14,015
United States .....	196,663	197,285	198,480	195,753	198,806	198,516

## 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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