



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 256 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 23, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 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 198 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 23, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through May 23, 2026 for the United States were 3.92 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 18, 2026	April 25, 2026	May 2, 2026	May 9, 2026	May 16, 2026	May 23, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,855	35,865	35,887	35,588	35,868	35,861
Arkansas	26,683	26,756	27,061	27,086	26,837	26,658
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	36,223	36,119	36,536	36,226	35,564	35,554
Kentucky	7,630	7,990	8,047	8,103	8,083	8,073
Maryland	8,223	8,308	8,333	8,308	8,308	8,338
Mississippi	19,538	19,475	19,414	19,326	19,447	19,477
Missouri	9,185	9,185	8,901	9,185	9,185	9,185
North Carolina	26,178	26,391	26,406	26,350	26,423	26,311
Oklahoma	6,056	6,048	6,065	6,048	6,048	6,067
Pennsylvania	9,375	9,170	9,221	8,819	8,841	9,384
South Carolina	6,389	6,321	6,282	6,291	6,354	6,355
Texas	19,661	19,521	19,397	19,524	19,499	19,563
Virginia	5,718	5,722	5,868	5,868	5,780	5,816
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,336	16,208	16,344	16,103	16,096	16,110
Other States	17,224	17,597	17,279	17,228	17,576	17,094
United States	256,143	256,545	256,910	255,922	255,778	255,715

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

State	Week ending					
	April 18, 2026	April 25, 2026	May 2, 2026	May 9, 2026	May 16, 2026	May 23, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,289	24,660	24,947	24,957	24,875	24,324
Arkansas	23,054	22,641	21,987	22,583	22,085	22,787
Delaware	5,852	4,889	5,019	5,391	5,503	5,931
Georgia	28,141	28,244	29,282	27,983	28,658	29,308
Kentucky	5,948	5,880	6,086	5,605	5,975	5,765
Maryland	6,868	6,488	6,884	6,789	6,777	6,257
Mississippi	14,578	14,775	15,252	15,692	15,644	15,431
Missouri	5,309	5,886	5,768	6,285	5,432	5,248
North Carolina	20,928	19,829	20,961	20,916	21,152	21,151
Oklahoma	3,892	3,369	4,357	3,371	4,202	3,861
Pennsylvania	4,937	5,414	5,351	5,451	5,329	5,304
South Carolina	5,056	4,354	4,825	5,276	4,435	4,568
Texas	15,031	15,141	15,037	14,719	14,955	14,679
Virginia	4,970	5,602	5,598	5,077	5,011	5,045
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,563	14,228	13,311	13,915	13,956	14,627
Other States	14,064	14,353	14,021	14,066	14,374	14,130
United States	198,480	195,753	198,686	198,076	198,363	198,416

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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