



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 257 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 30, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 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 30, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through May 30, 2026 for the United States were 4.12 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 25, 2026	May 2, 2026	May 9, 2026	May 16, 2026	May 23, 2026	May 30, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,865	35,887	35,588	35,868	35,997	35,736
Arkansas	26,756	27,061	27,248	26,837	26,658	26,768
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	36,119	36,617	36,330	35,454	35,555	36,130
Kentucky	7,990	8,047	7,833	8,083	8,073	8,095
Maryland	8,308	8,333	8,308	8,308	8,338	8,414
Mississippi	19,475	19,414	19,326	19,447	19,477	19,546
Missouri	9,185	8,901	9,185	9,185	9,185	9,215
North Carolina	26,391	26,406	26,350	26,423	26,311	26,249
Oklahoma	6,048	6,065	6,048	6,048	6,067	6,062
Pennsylvania	9,170	9,221	8,820	8,841	9,384	9,245
South Carolina	6,321	6,282	6,291	6,354	6,355	6,404
Texas	19,521	19,397	19,464	19,499	19,563	19,712
Virginia	5,722	5,868	5,858	5,780	5,816	5,785
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,208	16,346	15,988	16,096	16,323	16,288
Other States	17,597	17,279	17,219	17,576	17,040	17,252
United States	256,545	256,993	255,725	255,668	256,011	256,770

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

State	Week ending					
	April 25, 2026	May 2, 2026	May 9, 2026	May 16, 2026	May 23, 2026	May 30, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,660	24,947	24,957	24,875	24,283	24,404
Arkansas	22,641	21,987	22,583	22,085	22,750	23,127
Delaware	4,889	5,019	5,391	5,503	5,931	5,952
Georgia	28,244	29,315	27,998	28,656	29,317	28,208
Kentucky	5,880	6,086	5,605	5,975	5,765	5,948
Maryland	6,488	6,884	6,789	6,777	6,257	6,228
Mississippi	14,775	15,252	15,692	15,644	15,451	15,504
Missouri	5,886	5,768	6,285	5,432	5,248	5,705
North Carolina	19,829	20,961	20,916	21,152	21,151	20,949
Oklahoma	3,369	4,357	3,371	4,202	3,861	3,493
Pennsylvania	5,414	5,351	5,451	5,329	5,304	5,026
South Carolina	4,354	4,825	5,276	4,435	4,568	4,843
Texas	15,141	15,037	14,719	14,955	14,679	14,792
Virginia	5,602	5,598	5,077	5,011	5,045	4,864
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,228	13,311	13,915	13,956	14,671	14,109
Other States	14,353	14,021	14,066	14,374	14,135	15,070
United States	195,753	198,719	198,091	198,361	198,416	198,222

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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