



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 254 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 20, 2026, up 1 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 199 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 20, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through June 20, 2026 for the United States were 4.72 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					
	May 16, 2026	May 23, 2026	May 30, 2026	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,868	35,997	35,725	35,453	35,611	35,528
Arkansas	27,264	27,239	27,497	27,255	27,186	26,662
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,410	35,574	36,233	35,862	35,830	35,870
Kentucky	8,177	8,146	8,195	7,977	7,880	8,194
Maryland	8,768	8,770	8,803	8,720	8,720	8,614
Mississippi	19,441	19,461	19,606	19,540	19,394	19,926
Missouri	9,185	9,139	9,152	9,220	9,174	9,159
North Carolina	26,255	25,847	26,084	26,191	25,998	25,974
Oklahoma	6,048	5,950	5,945	6,182	6,048	5,931
Pennsylvania	8,901	9,303	9,183	9,476	8,545	9,281
South Carolina	6,352	6,361	6,404	6,357	6,418	6,136
Texas	19,499	19,594	19,662	19,605	19,531	18,470
Virginia	5,780	5,816	5,785	5,499	5,490	5,612
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,298	16,344	16,171	16,168	16,120	16,033
Other States	17,545	16,985	17,183	17,786	17,125	17,179
United States	256,660	256,395	257,497	257,160	254,939	254,438

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

State	Week ending					
	May 16, 2026	May 23, 2026	May 30, 2026	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,875	24,620	24,078	24,153	24,354	24,069
Arkansas	22,085	22,750	23,088	22,802	22,801	22,891
Delaware	5,465	6,226	5,813	6,112	5,313	5,385
Georgia	28,762	29,050	28,559	27,625	28,082	28,546
Kentucky	6,065	6,017	6,152	5,904	6,000	5,871
Maryland	6,243	5,421	6,300	5,978	6,780	6,828
Mississippi	15,644	15,451	15,504	15,485	15,661	15,775
Missouri	5,432	5,248	5,705	5,506	5,535	5,626
North Carolina	20,997	20,873	20,888	21,144	21,124	21,402
Oklahoma	4,202	3,861	3,493	4,200	4,076	3,754
Pennsylvania	5,311	5,319	5,044	5,060	5,399	5,336
South Carolina	4,660	4,801	5,010	5,810	5,234	5,159
Texas	14,955	14,679	14,792	14,821	14,746	14,924
Virginia	5,481	5,697	4,848	4,995	5,339	5,213
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,975	14,867	14,039	14,398	14,014	14,009
Other States	14,374	13,953	14,087	14,499	13,961	14,111
United States	198,526	198,833	197,400	198,492	198,419	198,899

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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