



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 256 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 27, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 199 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 27, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through June 27, 2026 for the United States were 4.92 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					
	May 23, 2026	May 30, 2026	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,997	35,725	35,453	35,611	35,528	35,507
Arkansas	27,239	27,497	27,448	27,196	26,662	27,116
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,574	36,233	36,056	35,809	35,870	35,884
Kentucky	8,146	8,195	8,108	7,880	8,194	8,144
Maryland	8,770	8,803	8,720	8,720	8,614	8,414
Mississippi	19,461	19,606	19,540	19,394	19,684	19,802
Missouri	9,139	9,152	9,127	9,174	9,159	9,127
North Carolina	25,847	26,084	26,171	26,008	25,974	25,747
Oklahoma	5,950	5,945	5,948	6,048	5,931	5,931
Pennsylvania	9,303	9,183	9,355	8,545	9,281	9,285
South Carolina	6,361	6,404	6,357	6,418	6,136	5,961
Texas	19,594	19,662	19,605	19,531	18,470	19,569
Virginia	5,816	5,785	5,499	5,490	5,612	5,816
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,344	16,171	16,099	16,077	16,083	16,158
Other States	16,985	17,183	17,786	17,125	17,171	17,902
United States	256,395	257,497	257,141	254,895	254,238	256,232

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

State	Week ending					
	May 23, 2026	May 30, 2026	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,620	24,078	24,153	24,354	24,069	24,423
Arkansas	22,750	23,088	22,802	22,801	22,891	23,033
Delaware	6,226	5,813	6,112	5,313	5,385	4,164
Georgia	29,050	28,559	27,625	28,082	28,792	28,503
Kentucky	6,017	6,152	5,904	6,000	5,852	6,096
Maryland	5,421	6,400	5,978	6,780	6,828	7,873
Mississippi	15,451	15,504	15,485	15,661	15,638	15,689
Missouri	5,248	5,705	5,506	5,535	5,626	5,850
North Carolina	20,873	20,888	21,144	21,124	21,402	21,422
Oklahoma	3,861	3,493	4,200	4,076	3,754	3,092
Pennsylvania	5,319	5,044	5,060	5,399	5,336	5,321
South Carolina	4,801	5,010	5,810	5,234	5,159	4,782
Texas	14,679	14,792	14,821	14,746	14,924	14,166
Virginia	5,697	4,848	4,995	5,339	5,213	5,660
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,867	14,039	14,398	13,963	13,950	14,010
Other States	13,953	14,087	14,479	13,960	14,142	14,656
United States	198,833	197,500	198,472	198,367	198,961	198,740

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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