



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 256 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 4, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 197 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 4, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through July 4, 2026 for the United States were 5.11 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 30, 2026	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,725	35,453	35,611	35,528	35,507	35,319
Arkansas	27,497	27,382	27,096	26,662	26,946	27,053
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	36,233	36,056	35,809	35,870	35,884	36,026
Kentucky	8,195	8,128	8,012	8,194	8,184	8,134
Maryland	8,803	8,720	8,720	8,614	8,414	8,414
Mississippi	19,606	19,577	19,426	19,684	19,802	19,842
Missouri	9,152	9,127	9,096	9,159	9,127	9,072
North Carolina	26,084	26,171	26,008	25,974	25,814	25,861
Oklahoma	5,945	5,948	5,815	5,931	5,931	5,815
Pennsylvania	9,183	9,355	8,515	9,281	9,285	9,463
South Carolina	6,404	6,357	6,418	6,136	5,961	6,096
Texas	19,723	19,605	19,562	18,470	19,526	19,655
Virginia	5,785	5,499	5,490	5,612	5,816	5,816
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,171	16,099	15,924	16,083	15,815	15,867
Other States	17,183	17,786	17,125	17,171	17,902	17,537
United States	257,558	257,132	254,496	254,238	255,783	255,839

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

State	Week ending					
	May 30, 2026	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,078	24,153	24,354	24,069	24,423	24,787
Arkansas	23,088	22,802	22,801	22,891	22,671	22,305
Delaware	5,813	6,112	5,313	5,385	4,164	5,896
Georgia	28,559	27,625	28,082	28,792	28,530	28,564
Kentucky	6,152	5,904	6,000	5,852	6,096	6,154
Maryland	6,400	5,978	6,780	6,828	7,833	6,555
Mississippi	15,504	15,485	15,661	15,638	15,689	15,689
Missouri	5,705	5,506	5,535	5,626	5,927	5,724
North Carolina	20,888	21,144	21,124	21,402	21,455	21,409
Oklahoma	3,493	4,200	4,076	3,754	3,341	3,806
Pennsylvania	5,044	5,060	5,399	5,336	5,321	4,775
South Carolina	5,010	5,810	5,234	5,159	4,782	4,344
Texas	14,792	14,821	14,746	14,924	14,911	14,918
Virginia	4,848	4,995	5,339	5,213	5,660	5,324
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,039	14,398	13,963	13,950	13,257	13,078
Other States	14,087	14,479	13,960	14,142	14,656	14,169
United States	197,500	198,472	198,367	198,961	198,716	197,497

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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