



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 254 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 11, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 196 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 11, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through July 11, 2026 for the United States were 5.31 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					
	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,453	35,611	35,528	35,507	35,319	35,208
Arkansas	27,382	27,096	26,114	26,946	26,926	26,765
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869	5,869
Georgia	35,991	35,746	35,807	35,884	36,026	35,997
Kentucky	8,128	8,012	7,719	8,184	8,134	8,102
Maryland	8,720	8,720	8,614	8,414	8,414	8,444
Mississippi	19,577	19,426	19,716	19,802	19,842	19,351
Missouri	9,127	9,096	9,097	9,127	9,072	8,687
North Carolina	26,201	26,068	26,035	25,814	25,861	26,024
Oklahoma	5,948	5,815	5,931	5,931	5,815	5,940
Pennsylvania	9,355	8,515	9,341	9,285	9,463	9,517
South Carolina	6,357	6,418	6,136	5,961	6,096	6,211
Texas	19,605	19,562	18,470	19,526	19,655	19,592
Virginia	5,499	5,490	5,612	5,816	5,816	5,804
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,099	15,924	15,876	15,815	14,748	15,521
Other States	17,786	17,125	17,171	17,953	17,453	16,973
United States	257,097	254,493	253,036	255,834	254,509	254,005

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

State	Week ending					
	June 6, 2026	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,153	24,354	24,069	24,423	24,787	24,465
Arkansas	22,802	22,801	22,891	22,671	22,266	21,975
Delaware	6,112	5,313	5,385	4,164	5,876	5,129
Georgia	27,625	28,082	28,792	28,530	28,532	29,304
Kentucky	5,904	6,000	5,862	6,096	6,134	5,771
Maryland	5,978	6,780	6,828	7,833	6,555	7,062
Mississippi	15,485	15,661	15,638	15,689	15,689	15,706
Missouri	5,506	5,535	5,626	5,927	5,623	5,000
North Carolina	21,144	21,124	21,402	21,455	21,391	21,083
Oklahoma	4,200	4,076	3,754	3,341	3,806	4,114
Pennsylvania	5,060	5,399	5,336	5,321	4,767	5,348
South Carolina	5,810	5,234	5,159	4,782	4,344	4,601
Texas	14,821	14,746	14,924	14,911	14,918	13,956
Virginia	4,995	5,339	5,213	5,660	5,324	5,295
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,398	13,963	13,950	13,257	13,077	13,075
Other States	14,479	13,931	14,142	14,617	14,039	13,825
United States	198,472	198,338	198,971	198,677	197,128	195,709

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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