



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 18, 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 195 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 18, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through July 18, 2026 for the United States were 5.50 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 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,611	35,528	35,507	35,319	35,208	35,161
Arkansas	27,096	26,114	25,678	26,926	26,765	26,872
Delaware	5,869	5,869	5,495	5,869	5,869	5,495
Georgia	35,746	35,807	35,570	36,026	35,997	35,662
Kentucky	8,012	7,719	7,979	8,134	8,102	7,998
Maryland	8,720	8,614	8,414	8,414	8,444	8,495
Mississippi	19,426	19,716	19,787	19,842	19,351	19,304
Missouri	9,096	9,097	9,079	9,072	8,687	9,055
North Carolina	26,068	25,942	25,938	25,861	26,024	26,071
Oklahoma	5,815	5,931	5,232	5,815	5,940	5,590
Pennsylvania	8,515	9,341	9,194	9,463	9,517	9,402
South Carolina	6,418	6,136	5,961	6,096	6,211	6,519
Texas	19,562	18,470	19,405	19,655	19,592	19,398
Virginia	5,490	5,612	5,816	5,816	5,804	5,808
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,924	15,876	15,466	14,748	15,951	15,778
Other States	17,125	17,171	17,953	17,453	16,973	17,275
United States	254,493	252,943	252,474	254,509	254,435	253,883

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

State	Week ending					
	June 13, 2026	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,354	24,069	24,423	24,787	24,465	24,837
Arkansas	22,801	22,891	22,671	22,266	21,975	21,858
Delaware	5,313	5,385	4,164	5,876	5,437	4,792
Georgia	28,082	28,792	28,530	28,532	29,304	27,775
Kentucky	6,000	5,862	6,096	6,134	5,771	5,840
Maryland	6,780	6,828	7,833	6,555	6,758	6,509
Mississippi	15,661	15,638	15,689	15,689	15,706	15,546
Missouri	5,535	5,626	5,927	5,623	5,000	5,008
North Carolina	21,124	21,402	21,455	21,391	20,981	21,018
Oklahoma	4,076	3,754	3,341	3,806	4,114	3,499
Pennsylvania	5,399	5,336	5,321	4,767	5,348	5,278
South Carolina	5,234	5,159	4,782	4,344	4,561	4,394
Texas	14,746	14,924	14,911	14,918	13,956	14,797
Virginia	5,339	5,213	5,660	5,324	5,295	5,409
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,963	13,950	13,257	13,037	13,059	14,026
Other States	13,911	14,142	14,617	14,059	13,825	14,766
United States	198,318	198,971	198,677	197,108	195,555	195,352

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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