



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 25, 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 25, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through July 25, 2026 for the United States were 5.70 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 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,528	35,507	35,279	35,208	35,178	35,356
Arkansas	26,114	25,678	26,138	26,765	26,872	26,698
Delaware	5,869	5,495	5,869	5,869	5,495	5,588
Georgia	35,807	35,547	35,606	35,953	35,362	35,205
Kentucky	7,719	7,979	7,854	8,102	7,998	7,915
Maryland	8,614	8,414	8,414	8,444	8,495	8,516
Mississippi	19,716	19,787	19,761	19,351	19,425	19,667
Missouri	9,097	9,079	8,939	8,687	9,055	9,055
North Carolina	25,942	25,938	25,682	26,024	26,071	26,169
Oklahoma	5,931	5,232	5,698	5,940	5,590	5,712
Pennsylvania	9,341	9,194	9,387	9,517	9,402	9,494
South Carolina	6,136	5,961	6,096	6,211	6,519	6,512
Texas	18,470	19,405	19,358	19,592	19,398	19,212
Virginia	5,612	5,816	5,453	5,804	5,808	5,815
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,876	15,466	14,620	15,951	15,778	15,743
Other States	17,171	17,953	17,453	16,973	17,275	17,369
United States	252,943	252,451	251,607	254,391	253,721	254,026

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

State	Week ending					
	June 20, 2026	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,069	24,423	24,787	24,465	24,914	24,305
Arkansas	22,891	22,671	22,266	21,975	21,916	21,445
Delaware	5,385	4,164	5,876	5,437	4,792	5,292
Georgia	28,792	28,557	28,591	29,320	27,582	28,125
Kentucky	5,862	6,096	6,134	5,771	5,880	5,789
Maryland	6,828	7,833	6,555	6,758	6,509	6,097
Mississippi	15,638	15,689	15,689	15,706	15,529	15,634
Missouri	5,626	5,927	5,623	5,000	5,008	5,535
North Carolina	21,402	21,455	21,391	20,981	21,018	20,770
Oklahoma	3,754	3,341	3,806	4,114	3,499	4,147
Pennsylvania	5,336	5,321	4,767	5,348	5,278	5,356
South Carolina	5,159	4,782	4,344	4,601	4,544	4,907
Texas	14,924	14,911	14,918	13,956	14,797	14,810
Virginia	5,213	5,660	5,324	5,295	5,409	5,145
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,950	13,257	13,077	13,059	14,023	12,780
Other States	14,142	14,617	14,059	13,825	14,766	14,402
United States	198,971	198,704	197,207	195,611	195,464	194,539

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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