



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 August 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 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 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 1, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through August 1, 2026 for the United States were 5.89 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 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,507	35,279	35,208	35,178	35,350	35,459
Arkansas	25,678	26,138	26,197	26,872	26,698	26,566
Delaware	5,495	5,869	5,869	5,495	5,588	5,587
Georgia	35,547	35,706	35,414	35,683	35,205	35,525
Kentucky	7,979	7,854	7,801	7,998	7,915	8,052
Maryland	8,414	8,414	8,444	8,495	8,516	8,516
Mississippi	19,787	19,761	19,351	19,425	19,667	19,607
Missouri	9,079	8,939	8,625	9,055	9,055	9,010
North Carolina	25,938	25,682	25,782	26,071	26,169	26,166
Oklahoma	5,232	5,698	5,940	5,590	5,712	5,945
Pennsylvania	9,194	9,387	9,457	9,402	9,494	9,449
South Carolina	5,961	6,096	6,211	6,519	6,512	6,247
Texas	19,405	19,358	19,305	19,398	19,212	19,049
Virginia	5,816	5,453	5,497	5,808	5,815	5,600
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,466	14,620	15,733	16,158	16,124	16,015
Other States	17,953	17,453	16,973	17,275	17,369	17,341
United States	252,451	251,707	251,807	254,422	254,401	254,134

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

State	Week ending					
	June 27, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,664	25,100	24,465	24,914	24,293	24,388
Arkansas	22,671	22,266	21,975	21,916	21,445	21,863
Delaware	4,164	5,876	5,437	4,792	5,292	5,649
Georgia	28,305	28,273	29,320	27,582	28,125	28,377
Kentucky	6,096	6,134	5,771	5,880	5,789	5,910
Maryland	7,833	6,555	6,758	6,509	6,097	5,918
Mississippi	15,689	15,689	15,706	15,529	15,634	15,386
Missouri	5,927	5,623	5,000	5,008	5,535	5,640
North Carolina	21,455	21,391	20,981	21,018	20,795	21,102
Oklahoma	3,341	3,806	4,114	3,499	4,147	3,660
Pennsylvania	5,321	4,767	5,348	5,278	5,356	5,345
South Carolina	4,782	4,344	4,601	4,544	4,907	4,437
Texas	14,911	14,918	13,956	14,797	14,810	14,859
Virginia	5,660	5,324	5,295	5,409	5,145	5,217
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,257	13,077	13,059	14,014	12,760	12,866
Other States	14,617	14,059	13,825	14,766	14,377	13,775
United States	198,693	197,202	195,611	195,455	194,507	194,392

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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