



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 251 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 8, 2026, up 1 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 196 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 8, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through August 8, 2026 for the United States were 6.09 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					
	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,279	35,389	35,103	35,350	35,409	34,851
Arkansas	26,138	26,197	26,326	26,498	26,566	26,131
Delaware	5,869	5,769	5,495	5,588	5,587	5,586
Georgia	35,706	35,414	35,271	35,205	35,525	35,459
Kentucky	7,854	7,801	7,863	7,915	8,052	7,828
Maryland	8,414	8,444	8,495	8,516	8,516	8,414
Mississippi	19,761	19,351	19,425	19,667	19,667	19,742
Missouri	8,939	8,625	9,055	9,055	9,010	9,072
North Carolina	25,712	25,782	25,739	26,159	26,066	25,803
Oklahoma	5,698	5,940	5,823	5,712	5,945	5,831
Pennsylvania	9,387	9,457	9,389	9,454	9,449	9,399
South Carolina	6,096	6,211	6,519	6,512	6,247	6,233
Texas	19,358	19,305	19,105	19,122	18,969	18,490
Virginia	5,453	5,497	5,778	5,815	5,600	5,581
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,620	15,738	15,903	16,159	16,015	15,828
Other States	17,453	16,973	17,275	17,369	17,341	16,724
United States	251,737	251,893	252,564	254,096	253,964	250,972

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

State	Week ending					
	July 4, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,100	24,465	24,914	24,293	24,468	24,172
Arkansas	22,266	21,975	21,916	21,445	21,899	22,422
Delaware	5,876	5,437	4,792	5,292	5,649	5,578
Georgia	28,273	29,320	27,582	28,125	28,605	27,338
Kentucky	6,134	5,771	5,880	5,789	5,910	5,819
Maryland	6,555	6,758	6,509	6,097	5,918	6,293
Mississippi	15,689	15,706	15,529	15,634	15,406	15,570
Missouri	5,623	5,000	5,008	5,535	5,640	5,588
North Carolina	21,391	20,981	21,018	20,795	21,102	21,087
Oklahoma	3,806	4,114	3,499	4,147	3,660	3,572
Pennsylvania	4,767	5,348	5,278	5,356	5,302	5,338
South Carolina	4,344	4,601	4,544	4,907	4,437	4,954
Texas	14,918	13,956	14,797	14,810	14,759	15,002
Virginia	5,324	5,295	5,409	5,145	5,050	4,929
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,077	13,059	14,024	12,760	13,043	13,984
Other States	14,059	13,825	14,766	14,377	13,800	14,167
United States	197,202	195,611	195,465	194,507	194,648	195,813

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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