



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 15, 2026, up slightly 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 197 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 15, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through August 15, 2026 for the United States were 6.29 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 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,389	35,103	35,350	35,409	34,851	34,774
Arkansas	26,197	26,326	26,650	26,566	26,131	26,284
Delaware	5,769	5,495	5,588	5,587	5,586	5,686
Georgia	35,414	35,208	35,304	35,525	35,459	35,751
Kentucky	7,801	7,863	7,915	8,052	7,828	7,720
Maryland	8,444	8,495	8,516	8,516	8,414	8,414
Mississippi	19,351	19,425	19,667	19,667	19,742	19,047
Missouri	8,625	9,055	9,055	9,010	9,072	9,072
North Carolina	25,782	25,739	25,917	26,066	25,803	25,772
Oklahoma	5,940	5,823	5,712	5,945	5,831	5,638
Pennsylvania	9,457	9,389	9,417	9,449	9,399	9,414
South Carolina	6,211	6,519	6,512	6,247	6,233	6,241
Texas	19,305	19,139	19,011	18,969	18,490	17,805
Virginia	5,497	5,778	5,815	5,600	5,581	5,778
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,738	15,903	16,023	16,015	15,828	15,859
Other States	16,973	17,275	17,369	17,341	16,724	17,126
United States	251,893	252,535	253,821	253,964	250,972	250,381

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

State	Week ending					
	July 11, 2026	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,465	24,914	24,293	24,468	24,172	23,648
Arkansas	21,975	21,916	21,445	21,899	22,422	22,009
Delaware	5,437	4,792	5,292	5,649	5,578	6,042
Georgia	29,320	27,582	28,125	28,605	27,338	27,652
Kentucky	5,771	5,880	5,789	5,910	5,819	5,858
Maryland	6,758	6,509	6,097	5,918	6,293	5,940
Mississippi	15,706	15,529	15,634	15,406	15,570	15,850
Missouri	5,000	5,008	5,535	5,640	5,588	6,033
North Carolina	20,981	21,018	20,795	21,102	21,097	21,465
Oklahoma	4,114	3,499	4,147	3,660	3,572	3,740
Pennsylvania	5,348	5,278	5,356	5,302	5,327	5,414
South Carolina	4,601	4,544	4,907	4,437	4,954	5,733
Texas	13,956	14,797	14,810	14,759	15,002	14,503
Virginia	5,295	5,409	5,145	5,050	4,929	5,354
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,059	14,014	12,760	13,043	13,984	13,187
Other States	13,825	14,766	14,377	13,801	14,167	14,143
United States	195,611	195,455	194,507	194,649	195,812	196,571

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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