



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 252 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 22, 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 195 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 22, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through August 22, 2026 for the United States were 6.48 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 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,103	35,125	35,040	34,882	34,709	35,052
Arkansas	26,295	26,558	25,802	26,163	26,226	26,129
Delaware	5,495	5,869	5,587	5,586	5,869	5,686
Georgia	35,208	35,257	35,906	35,459	35,883	35,552
Kentucky	7,815	7,798	7,862	7,828	7,720	7,804
Maryland	8,495	8,516	8,516	8,414	8,414	8,444
Mississippi	19,425	19,667	19,667	19,742	18,947	19,385
Missouri	9,072	9,072	9,041	9,072	9,072	8,676
North Carolina	25,739	25,917	26,015	25,803	25,715	25,817
Oklahoma	5,823	5,598	5,704	5,831	5,714	5,770
Pennsylvania	9,389	9,417	9,446	9,442	9,305	9,501
South Carolina	6,519	6,612	6,247	6,233	6,266	6,308
Texas	19,139	18,896	19,034	18,490	17,813	18,920
Virginia	5,778	5,784	5,268	5,581	5,778	5,786
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,903	15,883	15,610	15,570	15,396	15,416
Other States	17,295	17,448	17,361	16,744	17,170	17,272
United States	252,493	253,417	252,106	250,840	249,997	251,518

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

State	Week ending					
	July 18, 2026	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,914	24,293	24,468	24,246	23,908	23,715
Arkansas	21,916	21,445	21,899	22,409	21,965	20,357
Delaware	4,792	5,292	5,649	5,578	6,418	6,088
Georgia	27,582	28,125	28,605	27,338	28,030	28,732
Kentucky	5,880	5,789	5,910	5,819	5,858	5,564
Maryland	6,509	6,097	5,918	6,293	5,789	5,714
Mississippi	15,529	15,634	15,406	15,609	15,397	15,473
Missouri	5,008	5,535	5,640	5,588	6,033	5,937
North Carolina	21,018	20,795	21,102	21,097	20,905	20,940
Oklahoma	3,499	4,147	3,660	3,572	3,740	4,628
Pennsylvania	5,278	5,356	5,302	5,311	5,338	5,329
South Carolina	4,544	4,907	4,437	4,954	5,733	5,348
Texas	14,797	14,810	14,759	14,802	14,420	14,460
Virginia	5,409	5,145	5,050	4,929	5,322	5,267
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,014	12,760	12,969	14,036	13,346	12,960
Other States	14,766	14,377	13,801	14,167	14,209	14,180
United States	195,455	194,507	194,575	195,748	196,411	194,692

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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