



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 251 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 29, 2026, up slightly 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 29, 2026, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through August 29, 2026 for the United States were 6.68 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 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,125	35,040	34,554	34,709	35,052	34,952
Arkansas	26,558	25,802	25,864	26,226	26,129	26,117
Delaware	5,869	5,587	5,586	5,869	5,686	5,686
Georgia	35,302	35,951	35,544	35,883	35,575	35,171
Kentucky	7,787	7,852	7,785	7,726	7,796	7,764
Maryland	8,775	8,797	8,791	8,815	8,799	8,644
Mississippi	19,667	19,667	19,758	18,947	19,385	18,478
Missouri	9,072	9,041	9,009	9,072	8,676	9,038
North Carolina	25,801	25,923	25,785	25,529	25,792	25,858
Oklahoma	5,598	5,704	5,710	5,714	5,770	5,708
Pennsylvania	9,415	9,443	9,473	9,299	9,495	9,405
South Carolina	6,612	6,247	6,234	6,175	6,314	6,314
Texas	18,896	19,034	18,642	17,813	18,920	18,743
Virginia	5,784	5,268	5,521	5,778	5,786	5,724
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,891	15,709	15,766	15,488	15,447	15,824
Other States	17,434	17,369	16,848	17,261	17,301	17,260
United States	253,586	252,434	250,870	250,304	251,923	250,686

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

State	Week ending					
	July 25, 2026	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,293	24,468	24,246	23,908	23,715	24,774
Arkansas	21,445	21,899	22,409	21,965	20,357	21,792
Delaware	5,292	5,649	5,578	6,456	6,808	6,509
Georgia	28,225	28,605	27,304	28,130	28,910	27,072
Kentucky	5,789	5,910	5,819	5,885	5,629	5,881
Maryland	6,097	5,918	6,293	5,526	5,153	5,809
Mississippi	15,634	15,406	15,609	15,397	15,473	15,589
Missouri	5,535	5,640	5,588	6,033	5,937	6,295
North Carolina	20,795	21,102	21,097	20,433	20,829	20,578
Oklahoma	4,147	3,660	3,572	3,740	4,628	2,996
Pennsylvania	5,356	5,302	5,311	5,462	5,415	5,442
South Carolina	4,907	4,437	4,954	5,885	5,195	5,471
Texas	14,810	14,759	14,802	14,420	14,460	14,318
Virginia	5,145	5,050	4,929	5,737	5,317	5,023
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,760	12,969	14,036	13,330	13,035	12,836
Other States	14,377	13,801	14,167	14,177	14,174	13,982
United States	194,607	194,575	195,714	196,484	195,035	194,367

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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