



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 246 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 12, 2026, up 2 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 September 12, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through September 12, 2026 for the United States were 7.06 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					
	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,554	34,071	35,025	34,735	34,907	34,716
Arkansas	25,864	25,988	25,772	26,180	25,840	25,602
Delaware	5,586	5,869	5,686	5,686	5,864	5,864
Georgia	35,544	35,820	35,330	34,830	35,647	34,203
Kentucky	7,785	7,726	7,796	7,764	7,731	7,737
Maryland	8,791	8,815	8,799	8,644	8,719	8,409
Mississippi	19,758	18,978	19,386	18,448	17,846	18,172
Missouri	9,009	9,010	8,645	9,038	8,662	8,630
North Carolina	25,785	25,620	25,917	25,833	25,422	25,060
Oklahoma	5,710	5,714	5,844	5,649	5,652	5,577
Pennsylvania	9,473	9,330	9,483	9,401	9,437	9,458
South Carolina	6,234	6,175	6,223	6,355	6,028	6,209
Texas	18,642	17,767	18,888	18,879	18,543	17,535
Virginia	5,521	5,718	5,725	5,724	5,424	5,681
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,766	15,633	16,077	15,942	15,828	15,715
Other States	16,848	17,261	17,265	17,417	17,131	17,154
United States	250,870	249,495	251,861	250,525	248,681	245,722

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

State	Week ending					
	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,246	23,989	23,736	24,759	23,276	25,080
Arkansas	22,409	21,965	20,340	21,760	22,403	21,791
Delaware	5,578	6,456	6,506	6,064	5,320	5,637
Georgia	27,304	28,130	28,910	26,932	28,541	27,428
Kentucky	5,819	5,785	5,629	5,881	5,925	5,814
Maryland	6,373	5,526	5,554	6,295	6,865	6,523
Mississippi	15,609	15,397	15,449	15,595	14,766	15,226
Missouri	5,588	6,033	5,997	6,295	5,544	4,844
North Carolina	21,097	20,433	20,683	20,465	20,348	20,524
Oklahoma	3,572	3,740	4,628	2,996	3,273	4,143
Pennsylvania	5,361	5,462	5,615	5,418	5,227	5,371
South Carolina	4,954	5,885	5,195	5,471	5,492	5,046
Texas	14,742	14,420	14,460	14,328	13,509	14,434
Virginia	4,929	5,737	5,247	4,855	5,341	5,141
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,036	13,330	13,035	12,918	13,644	13,982
Other States	14,167	14,177	14,204	14,065	13,961	14,235
United States	195,784	196,465	195,188	194,097	193,435	195,219

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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