



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 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 19, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 195 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 19, 2026, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through September 19, 2026 for the United States were 7.26 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 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026	September 19, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,071	35,025	34,675	34,907	34,716	34,520
Arkansas	25,988	25,812	26,038	25,840	25,602	25,747
Delaware	5,869	5,679	5,679	5,864	5,491	5,581
Georgia	35,820	35,330	34,830	35,647	34,141	34,562
Kentucky	7,726	7,796	7,764	7,731	7,737	7,710
Maryland	8,815	8,799	8,743	8,719	8,409	8,414
Mississippi	18,978	19,386	18,448	17,846	18,172	18,184
Missouri	9,010	8,645	9,038	8,662	8,630	8,693
North Carolina	25,620	25,917	25,985	25,422	24,967	25,718
Oklahoma	5,714	5,844	5,649	5,652	5,577	5,577
Pennsylvania	9,330	9,483	9,401	9,437	9,486	9,580
South Carolina	6,175	6,223	6,355	6,028	6,209	6,188
Texas	17,767	18,888	18,778	18,543	17,535	18,149
Virginia	5,718	5,725	5,483	5,424	5,681	5,785
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,633	16,077	16,020	15,828	15,715	15,726
Other States	17,261	17,265	17,417	17,131	17,154	17,652
United States	249,495	251,894	250,303	248,681	245,222	247,786

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

State	Week ending					
	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026	September 19, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,989	23,736	24,759	23,276	25,080	25,194
Arkansas	21,965	20,340	21,760	22,403	21,791	21,712
Delaware	6,456	6,534	5,825	5,320	5,340	5,947
Georgia	28,130	28,910	27,081	28,541	27,339	26,964
Kentucky	5,785	5,629	5,881	5,925	5,814	5,945
Maryland	5,526	5,748	6,636	6,865	6,840	5,979
Mississippi	15,397	15,449	15,595	14,766	15,226	14,624
Missouri	6,033	5,997	6,295	5,644	4,844	5,690
North Carolina	20,647	20,683	20,465	20,348	20,418	20,802
Oklahoma	3,740	4,628	2,996	3,273	4,143	3,807
Pennsylvania	5,462	5,415	5,418	5,227	5,457	5,493
South Carolina	5,885	5,195	5,471	5,492	5,046	4,919
Texas	14,420	14,460	14,328	13,509	14,434	14,650
Virginia	5,522	5,247	4,855	5,341	4,866	4,961
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,330	13,002	12,984	13,666	14,049	13,834
Other States	14,177	14,204	14,065	13,961	14,235	14,074
United States	196,464	195,177	194,414	193,557	194,922	194,595

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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