



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 26, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.6 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 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 26, 2026, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through September 26, 2026 for the United States were 7.45 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 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026	September 19, 2026	September 26, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,025	34,736	34,797	34,793	34,601	34,730
Arkansas	25,835	26,008	25,548	25,602	25,683	26,101
Delaware	5,679	5,679	5,864	5,491	5,581	5,673
Georgia	35,423	34,830	35,667	34,041	34,140	35,346
Kentucky	7,796	7,764	7,731	7,737	7,710	7,837
Maryland	8,799	8,743	8,719	8,409	8,414	8,444
Mississippi	19,386	18,448	17,846	18,172	18,242	19,136
Missouri	8,645	9,038	8,677	8,630	8,693	8,669
North Carolina	25,917	25,985	25,392	24,967	25,718	25,670
Oklahoma	5,844	5,649	5,561	5,577	5,577	5,561
Pennsylvania	9,483	9,385	9,558	9,486	9,563	9,461
South Carolina	6,223	6,282	5,966	6,209	6,214	6,189
Texas	18,888	18,805	18,603	17,535	18,149	18,835
Virginia	5,725	5,483	5,484	5,681	5,785	5,786
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,077	16,020	16,108	15,715	15,703	16,112
Other States	17,265	17,417	17,131	17,154	17,531	16,289
United States	252,010	250,272	248,652	245,199	247,304	249,839

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

State	Week ending					
	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026	September 19, 2026	September 26, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,402	25,431	23,969	25,922	25,712	25,285
Arkansas	20,340	21,760	22,403	21,791	21,792	21,267
Delaware	6,534	5,825	5,320	5,340	5,947	5,487
Georgia	28,243	26,409	27,811	26,669	26,382	27,498
Kentucky	5,629	5,881	5,925	5,814	5,945	5,959
Maryland	5,748	6,636	6,865	6,840	5,979	5,899
Mississippi	15,449	15,595	14,766	15,226	14,611	13,950
Missouri	5,997	6,295	5,544	4,844	5,690	5,608
North Carolina	20,683	20,465	20,348	20,418	20,802	20,664
Oklahoma	4,628	2,996	3,273	4,143	3,807	4,128
Pennsylvania	5,415	5,418	5,227	5,457	5,407	5,526
South Carolina	5,195	5,471	5,465	5,049	4,919	4,647
Texas	14,460	14,328	13,519	14,434	14,650	14,478
Virginia	5,247	4,855	5,341	4,866	4,961	5,262
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,002	12,984	13,666	14,049	13,834	13,479
Other States	14,204	14,065	13,981	14,265	14,070	14,158
United States	195,176	194,414	193,423	195,127	194,508	193,295

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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