



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 October 3, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 3, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through October 3, 2026 for the United States were 7.64 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 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026	September 19, 2026	September 26, 2026	October 3, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,736	34,797	34,975	34,601	34,730	34,169
Arkansas	26,008	25,548	24,728	25,683	26,101	26,021
Delaware	5,679	5,864	5,491	5,581	5,673	5,652
Georgia	34,830	35,667	34,356	34,140	35,346	34,101
Kentucky	7,764	7,731	7,172	7,710	7,837	7,882
Maryland	8,743	8,719	8,409	8,414	8,444	8,454
Mississippi	18,448	17,846	18,172	18,242	19,136	18,351
Missouri	9,038	8,677	8,623	8,693	8,669	8,991
North Carolina	25,985	25,392	24,936	25,718	25,670	25,616
Oklahoma	5,649	5,561	5,592	5,577	5,561	5,482
Pennsylvania	9,385	9,558	9,637	9,563	9,461	9,653
South Carolina	6,282	5,966	6,209	6,214	6,189	5,840
Texas	18,805	18,603	17,548	18,149	18,835	18,289
Virginia	5,483	5,484	5,772	5,785	5,786	5,612
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,020	16,108	15,863	15,703	16,112	16,181
Other States	17,417	17,131	17,154	17,531	16,056	16,134
United States	250,272	248,652	244,637	247,304	249,606	246,428

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

State	Week ending					
	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026	September 12, 2026	September 19, 2026	September 26, 2026	October 3, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,431	23,969	25,922	25,712	25,345	24,816
Arkansas	21,760	22,403	21,791	21,792	21,267	21,129
Delaware	5,825	5,320	5,341	5,947	5,487	5,836
Georgia	26,459	27,811	26,669	26,382	27,498	26,856
Kentucky	5,881	5,925	5,814	5,945	5,959	5,292
Maryland	6,636	6,865	6,840	5,979	5,899	5,163
Mississippi	15,595	14,766	15,226	14,611	13,950	14,073
Missouri	6,295	5,544	4,844	5,690	5,608	5,032
North Carolina	20,465	20,348	20,418	20,802	20,664	19,979
Oklahoma	2,996	3,273	4,143	3,807	4,128	3,864
Pennsylvania	5,437	5,247	5,457	5,407	5,526	5,496
South Carolina	5,471	5,465	5,049	4,919	4,647	4,902
Texas	14,328	13,519	14,434	14,650	14,478	13,347
Virginia	4,855	5,341	4,866	4,961	5,262	5,536
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,984	13,666	14,049	13,834	13,479	14,190
Other States	14,065	13,981	14,265	14,070	14,124	14,178
United States	194,483	193,443	195,128	194,508	193,321	189,689

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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