Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 246 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 24, 2026, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 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 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 24, 2026, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through October 24, 2026 for the United States were 8.21 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					
	September 19, 2026	September 26, 2026	October 3, 2026	October 10, 2026	October 17, 2026	October 24, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,246	34,285	33,655	34,506	34,362	35,039
Arkansas	24,850	25,818	25,352	25,873	25,693	24,884
Delaware	5,581	5,673	5,582	5,584	5,404	5,613
Georgia	34,175	35,301	34,101	34,938	34,696	34,669
Kentucky	7,842	7,948	7,945	7,906	7,956	7,806
Maryland	8,414	8,444	8,454	8,633	8,496	8,504
Mississippi	18,247	19,166	17,043	17,555	17,484	17,210
Missouri	8,320	8,654	8,800	8,824	8,571	8,087
North Carolina	25,226	25,649	25,642	24,744	25,411	25,740
Oklahoma	5,532	5,561	5,685	5,185	5,547	5,792
Pennsylvania	9,592	9,274	9,621	9,378	9,489	9,496
South Carolina	6,214	6,189	5,840	5,711	5,622	5,895
Texas	18,347	18,795	17,775	17,781	18,066	19,217
Virginia	5,801	5,816	5,612	5,509	5,553	5,918
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,081	15,794	16,003	15,806	15,906	15,896
Other States	17,531	16,443	16,134	16,748	17,353	16,229
United States	244,999	248,810	243,244	244,681	245,609	245,995

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

State	Week ending					
	September 19, 2026	September 26, 2026	October 3, 2026	October 10, 2026	October 17, 2026	October 24, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,712	25,285	24,816	23,313	25,606	23,660
Arkansas	21,792	21,267	20,482	20,323	21,696	20,660
Delaware	5,947	5,487	5,283	4,915	5,036	5,668
Georgia	26,382	27,498	26,856	27,551	26,179	26,065
Kentucky	5,945	5,959	5,292	5,896	6,034	5,679
Maryland	5,979	5,899	5,697	7,045	6,757	6,267
Mississippi	14,611	13,950	14,284	14,504	15,156	13,601
Missouri	5,690	5,608	5,032	5,568	5,714	6,060
North Carolina	20,802	20,664	20,069	20,453	21,019	20,542
Oklahoma	3,807	4,128	3,864	3,799	3,787	4,125
Pennsylvania	5,407	5,526	5,500	5,534	5,277	5,219
South Carolina	4,919	4,647	4,902	4,661	5,040	5,210
Texas	14,650	14,478	13,347	14,318	14,259	13,724
Virginia	4,961	5,262	5,763	4,842	5,479	4,823
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,825	13,158	14,013	13,425	12,681	13,431
Other States	14,070	14,124	14,061	14,457	13,561	13,569
United States	194,499	192,940	189,261	190,604	193,281	188,303

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.

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