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 31, 2026, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 31, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through October 31, 2026 for the United States were 8.40 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 26, 2026	October 3, 2026	October 10, 2026	October 17, 2026	October 24, 2026	October 31, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,285	33,655	34,615	34,362	35,039	34,675
Arkansas	25,818	25,352	25,390	25,693	24,884	24,887
Delaware	5,673	5,582	5,584	5,404	5,310	5,355
Georgia	35,301	34,101	34,558	34,696	34,669	34,260
Kentucky	7,948	7,945	7,336	7,956	7,806	7,358
Maryland	8,444	8,454	8,322	8,496	8,504	8,434
Mississippi	19,166	17,043	17,563	17,484	17,210	18,394
Missouri	8,654	8,800	8,824	8,571	8,087	8,849
North Carolina	25,649	25,642	24,744	25,411	25,648	25,661
Oklahoma	5,561	5,685	5,652	5,547	5,792	5,663
Pennsylvania	9,274	9,621	9,449	9,489	9,496	9,704
South Carolina	6,189	5,840	5,711	5,622	5,895	5,367
Texas	18,795	17,775	17,928	18,066	19,217	19,915
Virginia	5,816	5,612	5,509	5,553	5,918	5,645
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,794	16,003	15,790	15,906	15,896	16,045
Other States	16,443	16,134	16,673	17,444	16,324	15,516
United States	248,810	243,244	243,648	245,700	245,695	245,728

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

State	Week ending					
	September 26, 2026	October 3, 2026	October 10, 2026	October 17, 2026	October 24, 2026	October 31, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,285	24,816	23,313	25,606	23,660	25,025
Arkansas	21,267	20,482	20,323	21,696	20,660	21,750
Delaware	5,487	5,283	4,915	5,036	5,806	5,464
Georgia	27,498	26,856	27,551	26,179	26,065	27,212
Kentucky	5,959	5,292	5,896	6,034	5,679	5,469
Maryland	5,899	5,697	7,045	6,757	5,895	6,077
Mississippi	13,950	14,284	14,504	15,156	13,601	14,235
Missouri	5,608	5,032	5,568	5,714	6,060	5,470
North Carolina	20,664	20,069	20,453	21,019	20,499	19,825
Oklahoma	4,128	3,864	3,799	3,787	4,125	3,215
Pennsylvania	5,526	5,500	5,534	5,277	5,534	5,539
South Carolina	4,647	4,902	4,661	5,040	5,210	4,585
Texas	14,478	13,347	14,318	14,259	13,724	13,978
Virginia	5,262	5,763	4,842	5,479	4,892	4,789
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,158	14,013	13,425	12,681	13,431	13,010
Other States	14,124	14,061	14,457	13,561	13,552	13,957
United States	192,940	189,261	190,604	193,281	188,393	189,600

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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