Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 7, 2026, down slightly 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 7, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through November 7, 2026 for the United States were 8.59 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					
	October 3, 2026	October 10, 2026	October 17, 2026	October 24, 2026	October 31, 2026	November 7, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,655	34,615	34,916	35,039	34,675	34,896
Arkansas	25,352	25,310	24,523	24,884	24,887	24,646
Delaware	5,582	5,584	5,404	5,310	5,355	5,404
Georgia	34,101	34,135	34,316	34,669	34,260	35,019
Kentucky	7,945	7,336	7,386	7,806	7,358	7,390
Maryland	8,454	8,322	8,496	8,504	8,434	8,414
Mississippi	17,043	17,563	17,484	17,210	18,394	18,587
Missouri	8,800	8,824	8,322	8,087	8,849	8,757
North Carolina	25,642	24,744	25,087	25,648	25,661	25,225
Oklahoma	5,685	5,652	4,964	5,792	5,663	4,994
Pennsylvania	9,621	9,449	9,570	9,496	9,704	9,551
South Carolina	5,840	5,711	5,622	5,895	5,267	5,830
Texas	17,775	17,928	17,910	19,217	19,915	18,293
Virginia	5,612	5,509	5,553	5,918	5,645	5,462
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,003	15,790	15,578	15,896	16,045	15,730
Other States	16,134	16,623	17,440	16,324	15,472	15,794
United States	243,244	243,095	242,571	245,695	245,584	243,992

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

State	Week ending					
	October 3, 2026	October 10, 2026	October 17, 2026	October 24, 2026	October 31, 2026	November 7, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,816	23,313	25,407	23,660	24,684	25,552
Arkansas	20,482	20,323	21,696	20,660	21,750	20,180
Delaware	5,283	4,915	5,036	5,806	5,464	5,764
Georgia	26,856	27,551	26,179	26,065	27,195	24,545
Kentucky	5,292	5,896	6,034	5,679	5,469	5,504
Maryland	5,697	7,045	6,757	5,895	6,077	6,036
Mississippi	14,284	14,504	15,156	13,601	14,235	14,091
Missouri	5,032	5,568	5,714	6,060	5,552	5,237
North Carolina	20,069	20,453	21,019	20,499	19,825	20,180
Oklahoma	3,864	3,799	3,787	4,125	3,215	3,809
Pennsylvania	5,500	5,534	5,277	5,534	5,539	5,644
South Carolina	4,902	4,661	5,040	5,210	4,585	5,505
Texas	13,347	14,318	14,259	13,724	13,978	13,898
Virginia	5,763	4,842	5,479	4,892	4,789	4,450
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,013	13,425	12,681	13,383	12,936	13,532
Other States	14,061	14,457	13,561	13,552	13,855	14,390
United States	189,261	190,604	193,082	188,345	189,148	188,317

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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