# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 253 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 21, 2026, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 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 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 21, 2026, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through November 21, 2026 for the United States were 8.97 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 17, 2026 | October 24, 2026 | October 31, 2026 | November 7, 2026 | November 14, 2026 | November 21, 2026 |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) |
| Alabama | 34,916 | 34,953 | 34,822 | 34,896 | 34,713 | 35,600 |
| Arkansas | 24,526 | 25,684 | 25,837 | 24,788 | 25,216 | 25,489 |
| Delaware | 5,404 | 5,310 | 5,355 | 5,404 | 5,434 | 5,507 |
| Georgia | 34,316 | 35,043 | 34,704 | 34,724 | 35,628 | 35,806 |
| Kentucky | 7,386 | 7,838 | 7,960 | 7,408 | 7,437 | 7,575 |
| Maryland | 8,496 | 8,504 | 8,434 | 8,414 | 8,444 | 8,494 |
| Mississippi | 17,484 | 18,633 | 18,157 | 18,964 | 19,183 | 18,667 |
| Missouri | 8,322 | 7,776 | 8,849 | 8,757 | 8,781 | 9,220 |
| North Carolina | 25,098 | 25,313 | 25,876 | 25,225 | 25,233 | 26,019 |
| Oklahoma | 4,994 | 5,228 | 6,033 | 4,994 | 5,225 | 6,041 |
| Pennsylvania | 9,570 | 9,575 | 9,765 | 9,551 | 9,506 | 9,790 |
| South Carolina | 5,622 | 5,895 | 5,629 | 5,830 | 5,825 | 6,043 |
| Texas | 17,880 | 19,350 | 19,443 | 18,293 | 19,060 | 19,302 |
| Virginia | 5,503 | 5,873 | 5,645 | 5,462 | 5,910 | 5,943 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 15,578 | 15,551 | 16,223 | 15,711 | 15,415 | 16,136 |
| Other States | 17,440 | 15,550 | 15,472 | 15,794 | 17,320 | 17,587 |
| United States | 242,535 | 246,076 | 248,204 | 244,215 | 248,330 | 253,219 |

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

| State | Week ending | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | October 17, 2026 | October 24, 2026 | October 31, 2026 | November 7, 2026 | November 14, 2026 | November 21, 2026 |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) |
| Alabama | 25,407 | 23,660 | 24,684 | 25,642 | 25,602 | 24,399 |
| Arkansas | 21,696 | 20,715 | 21,750 | 20,193 | 21,126 | 21,543 |
| Delaware | 5,036 | 5,806 | 5,464 | 5,834 | 6,065 | 5,660 |
| Georgia | 26,179 | 26,065 | 27,195 | 24,497 | 25,777 | 26,788 |
| Kentucky | 6,034 | 5,679 | 5,469 | 5,504 | 5,917 | 6,020 |
| Maryland | 6,757 | 5,895 | 6,077 | 5,956 | 5,504 | 5,794 |
| Mississippi | 15,156 | 13,656 | 14,219 | 14,082 | 15,017 | 14,643 |
| Missouri | 5,714 | 6,060 | 5,552 | 5,237 | 4,860 | 5,511 |
| North Carolina | 21,019 | 20,499 | 19,825 | 20,052 | 20,303 | 20,542 |
| Oklahoma | 3,787 | 4,125 | 3,215 | 3,809 | 3,635 | 4,188 |
| Pennsylvania | 5,277 | 5,534 | 5,539 | 5,644 | 5,200 | 5,279 |
| South Carolina | 5,040 | 5,210 | 4,585 | 5,595 | 5,169 | 5,321 |
| Texas | 14,259 | 13,724 | 13,978 | 13,938 | 15,084 | 14,927 |
| Virginia | 5,479 | 4,892 | 4,789 | 4,490 | 4,838 | 4,992 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 12,681 | 13,383 | 12,936 | 13,681 | 13,072 | 12,909 |
| Other States | 13,561 | 13,552 | 13,855 | 14,390 | 12,837 | 12,494 |
| United States | 193,082 | 188,455 | 189,132 | 188,544 | 190,006 | 191,010 |

## 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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