



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 251 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 22, 2025, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.7 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through February 22, 2025 for the United States were 1.53 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2025

State	Week ending					
	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,844	34,799	35,188	35,155	35,284	35,401
Arkansas .....	25,535	25,616	26,553	26,985	26,899	26,839
Delaware .....	5,743	5,742	5,742	5,742	5,682	5,730
Georgia .....	34,279	34,513	34,739	34,410	34,513	34,350
Kentucky .....	7,911	8,088	8,080	7,996	7,970	8,002
Maryland .....	8,586	8,585	8,583	8,585	8,585	8,584
Mississippi .....	18,112	18,097	17,954	18,097	18,324	18,233
Missouri .....	8,984	9,000	8,945	8,849	8,848	8,903
North Carolina .....	26,083	26,222	25,282	26,001	25,988	25,930
Oklahoma .....	5,606	5,984	5,700	5,901	5,720	5,710
Pennsylvania .....	8,596	8,360	8,465	8,604	8,576	8,506
South Carolina .....	6,079	6,302	6,311	6,024	6,265	6,290
Texas .....	19,424	19,835	18,787	19,755	19,578	19,515
Virginia .....	5,730	5,718	5,799	5,876	5,778	5,909
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,714	15,388	15,851	16,059	16,288	16,054
Other States .....	16,828	16,919	16,808	16,583	16,551	16,828
United States .....	248,054	249,168	248,787	250,622	250,849	250,784

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2025

State	Week ending					
	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,734	24,541	24,268	24,587	23,616	24,010
Arkansas .....	21,088	21,404	21,464	21,235	21,179	22,301
Delaware .....	4,565	5,484	6,264	6,232	5,406	6,005
Georgia .....	27,223	26,915	27,762	27,029	26,293	28,032
Kentucky .....	5,768	5,504	5,920	5,496	5,877	5,860
Maryland .....	6,916	6,648	6,292	6,382	7,248	6,191
Mississippi .....	14,154	13,924	14,635	14,299	14,358	14,123
Missouri .....	5,092	6,080	5,284	5,712	5,918	5,715
North Carolina .....	20,032	20,052	19,857	19,864	20,128	19,137
Oklahoma .....	4,894	3,479	3,906	3,682	3,605	3,332
Pennsylvania .....	5,013	4,845	4,798	4,974	4,852	4,824
South Carolina .....	5,022	5,297	5,173	4,880	5,804	4,218
Texas .....	15,210	15,553	15,023	14,838	15,095	14,522
Virginia .....	4,983	4,858	4,879	4,651	4,828	5,200
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,811	14,173	12,962	13,844	13,406	13,264
Other States .....	13,552	13,559	13,422	13,595	13,645	13,200
United States .....	191,057	192,316	191,909	191,300	191,258	189,934

## 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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