



# 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 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 8, 2025, up 3 percent 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 8, 2025, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through February 8, 2025 for the United States were 1.15 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 4, 2025	January 11, 2025	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,348	35,268	34,677	34,930	35,239	35,095
Arkansas .....	26,245	25,877	25,535	25,777	25,257	25,607
Delaware .....	5,738	5,748	5,743	5,742	5,742	5,742
Georgia .....	35,178	34,941	34,279	34,570	34,945	34,537
Kentucky .....	7,917	7,941	7,911	7,978	7,962	7,996
Maryland .....	8,442	8,570	8,586	8,584	8,584	8,585
Mississippi .....	18,169	18,203	18,112	18,097	17,954	18,012
Missouri .....	8,879	8,909	8,984	9,017	8,918	8,849
North Carolina .....	25,831	26,168	26,083	26,086	25,625	26,001
Oklahoma .....	5,770	5,851	5,606	5,984	5,669	5,901
Pennsylvania .....	8,735	8,692	8,597	8,275	8,491	8,704
South Carolina .....	6,079	5,915	6,079	6,300	6,310	6,024
Texas .....	19,315	19,556	19,424	19,956	18,893	19,438
Virginia .....	5,691	5,722	5,730	5,718	5,835	5,876
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,480	15,029	15,714	15,426	15,844	15,617
Other States .....	16,811	16,929	16,828	16,836	16,802	16,583
United States .....	249,628	249,319	247,888	249,276	248,070	248,567

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

State	Week ending					
	January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	25,765	24,721	23,734	24,541	24,268	24,545
Arkansas .....	22,163	22,808	21,088	21,404	21,464	21,225
Delaware .....	4,494	6,073	4,637	5,453	5,412	5,630
Georgia .....	26,672	27,523	27,223	27,012	27,713	27,429
Kentucky .....	5,928	5,646	5,768	5,407	5,922	5,496
Maryland .....	7,572	6,004	7,170	6,634	6,673	6,848
Mississippi .....	14,327	14,261	14,154	13,924	14,635	14,272
Missouri .....	5,444	5,754	5,143	6,080	5,374	5,712
North Carolina .....	19,784	20,409	20,032	20,098	20,085	19,864
Oklahoma .....	3,527	2,396	4,894	3,479	3,906	3,682
Pennsylvania .....	5,374	5,161	5,120	5,090	5,161	4,974
South Carolina .....	5,237	4,426	5,022	5,454	5,003	4,880
Texas .....	14,663	14,831	15,210	15,553	15,023	14,899
Virginia .....	4,795	4,759	4,983	4,477	4,644	4,651
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,314	12,289	13,811	14,236	12,973	13,728
Other States .....	13,421	13,499	13,552	13,588	13,433	13,500
United States .....	192,480	190,560	191,541	192,430	191,689	191,335

## 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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