



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.8 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 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2025, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through April 19, 2025 for the United States were 3.06 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,315	35,099	35,312	34,980	35,256	35,308
Arkansas	26,095	26,185	26,268	26,404	26,208	26,249
Delaware	5,621	5,521	5,576	5,663	5,676	5,661
Georgia	34,389	34,541	34,691	34,332	34,380	34,659
Kentucky	8,228	7,961	7,987	8,138	8,148	8,413
Maryland	8,584	8,584	8,584	8,585	8,585	8,585
Mississippi	18,079	18,201	17,802	18,055	18,055	17,991
Missouri	9,215	9,202	8,920	9,226	9,225	9,220
North Carolina	26,046	25,957	26,048	26,220	26,136	25,777
Oklahoma	5,189	6,093	5,831	5,772	5,812	5,501
Pennsylvania	8,384	8,654	8,258	8,453	8,662	8,692
South Carolina	5,962	6,063	6,135	6,052	6,111	6,120
Texas	19,408	19,309	19,131	19,415	19,414	19,241
Virginia	5,887	5,887	5,448	5,725	5,727	5,708
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,967	16,382	16,305	16,255	16,265	16,240
Other States	16,800	16,902	16,829	16,486	16,693	16,763
United States	249,169	250,541	249,125	249,761	250,353	250,128

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

State	Week ending					
	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,914	24,527	23,572	24,351	24,127	24,395
Arkansas	21,217	20,649	21,675	21,328	20,919	22,985
Delaware	5,333	6,094	6,003	5,997	5,494	6,341
Georgia	26,867	26,562	27,240	26,667	26,534	26,366
Kentucky	5,758	5,873	5,641	6,012	5,558	5,731
Maryland	6,567	5,970	5,970	6,134	6,592	5,786
Mississippi	14,477	14,353	14,340	14,470	14,537	14,249
Missouri	5,789	6,131	5,885	6,318	6,675	5,593
North Carolina	20,321	20,063	20,342	20,164	20,198	20,081
Oklahoma	3,966	4,383	3,399	3,284	3,936	3,046
Pennsylvania	4,715	4,781	4,869	4,787	4,986	4,652
South Carolina	5,142	4,819	4,583	5,275	5,124	5,011
Texas	14,850	14,788	14,880	14,837	14,729	14,746
Virginia	4,913	4,771	5,152	4,746	4,399	4,214
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,180	13,937	14,041	13,602	14,942	14,664
Other States	13,470	13,620	13,649	13,447	13,551	13,658
United States	191,479	191,321	191,241	191,419	192,301	191,518

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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