



# 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 252 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 17, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through May 17, 2025 for the United States were 3.83 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					
	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025	May 17, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,371	35,605	35,668	35,378	35,384	35,566
Arkansas .....	26,412	26,826	26,345	26,203	26,604	26,643
Delaware .....	5,756	5,691	5,859	5,716	5,770	5,770
Georgia .....	33,969	34,611	34,485	34,479	34,735	34,864
Kentucky .....	7,630	8,009	7,958	8,083	7,998	7,920
Maryland .....	8,579	8,579	8,579	8,544	8,521	8,534
Mississippi .....	17,993	18,033	18,033	18,124	18,017	18,109
Missouri .....	9,230	9,189	9,165	8,715	9,196	9,176
North Carolina .....	25,962	25,831	25,003	26,004	26,132	25,968
Oklahoma .....	5,812	5,808	6,070	5,808	5,911	5,831
Pennsylvania .....	8,663	8,692	8,950	8,581	8,228	8,664
South Carolina .....	6,111	6,120	6,115	6,235	6,021	6,266
Texas .....	19,403	19,237	19,339	19,310	19,500	19,505
Virginia .....	5,727	5,708	5,705	5,672	5,680	5,683
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,317	16,264	15,712	16,154	16,006	16,216
Other States .....	16,691	16,746	16,893	16,763	16,758	16,829
United States .....	249,626	250,949	249,879	249,769	250,461	251,544

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

State	Week ending					
	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025	May 17, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,117	24,611	24,264	24,365	25,404	25,021
Arkansas .....	20,919	22,961	21,952	21,426	21,255	22,159
Delaware .....	5,658	6,296	5,996	5,491	5,857	5,558
Georgia .....	26,207	26,437	26,588	26,518	26,970	26,562
Kentucky .....	5,719	5,879	5,954	5,796	6,115	5,818
Maryland .....	6,252	5,928	6,476	6,184	6,085	6,635
Mississippi .....	14,540	14,209	14,609	14,486	14,616	14,535
Missouri .....	6,675	5,593	5,482	6,131	6,462	5,564
North Carolina .....	20,043	20,098	19,725	20,443	20,790	19,907
Oklahoma .....	3,936	3,046	4,281	4,118	4,208	4,251
Pennsylvania .....	4,986	4,652	4,848	4,902	4,807	5,037
South Carolina .....	5,258	4,784	5,560	4,354	4,047	4,406
Texas .....	14,729	14,746	14,703	14,951	14,731	14,922
Virginia .....	4,279	4,122	4,684	5,266	4,864	5,197
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	14,924	14,269	14,144	14,550	14,028	14,103
Other States .....	13,549	13,640	13,108	13,459	13,504	13,601
United States .....	191,791	191,271	192,374	192,440	193,743	193,276

## 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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