



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 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 22, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.5 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 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through March 22, 2025 for the United States were 2.30 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,425	35,231	35,336	35,121	35,305	35,306
Arkansas	26,238	25,948	26,429	26,022	25,763	26,132
Delaware	5,682	5,730	5,716	5,721	5,621	5,521
Georgia	34,610	34,560	34,269	34,580	34,330	34,257
Kentucky	7,873	8,083	8,097	8,085	8,176	8,189
Maryland	8,590	8,534	8,534	8,583	8,584	8,584
Mississippi	18,144	18,114	18,235	18,087	18,079	18,201
Missouri	9,008	8,934	9,070	9,008	9,028	9,047
North Carolina	24,895	26,154	25,883	26,104	25,956	25,957
Oklahoma	5,696	6,070	5,677	5,656	5,165	5,802
Pennsylvania	8,505	8,527	8,523	8,511	8,124	8,640
South Carolina	6,265	6,113	6,239	5,966	5,962	6,042
Texas	19,305	19,111	19,222	19,319	19,210	19,214
Virginia	5,778	5,909	5,886	5,887	5,887	5,887
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,169	15,673	15,812	15,845	16,288	15,977
Other States	16,570	16,810	16,979	16,888	16,800	16,720
United States	248,753	249,501	249,907	249,383	248,278	249,476

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

State	Week ending					
	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,616	23,987	23,783	24,606	23,914	24,525
Arkansas	21,184	21,912	21,525	21,075	21,217	20,758
Delaware	5,516	6,270	4,996	4,811	5,333	6,094
Georgia	26,293	27,819	28,016	26,250	26,867	26,666
Kentucky	5,877	5,860	5,745	5,710	5,758	5,873
Maryland	7,386	6,067	7,003	7,293	6,567	5,977
Mississippi	14,358	14,100	14,408	14,451	14,477	14,496
Missouri	5,892	5,956	5,514	6,009	5,789	6,131
North Carolina	20,125	19,492	19,914	19,777	20,321	20,001
Oklahoma	3,603	3,332	4,008	4,169	3,966	4,383
Pennsylvania	4,594	4,704	4,801	4,924	4,715	4,781
South Carolina	5,760	4,170	4,416	5,403	5,142	4,830
Texas	15,095	14,411	14,823	14,729	14,850	14,705
Virginia	4,828	5,200	5,250	4,741	4,913	4,771
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,406	13,423	14,035	13,684	14,180	14,001
Other States	13,645	13,185	12,409	13,533	13,450	13,511
United States	191,178	189,888	190,646	191,165	191,459	191,503

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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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