



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 18, 2025, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.9 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 January 18, 2025, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through January 18, 2025 for the United States were 574 million. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Week ending					
	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024	January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025	January 18, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,791	35,378	35,092	35,319	35,268	35,282
Arkansas	25,874	25,964	26,126	26,090	25,931	26,007
Delaware	5,604	5,637	5,725	5,738	5,748	5,743
Florida	1,222	1,225	1,225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	34,640	35,248	34,741	34,913	34,951	34,899
Kentucky	7,752	7,739	7,944	7,970	7,596	7,803
Louisiana	3,624	3,624	3,624	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	8,094	8,093	8,263	8,442	8,267	8,267
Mississippi	18,143	18,128	18,081	18,169	18,203	18,233
Missouri	9,112	9,067	8,974	9,097	9,111	8,999
North Carolina	26,068	26,055	26,282	25,966	26,078	26,006
Oklahoma	5,770	5,669	5,683	5,770	5,851	5,851
Pennsylvania	8,868	8,767	8,351	8,735	8,692	8,571
South Carolina	5,735	6,191	6,054	5,893	5,913	5,918
Texas	18,913	19,052	19,039	19,259	19,758	19,410
Virginia	5,719	5,668	5,685	5,691	5,722	5,730
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,565	15,150	15,404	15,427	14,634	14,910
Other States	11,915	11,900	11,616	16,606	16,912	16,901
United States	248,409	248,555	247,909	249,085	248,635	248,530

(NA) Not available.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Week ending					
	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024	January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025	January 18, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,559	24,976	25,533	25,765	24,721	23,766
Arkansas	22,097	21,373	21,617	22,163	22,808	21,064
Delaware	6,355	5,329	4,933	4,494	5,263	4,913
Florida	1,216	1,312	1,299	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	27,218	27,189	26,966	26,672	27,435	27,164
Kentucky	6,041	5,999	5,346	5,928	5,858	5,774
Louisiana	3,093	3,065	3,029	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	6,104	6,535	6,595	7,572	6,978	7,196
Mississippi	14,689	14,680	14,516	14,327	14,261	14,412
Missouri	5,655	6,296	6,569	5,444	5,754	5,143
North Carolina	20,158	20,556	19,638	19,784	19,841	19,776
Oklahoma	3,961	4,005	2,842	3,527	2,396	4,894
Pennsylvania	4,946	5,014	4,976	5,374	5,161	5,120
South Carolina	6,096	5,358	5,008	5,157	4,990	5,280
Texas	15,373	15,306	14,936	14,663	14,831	14,929
Virginia	4,503	5,410	5,000	4,795	4,676	4,657
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,320	13,235	13,290	13,314	12,284	13,716
Other States	9,374	9,406	9,202	13,421	13,501	13,514
United States	194,758	195,044	191,295	192,400	190,758	191,318

(NA) Not available.

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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