



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 15, 2025, up 2 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 2025, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through February 15, 2025 for the United States were 1.34 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 11, 2025	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,268	34,844	34,930	35,239	35,155	35,284
Arkansas	25,877	25,535	25,777	25,257	25,607	25,490
Delaware	5,748	5,743	5,742	5,742	5,742	5,682
Georgia	34,941	34,279	34,550	34,945	34,537	34,948
Kentucky	7,941	7,911	7,993	7,969	7,996	7,970
Maryland	8,570	8,586	8,585	8,583	8,585	8,585
Mississippi	18,203	18,112	18,097	17,954	18,097	18,324
Missouri	8,909	8,984	9,000	8,918	8,849	8,848
North Carolina	26,168	26,083	26,109	25,221	26,001	25,988
Oklahoma	5,851	5,606	5,802	5,669	5,901	5,800
Pennsylvania	8,692	8,596	8,360	8,491	8,604	8,576
South Carolina	5,915	6,079	6,202	6,311	6,024	6,210
Texas	19,556	19,424	19,835	18,893	19,438	19,382
Virginia	5,722	5,730	5,718	5,835	5,876	5,778
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,029	15,714	15,357	15,806	16,059	15,810
Other States	16,929	16,828	16,919	16,808	16,583	16,610
United States	249,319	248,054	248,976	247,641	249,054	249,285

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

State	Week ending					
	January 11, 2025	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,721	23,734	24,541	24,268	24,668	23,719
Arkansas	22,808	21,088	21,404	21,464	21,235	21,226
Delaware	5,888	4,565	5,484	6,264	6,232	5,406
Georgia	27,523	27,223	26,915	27,762	27,029	26,293
Kentucky	5,646	5,768	5,504	5,920	5,496	5,877
Maryland	5,900	6,916	6,648	6,292	6,382	7,244
Mississippi	14,261	14,154	13,924	14,635	14,299	14,399
Missouri	5,754	5,092	6,080	5,284	5,712	5,918
North Carolina	20,409	20,032	20,052	19,857	19,864	20,034
Oklahoma	2,396	4,894	3,479	3,906	3,682	3,391
Pennsylvania	5,359	5,013	4,845	4,798	4,974	4,852
South Carolina	4,327	5,022	5,297	5,173	4,880	5,794
Texas	14,831	15,210	15,553	15,023	14,838	15,212
Virginia	4,759	4,983	4,858	4,879	4,595	4,828
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,289	13,811	14,173	12,962	13,844	13,371
Other States	13,499	13,552	13,559	13,422	13,595	13,597
United States	190,370	191,057	192,316	191,909	191,325	191,161

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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