



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 252 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 2025, up 3 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through March 8, 2025 for the United States were 1.91 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					
	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,188	35,132	35,415	35,341	35,409	35,494
Arkansas .....	26,553	26,327	26,117	26,649	27,210	27,342
Delaware .....	5,742	5,742	5,682	5,730	5,716	5,721
Georgia .....	34,739	34,837	34,610	34,486	34,364	34,732
Kentucky .....	8,080	7,948	7,990	8,002	7,996	8,098
Maryland .....	8,583	8,585	8,585	8,584	8,585	8,585
Mississippi .....	17,954	18,099	18,144	18,112	18,235	18,341
Missouri .....	8,945	8,849	9,008	8,903	9,013	9,008
North Carolina .....	25,282	26,183	26,018	25,914	25,832	26,144
Oklahoma .....	5,700	5,931	5,696	5,710	5,750	5,763
Pennsylvania .....	8,465	8,580	8,515	8,506	8,532	8,515
South Carolina .....	6,311	6,024	6,265	6,290	6,310	6,085
Texas .....	18,787	19,423	19,305	19,515	19,475	19,560
Virginia .....	5,799	5,876	5,778	5,909	5,886	5,887
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,851	16,022	16,146	15,981	16,141	16,162
Other States .....	16,808	16,075	16,551	16,828	16,972	16,980
United States .....	248,787	249,633	249,825	250,460	251,426	252,417

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

State	Week ending					
	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,268	24,587	23,616	24,007	23,803	24,753
Arkansas .....	21,464	21,235	21,179	21,792	21,352	21,659
Delaware .....	6,264	6,232	5,406	6,105	5,387	5,192
Georgia .....	27,762	27,117	26,211	28,323	28,048	26,293
Kentucky .....	5,920	5,496	5,877	5,860	5,663	5,871
Maryland .....	6,292	6,382	7,248	6,231	6,703	7,320
Mississippi .....	14,635	14,299	14,358	14,104	14,334	14,325
Missouri .....	5,284	5,712	5,892	5,956	5,514	5,768
North Carolina .....	19,857	19,864	20,125	19,345	20,039	19,963
Oklahoma .....	3,906	3,682	3,603	3,332	4,008	4,169
Pennsylvania .....	4,798	4,974	4,852	4,824	4,913	4,833
South Carolina .....	5,173	4,832	5,760	4,170	4,540	5,390
Texas .....	15,023	14,838	15,095	14,522	15,006	14,918
Virginia .....	4,879	4,651	4,828	5,200	5,193	4,918
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,962	13,844	13,406	13,423	14,055	13,984
Other States .....	13,422	13,520	13,645	13,200	12,354	13,277
United States .....	191,909	191,265	191,101	190,394	190,912	192,633

## 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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