



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 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.4 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 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through March 29, 2025 for the United States were 2.49 billion.

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

State	Week ending					
	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,231	35,336	35,318	35,305	35,055	35,358
Arkansas	25,948	26,428	26,096	25,763	26,323	26,374
Delaware	5,730	5,716	5,721	5,621	5,521	5,576
Georgia	34,560	34,113	34,547	34,358	34,605	34,634
Kentucky	8,083	8,097	8,285	8,176	8,189	8,334
Maryland	8,534	8,534	8,583	8,584	8,584	8,584
Mississippi	18,114	18,235	18,087	18,079	18,201	17,973
Missouri	8,934	9,070	9,195	9,028	9,047	9,195
North Carolina	26,154	25,883	26,194	25,956	25,957	26,199
Oklahoma	6,070	5,677	5,656	5,655	6,093	5,773
Pennsylvania	8,527	8,523	8,435	8,124	8,640	8,152
South Carolina	6,113	6,239	5,966	5,962	6,063	6,140
Texas	19,111	19,222	19,410	19,210	19,472	19,282
Virginia	5,909	5,886	5,887	5,887	5,887	5,448
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,673	15,812	15,541	16,051	16,173	16,223
Other States	16,810	16,979	16,977	16,800	16,971	16,850
United States	249,501	249,750	249,898	248,559	250,781	250,095

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

State	Week ending					
	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,987	23,783	24,606	23,914	24,552	23,702
Arkansas	21,912	21,525	21,075	21,287	20,649	21,685
Delaware	6,270	4,996	4,811	5,333	6,094	6,028
Georgia	28,140	27,715	26,250	26,867	26,493	27,190
Kentucky	5,860	5,745	5,710	5,758	5,873	5,641
Maryland	6,067	7,003	7,563	6,567	5,970	5,844
Mississippi	14,100	14,408	14,451	14,477	14,425	14,348
Missouri	5,956	5,514	6,009	5,789	6,131	5,885
North Carolina	19,322	19,914	19,777	20,321	20,004	19,997
Oklahoma	3,332	4,008	4,169	3,966	4,383	3,399
Pennsylvania	4,704	4,801	4,924	4,715	4,781	4,869
South Carolina	4,170	4,416	5,403	5,142	4,820	4,940
Texas	14,411	14,823	14,729	14,850	14,788	14,980
Virginia	5,200	5,250	4,741	4,913	4,771	5,152
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,423	14,035	13,684	14,180	13,890	14,031
Other States	13,085	12,409	13,498	13,460	13,620	13,652
United States	189,939	190,345	191,400	191,539	191,244	191,343

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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