



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 252 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 31, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 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 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 31, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through May 31, 2025 for the United States were 4.22 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025	May 17, 2025	May 24, 2025	May 31, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,655	35,593	35,117	35,621	35,542	35,555
Arkansas	26,345	26,126	26,429	26,643	26,335	26,464
Delaware	5,859	5,716	5,770	5,770	5,741	5,755
Georgia	34,794	34,941	34,663	34,741	34,908	35,105
Kentucky	7,974	8,390	8,376	7,909	8,437	8,337
Maryland	8,513	8,574	8,380	8,380	8,416	8,416
Mississippi	18,033	18,124	18,018	18,124	18,033	18,124
Missouri	9,165	8,605	9,225	9,176	9,126	9,222
North Carolina	24,576	25,863	25,319	25,245	26,182	26,425
Oklahoma	6,308	5,776	5,911	5,831	5,776	5,793
Pennsylvania	8,823	8,914	8,228	8,669	8,774	8,770
South Carolina	6,032	6,077	6,027	6,272	6,138	6,175
Texas	19,566	19,593	19,682	19,505	19,726	19,742
Virginia	5,705	5,672	5,680	5,683	5,680	5,665
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,466	16,105	15,799	16,032	16,023	15,644
Other States	16,792	16,756	16,766	16,824	17,090	16,995
United States	249,606	250,825	249,390	250,425	251,927	252,187

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

State	Week ending					
	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025	May 17, 2025	May 24, 2025	May 31, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,679	24,546	25,404	24,935	24,436	23,841
Arkansas	21,912	21,445	21,255	22,160	21,777	22,126
Delaware	5,615	5,785	5,731	4,803	5,326	4,863
Georgia	26,359	25,928	27,054	25,951	27,017	27,315
Kentucky	5,907	5,773	5,996	5,899	6,254	6,103
Maryland	6,978	6,261	6,374	6,845	6,387	6,837
Mississippi	14,361	14,388	14,601	14,495	14,475	14,463
Missouri	5,482	6,131	6,462	5,564	5,118	6,123
North Carolina	20,185	20,831	20,600	20,122	20,264	20,496
Oklahoma	4,281	4,118	4,208	4,251	4,226	3,333
Pennsylvania	4,832	4,928	4,960	5,160	5,257	4,583
South Carolina	5,620	4,154	4,142	4,672	5,495	4,578
Texas	14,743	14,914	14,731	14,922	14,908	15,238
Virginia	4,570	4,822	4,684	5,345	5,164	5,265
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,130	14,538	14,001	14,011	14,649	13,931
Other States	13,109	13,479	13,521	13,482	13,449	13,554
United States	191,763	192,041	193,724	192,617	194,202	192,649

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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