



# 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 15, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.7 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 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 15, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through March 15, 2025 for the United States were 2.10 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 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,132	35,425	35,231	35,336	35,494	35,225
Arkansas .....	26,448	26,238	25,948	27,210	27,342	26,634
Delaware .....	5,742	5,682	5,730	5,716	5,721	5,714
Georgia .....	34,837	34,610	34,560	34,294	34,732	34,711
Kentucky .....	7,959	7,873	8,083	8,017	8,085	8,102
Maryland .....	8,583	8,590	8,534	8,534	8,583	8,584
Mississippi .....	18,099	18,144	18,114	18,235	18,341	18,159
Missouri .....	8,849	9,008	8,934	9,013	9,008	9,028
North Carolina .....	25,792	24,895	26,154	25,853	26,104	25,869
Oklahoma .....	5,931	5,696	6,109	5,677	5,763	5,081
Pennsylvania .....	8,580	8,505	8,527	8,523	8,511	8,124
South Carolina .....	6,025	6,265	6,133	6,239	6,085	6,200
Texas .....	19,423	19,305	19,350	19,222	19,560	19,487
Virginia .....	5,876	5,778	5,909	5,886	5,887	5,887
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,013	16,169	15,673	16,042	16,081	16,116
Other States .....	16,084	16,570	16,850	16,989	16,997	17,029
United States .....	249,373	248,753	249,839	250,786	252,294	249,950

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

State	Week ending					
	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,587	23,616	23,987	23,783	24,659	23,931
Arkansas .....	21,235	21,179	21,752	21,312	21,383	21,433
Delaware .....	6,588	5,516	6,270	4,996	4,811	5,136
Georgia .....	27,117	26,295	27,819	28,065	26,300	26,964
Kentucky .....	5,496	5,877	5,860	5,745	5,710	5,758
Maryland .....	6,227	7,386	6,067	7,003	7,294	6,750
Mississippi .....	14,299	14,358	14,100	14,408	14,325	14,367
Missouri .....	5,712	5,892	5,956	5,514	5,768	5,548
North Carolina .....	19,864	20,125	19,510	20,146	19,617	20,256
Oklahoma .....	3,682	3,603	3,332	4,008	4,169	3,966
Pennsylvania .....	4,771	4,594	4,704	4,801	4,864	4,655
South Carolina .....	4,832	5,760	4,170	4,416	5,403	5,142
Texas .....	14,838	15,095	14,411	14,823	14,918	15,078
Virginia .....	4,651	4,828	5,200	5,250	4,741	4,952
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,844	13,406	13,423	14,035	13,684	14,303
Other States .....	13,595	13,645	13,200	12,509	13,534	13,438
United States .....	191,338	191,175	189,761	190,814	191,180	191,677

## 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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