



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 2025, up slightly 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2025, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through April 26, 2025 for the United States were 3.25 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					
	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,099	35,202	35,104	35,236	35,363	35,437
Arkansas .....	26,185	26,268	26,244	26,208	26,249	25,948
Delaware .....	5,521	5,576	5,663	5,676	5,661	5,657
Georgia .....	34,463	34,691	34,313	34,380	34,659	34,544
Kentucky .....	7,951	8,007	7,919	8,031	8,296	8,074
Maryland .....	8,471	8,584	8,563	8,579	8,579	8,579
Mississippi .....	18,201	17,802	18,116	18,055	18,033	18,033
Missouri .....	9,202	8,920	9,262	9,225	8,909	9,216
North Carolina .....	25,141	25,665	25,008	25,953	25,680	25,209
Oklahoma .....	6,093	5,831	5,772	5,812	5,808	5,808
Pennsylvania .....	8,654	8,258	8,453	8,662	8,692	8,950
South Carolina .....	6,063	6,135	6,052	6,111	6,120	6,115
Texas .....	19,315	19,203	19,246	19,087	19,241	19,082
Virginia .....	5,887	5,449	5,725	5,727	5,708	5,705
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,367	16,311	16,254	16,317	16,293	16,248
Other States .....	16,900	16,871	16,477	16,691	16,746	16,893
United States .....	249,513	248,773	248,171	249,750	250,037	249,498

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

State	Week ending					
	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,527	23,572	24,371	24,117	24,617	24,264
Arkansas .....	20,649	21,675	21,328	20,919	22,961	22,102
Delaware .....	5,526	6,003	5,939	4,839	6,463	5,841
Georgia .....	26,562	27,240	26,208	26,207	26,437	26,566
Kentucky .....	5,952	5,684	6,177	5,719	5,879	5,970
Maryland .....	6,451	5,970	6,060	6,867	5,587	6,341
Mississippi .....	14,353	14,340	14,456	14,540	14,209	14,609
Missouri .....	6,131	5,885	6,318	6,675	5,593	5,322
North Carolina .....	20,024	20,342	20,033	19,722	19,998	19,655
Oklahoma .....	4,383	3,399	3,284	3,936	3,046	4,281
Pennsylvania .....	4,781	4,869	4,787	4,986	4,652	4,848
South Carolina .....	4,756	4,583	5,309	5,258	4,784	5,560
Texas .....	14,788	14,880	14,837	14,729	14,746	14,703
Virginia .....	5,083	5,152	5,219	4,569	4,379	4,684
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,925	14,041	13,608	14,924	14,269	13,954
Other States .....	13,627	13,649	13,434	13,550	13,683	13,073
United States .....	191,518	191,284	191,368	191,557	191,303	191,773

## 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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