



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 251 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 1, 2025, up 3 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 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through March 1, 2025 for the United States were 1.72 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					
	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,799	35,188	35,132	35,284	35,341	35,409
Arkansas	25,616	26,674	26,448	26,899	26,649	27,210
Delaware	5,742	5,742	5,742	5,682	5,730	5,716
Georgia	34,513	34,739	34,837	34,513	34,486	34,364
Kentucky	8,088	8,080	7,948	7,970	8,002	7,996
Maryland	8,585	8,583	8,585	8,585	8,584	8,585
Mississippi	18,097	17,954	18,099	18,324	18,112	18,235
Missouri	9,000	8,945	8,849	9,011	8,903	9,013
North Carolina	26,222	25,282	26,183	25,988	25,914	25,832
Oklahoma	5,984	5,700	5,931	5,720	5,710	5,750
Pennsylvania	8,360	8,465	8,580	8,576	8,506	8,532
South Carolina	6,302	6,311	6,024	6,265	6,290	6,310
Texas	19,835	18,787	19,423	19,578	19,515	19,475
Virginia	5,718	5,799	5,876	5,778	5,909	5,886
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,388	15,851	16,022	16,288	15,981	16,112
Other States	16,919	16,808	16,075	16,551	16,828	17,027
United States	249,168	248,908	249,754	251,012	250,460	251,452

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

State	Week ending					
	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025	February 8, 2025	February 15, 2025	February 22, 2025	March 1, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,541	24,268	24,587	23,616	24,007	23,837
Arkansas	21,404	21,464	21,235	21,179	21,952	21,565
Delaware	5,484	6,264	6,232	5,406	6,105	5,387
Georgia	26,915	27,762	27,029	26,109	28,032	27,666
Kentucky	5,504	5,920	5,363	5,877	5,860	5,663
Maryland	6,648	6,292	6,382	7,248	6,231	6,703
Mississippi	13,924	14,635	14,299	14,358	14,104	14,432
Missouri	6,080	5,284	5,712	5,892	5,956	5,514
North Carolina	20,052	19,857	19,864	20,128	19,345	20,039
Oklahoma	3,479	3,906	3,682	3,603	3,332	4,008
Pennsylvania	4,845	4,798	4,974	4,852	4,824	4,913
South Carolina	5,297	5,173	4,880	5,804	4,208	4,108
Texas	15,553	15,023	14,838	15,095	14,522	15,006
Virginia	4,858	4,879	4,651	4,828	5,200	5,193
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,173	12,962	13,844	13,406	13,423	14,242
Other States	13,559	13,422	13,595	13,645	13,085	12,365
United States	192,316	191,909	191,167	191,046	190,186	190,641

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.

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