



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 251 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 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 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 10, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through May 10, 2025 for the United States were 3.64 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 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,226	35,355	35,605	35,437	35,378	35,384
Arkansas	26,227	26,411	26,826	25,988	26,203	26,561
Delaware	5,809	5,756	5,691	5,859	5,716	5,770
Georgia	34,342	33,969	34,611	34,544	34,479	34,735
Kentucky	7,919	7,631	8,009	8,074	8,083	7,920
Maryland	8,579	8,579	8,579	8,579	8,544	8,534
Mississippi	18,054	17,993	18,033	18,033	18,125	18,019
Missouri	9,230	9,230	9,189	9,216	8,715	9,196
North Carolina	25,008	25,962	25,831	25,003	25,994	26,336
Oklahoma	5,782	5,812	5,808	5,808	5,808	5,911
Pennsylvania	8,567	8,662	8,692	8,950	8,581	8,228
South Carolina	6,052	6,111	6,120	6,115	6,235	6,021
Texas	19,246	19,403	19,237	19,082	19,310	19,500
Virginia	5,725	5,727	5,708	5,705	5,672	5,680
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,254	16,317	16,264	16,254	16,154	16,098
Other States	16,503	16,691	16,746	16,893	16,763	16,758
United States	248,523	249,609	250,949	249,540	249,760	250,651

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

State	Week ending					
	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,371	24,117	24,511	24,259	24,565	25,404
Arkansas	21,328	20,919	22,961	21,952	21,426	21,255
Delaware	5,330	5,658	6,296	5,996	5,491	5,676
Georgia	26,208	26,207	26,437	26,588	26,518	26,970
Kentucky	6,177	5,719	5,879	5,954	5,796	6,115
Maryland	6,432	6,282	5,987	6,476	6,377	5,889
Mississippi	14,456	14,540	14,209	14,609	14,487	14,617
Missouri	6,318	6,675	5,593	5,522	6,191	6,462
North Carolina	20,172	20,043	20,098	19,725	20,341	20,740
Oklahoma	3,284	3,936	3,046	4,281	4,118	4,208
Pennsylvania	4,677	4,986	4,652	4,848	4,902	4,807
South Carolina	5,309	5,258	4,784	5,560	4,354	4,047
Texas	14,837	14,729	14,746	14,703	14,951	14,775
Virginia	5,225	4,279	4,122	4,684	5,266	5,266
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,608	14,924	14,269	14,065	14,538	13,842
Other States	13,455	13,549	13,629	13,104	13,459	13,504
United States	191,187	191,821	191,219	192,326	192,780	193,577

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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