



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 April 5, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2025, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through April 5, 2025 for the United States were 2.68 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 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,294	35,318	35,351	35,055	35,358	35,057
Arkansas	26,428	25,754	25,755	26,323	26,374	26,404
Delaware	5,716	5,721	5,621	5,521	5,576	5,570
Georgia	34,269	34,547	34,389	34,605	34,634	34,431
Kentucky	8,117	8,285	8,228	8,189	8,334	8,138
Maryland	8,534	8,583	8,584	8,584	8,584	8,585
Mississippi	18,235	18,087	18,079	18,201	17,864	17,955
Missouri	9,070	9,195	9,215	9,047	9,195	9,226
North Carolina	25,883	26,194	25,956	25,957	26,199	26,228
Oklahoma	5,677	5,679	5,189	6,093	5,773	5,772
Pennsylvania	8,522	8,435	8,384	8,640	8,168	8,453
South Carolina	6,239	5,966	5,962	6,063	6,140	6,052
Texas	19,282	19,455	19,408	19,472	19,282	19,415
Virginia	5,886	5,887	5,887	5,887	5,448	5,725
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,841	15,541	15,967	16,382	16,306	16,336
Other States	16,979	16,977	16,800	16,901	16,920	16,551
United States	249,972	249,624	248,775	250,920	250,155	249,898

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

State	Week ending					
	March 1, 2025	March 8, 2025	March 15, 2025	March 22, 2025	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,783	24,606	23,914	24,552	23,728	24,024
Arkansas	21,525	21,075	21,217	20,649	21,426	21,018
Delaware	4,996	4,811	5,333	6,094	6,003	5,948
Georgia	28,005	26,250	26,867	26,525	27,210	27,392
Kentucky	5,745	5,710	5,758	5,873	5,641	6,012
Maryland	6,983	7,222	6,567	5,970	5,970	5,889
Mississippi	14,308	14,451	14,477	14,353	14,340	14,501
Missouri	5,514	6,009	5,789	6,131	5,885	6,318
North Carolina	20,041	19,777	20,321	20,064	20,327	20,043
Oklahoma	4,008	4,169	3,966	4,383	3,399	3,284
Pennsylvania	4,861	4,924	4,715	4,781	4,869	4,787
South Carolina	4,416	5,403	5,142	4,820	4,595	4,930
Texas	14,823	14,729	14,850	14,788	14,880	14,837
Virginia	5,250	4,741	4,913	4,771	5,152	5,038
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,035	13,684	14,180	13,933	14,037	13,727
Other States	12,409	13,533	13,470	13,620	13,649	13,447
United States	190,702	191,094	191,479	191,307	191,111	191,195

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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