



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 May 3, 2025, up slightly 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2025, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through May 3, 2025 for the United States were 3.45 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 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,312	35,226	35,355	35,363	35,437	35,378
Arkansas	26,273	26,227	26,278	26,249	25,948	26,071
Delaware	5,596	5,809	5,756	5,691	5,859	5,716
Georgia	34,725	34,342	33,969	34,659	34,544	34,479
Kentucky	7,987	7,919	7,631	8,089	8,074	7,885
Maryland	8,583	8,579	8,579	8,579	8,579	8,544
Mississippi	17,802	18,054	17,993	18,033	18,033	18,125
Missouri	8,920	9,230	9,230	8,909	9,216	8,715
North Carolina	25,663	25,008	25,901	25,680	25,003	25,994
Oklahoma	5,831	5,782	5,812	5,808	5,808	5,808
Pennsylvania	8,258	8,567	8,662	8,692	8,950	8,581
South Carolina	6,135	6,052	6,111	6,120	6,115	6,235
Texas	19,203	19,246	19,328	19,241	19,082	19,234
Virginia	5,449	5,725	5,727	5,708	5,705	5,672
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,315	16,254	16,317	16,293	16,254	16,075
Other States	16,818	16,503	16,691	16,746	16,893	16,763
United States	248,870	248,523	249,340	249,860	249,500	249,275

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

State	Week ending					
	March 29, 2025	April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 26, 2025	May 3, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,572	24,371	24,117	24,511	24,264	24,565
Arkansas	21,675	21,328	20,919	22,961	21,952	21,343
Delaware	5,937	5,330	5,658	6,296	5,996	5,509
Georgia	27,240	26,208	26,207	26,437	26,588	26,498
Kentucky	5,684	6,177	5,719	5,879	5,954	5,796
Maryland	5,873	6,432	6,282	5,987	6,476	6,759
Mississippi	14,340	14,456	14,540	14,209	14,609	14,487
Missouri	5,885	6,318	6,675	5,593	5,522	6,191
North Carolina	20,342	20,172	20,043	20,098	19,725	20,192
Oklahoma	3,399	3,284	3,936	3,046	4,281	4,118
Pennsylvania	4,869	4,677	4,986	4,652	4,848	4,902
South Carolina	4,583	5,309	5,258	4,784	5,560	4,354
Texas	14,880	14,837	14,729	14,746	14,703	14,906
Virginia	5,336	5,225	4,279	4,122	4,684	4,824
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,041	13,608	14,924	14,269	14,065	14,530
Other States	13,649	13,455	13,549	13,629	13,104	13,454
United States	191,305	191,187	191,821	191,219	192,331	192,428

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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