

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 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 20, 2025, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 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 195 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through September 20, 2025 for the United States were 7.32 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2025

	Week ending							
State	August 16,	August 23,	August 30,	September 6,	September 13,	September 20,		
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025		
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)						
Alabama Arkansas Delaware Georgia Kentucky Maryland Mississippi Missouri	34,605	34,194	34,809	34,455	34,452	34,713		
	25,815	26,043	26,118	26,062	24,558	25,980		
	5,460	5,460	5,589	5,402	5,496	5,589		
	35,238	35,148	35,341	34,997	34,848	34,613		
	7,926	7,954	7,840	7,939	8,004	7,796		
	8,417	8,417	8,415	8,168	8,417	8,417		
	18,423	18,393	18,388	18,118	17,307	17,110		
	9,420	9,135	9,334	9,187	8,915	9,262		
North Carolina Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Carolina Texas Virginia California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	25,816	25,764	25,689	25,392	25,830	25,670		
	5,868	5,745	5,742	5,426	5,426	5,792		
	8,922	8,876	9,000	8,849	8,869	8,997		
	6,244	6,151	6,103	5,990	5,943	6,066		
	19,273	19,290	19,199	18,987	19,137	18,672		
	5,814	5,342	5,607	5,637	5,435	5,622		
Other States	17,214	16,919	16,951	16,810	16,880	16,909		
	250,247	248,767	250,340	247,304	245,060	247,105		

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

	Week ending						
State	August 16,	August 23,	August 30,	September 6,	September 13,	September 20,	
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	
	(1,000 chicks)						
Alabama Arkansas Delaware Georgia Kentucky Maryland Mississippi Missouri	24,236	24,010	24,459	24,175	23,520	23,674	
	21,861	21,563	21,484	21,307	21,520	22,245	
	5,358	5,038	4,658	6,105	5,736	5,369	
	27,176	26,808	27,123	26,482	26,970	27,996	
	6,013	6,122	6,069	5,996	5,975	5,877	
	6,333	7,177	7,348	5,966	6,141	6,109	
	14,383	14,329	14,357	14,697	14,722	14,792	
	5,621	5,666	6,463	5,949	5,392	6,319	
North Carolina	20,729	20,607	20,737	20,835	20,536	20,797	
	3,852	4,347	3,607	4,509	4,898	3,432	
	5,349	4,875	5,138	4,900	5,153	5,353	
	4,494	5,155	4,713	5,104	5,537	4,610	
	15,223	14,887	15,229	15,169	15,217	15,201	
	5,710	4,985	5,927	4,894	4,433	5,122	
Other States United States	14,021	14,037	13,885	13,979	14,164	13,992	
	193,521	193,489	194,181	194,165	193,857	195,294	

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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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