



# 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 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 6, 2025, up 1 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 195 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 6, 2025, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through December 6, 2025 for the United States were 9.41 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					
	November 1, 2025	November 8, 2025	November 15, 2025	November 22, 2025	November 29, 2025	December 6, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,153	33,024	35,063	33,748	33,640	34,928
Arkansas .....	25,876	25,859	26,085	25,632	25,680	25,753
Delaware .....	5,402	5,402	5,402	5,402	5,402	5,402
Georgia .....	34,853	34,479	34,801	35,351	35,433	35,000
Kentucky .....	7,817	7,854	7,926	7,802	7,828	7,740
Maryland .....	8,414	8,557	8,382	8,386	8,385	8,383
Mississippi .....	16,467	17,254	18,181	18,227	18,187	18,257
Missouri .....	8,976	9,150	9,150	8,713	9,202	9,203
North Carolina .....	25,666	25,668	26,199	26,302	26,305	25,295
Oklahoma .....	6,043	5,998	6,017	6,013	5,832	5,987
Pennsylvania .....	8,726	8,716	8,994	9,219	9,159	8,587
South Carolina .....	5,910	6,154	6,045	6,344	6,289	6,347
Texas .....	19,168	17,441	19,129	19,391	20,481	18,833
Virginia .....	5,819	5,816	5,804	5,772	6,180	5,363
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,535	15,542	16,281	16,306	16,615	15,392
Other States .....	17,267	17,169	17,269	17,154	17,109	17,208
United States .....	245,092	244,083	250,728	249,762	251,727	247,678

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

State	Week ending					
	November 1, 2025	November 8, 2025	November 15, 2025	November 22, 2025	November 29, 2025	December 6, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,804	23,783	24,426	22,084	22,639	24,283
Arkansas .....	19,908	18,250	21,384	22,158	21,733	22,897
Delaware .....	5,934	5,354	5,321	5,190	5,565	5,494
Georgia .....	27,095	26,654	27,290	27,688	27,522	27,539
Kentucky .....	5,843	5,262	6,322	5,776	5,820	6,044
Maryland .....	6,034	6,864	6,868	6,769	6,649	6,721
Mississippi .....	13,032	13,621	14,057	12,742	13,647	14,463
Missouri .....	5,847	6,274	5,356	5,437	5,485	5,305
North Carolina .....	18,346	18,925	19,936	20,253	20,032	20,565
Oklahoma .....	3,511	4,185	3,235	3,971	4,513	3,636
Pennsylvania .....	5,194	5,292	4,936	5,089	4,988	5,399
South Carolina .....	5,161	4,713	4,860	5,321	5,479	5,295
Texas .....	14,346	14,763	14,914	15,134	13,701	14,987
Virginia .....	5,067	4,235	4,545	4,920	5,012	5,025
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	14,308	13,503	14,003	14,418	13,603	13,709
Other States .....	13,485	13,803	14,014	14,262	14,150	14,059
United States .....	185,915	185,481	191,467	191,212	190,538	195,421

## 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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