



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 11, 2025, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through January 11, 2025 for the United States were 384 million. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Week ending					
	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024	January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,044	35,791	35,378	35,092	35,319	35,268
Arkansas	25,655	25,874	25,964	26,044	26,090	25,931
Delaware	5,602	5,604	5,637	5,725	5,738	5,748
Florida	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,225	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	33,979	34,640	35,248	34,741	34,913	34,951
Kentucky	7,330	7,752	7,739	7,944	7,970	7,596
Louisiana	3,653	3,624	3,624	3,624	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	8,089	8,094	8,093	8,263	8,442	8,267
Mississippi	18,174	18,143	18,128	18,081	18,169	18,203
Missouri	9,201	9,112	9,067	9,114	9,097	9,111
North Carolina	25,742	26,068	26,055	26,345	26,172	26,078
Oklahoma	5,545	5,770	5,669	5,683	5,770	5,851
Pennsylvania	8,942	8,868	8,767	8,351	8,735	8,692
South Carolina	5,954	5,735	6,191	6,054	5,893	5,913
Texas	18,962	18,913	19,052	19,056	19,259	19,758
Virginia	5,362	5,719	5,668	5,685	5,691	5,722
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,396	15,565	15,150	15,856	15,527	15,319
Other States	11,842	11,915	11,900	11,616	16,606	16,912
United States	245,694	248,409	248,555	248,499	249,391	249,320

(NA) Not available

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Week ending					
	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024	January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,305	24,559	24,976	25,533	25,765	24,704
Arkansas	21,414	22,097	21,373	21,617	22,163	22,802
Delaware	5,123	6,355	5,329	4,933	4,494	5,263
Florida	1,290	1,216	1,312	1,299	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	27,816	27,218	27,189	26,966	26,672	27,435
Kentucky	6,102	6,041	5,999	5,346	5,928	5,810
Louisiana	3,092	3,093	3,065	3,029	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	7,122	6,104	6,535	6,595	7,572	6,978
Mississippi	14,536	14,689	14,680	14,516	14,327	14,358
Missouri	5,734	5,655	6,296	6,569	5,444	5,754
North Carolina	20,767	20,158	20,556	19,749	20,275	20,340
Oklahoma	4,328	3,961	4,005	2,842	3,527	2,396
Pennsylvania	5,236	4,946	5,014	4,776	5,174	5,012
South Carolina	4,813	6,096	5,358	5,008	5,237	4,990
Texas	15,247	15,373	15,306	14,936	14,663	14,831
Virginia	4,349	4,503	5,410	5,000	4,795	4,676
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,074	13,320	13,235	13,290	13,314	12,701
Other States	9,372	9,374	9,406	9,202	13,421	13,501
United States	194,720	194,758	195,044	191,206	192,771	191,551

(NA) Not available

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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