



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 1, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.9 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 1, 2025, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through February 1, 2025 for the United States were 959 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 28, 2024	January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,087	35,348	35,268	34,775	34,930	35,183
Arkansas	26,158	26,245	25,877	25,650	25,777	25,789
Delaware	5,725	5,738	5,748	5,743	5,742	5,742
Florida	1,225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	34,741	35,178	34,941	34,587	34,570	34,773
Kentucky	7,844	7,917	7,962	7,860	7,978	7,962
Louisiana	3,624	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	8,263	8,442	8,570	8,586	8,584	8,584
Mississippi	18,081	18,169	18,203	18,112	18,097	17,917
Missouri	8,912	8,879	8,909	8,999	9,017	8,918
North Carolina	26,161	25,831	26,168	26,079	26,086	25,625
Oklahoma	5,683	5,770	5,851	5,576	5,984	5,832
Pennsylvania	8,347	8,735	8,692	8,571	8,275	8,491
South Carolina	6,054	6,079	5,915	6,079	6,300	6,279
Texas	19,037	19,315	19,556	19,485	19,956	18,729
Virginia	5,685	5,691	5,722	5,730	5,718	5,835
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,315	15,480	15,029	15,651	15,426	15,637
Other States	11,616	16,811	16,929	16,828	16,836	16,842
United States	247,558	249,628	249,340	248,311	249,276	248,138

(NA) Not available.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 28, 2024	January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025	January 18, 2025	January 25, 2025	February 1, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,533	25,765	24,721	23,734	24,541	24,272
Arkansas	21,617	22,163	22,808	21,088	21,404	21,408
Delaware	4,933	4,494	6,073	4,637	5,453	5,412
Florida	1,299	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	26,966	26,672	27,523	27,223	27,012	27,690
Kentucky	5,346	5,928	5,646	5,768	5,407	5,922
Louisiana	3,029	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	6,595	7,572	6,004	7,170	6,634	6,922
Mississippi	14,516	14,327	14,261	14,154	13,924	14,390
Missouri	6,569	5,444	5,754	5,143	6,080	5,374
North Carolina	19,638	19,784	20,409	20,032	20,098	20,227
Oklahoma	2,842	3,527	2,396	4,894	3,479	3,906
Pennsylvania	4,976	5,374	5,161	5,120	5,090	5,161
South Carolina	5,008	5,237	4,426	5,022	5,454	5,003
Texas	14,936	14,663	14,831	15,210	15,553	15,130
Virginia	5,000	4,795	4,759	4,983	4,477	4,644
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,290	13,314	12,289	13,811	14,236	12,903
Other States	9,202	13,421	13,499	13,552	13,588	13,516
United States	191,295	192,480	190,560	191,541	192,430	191,880

(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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