

Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 15, 2025, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 15, 2025, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2025 through November 15, 2025 for the United States were 8.83 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

J. 00	Week ending						
State	October 11,	October 18,	October 25,	November 1,	November 8,	November 15,	
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	
	(1,000 eggs)						
Alabama Arkansas Delaware Georgia Kentucky Maryland Mississippi Missouri	33,705	34,290	34,517	33,019	33,464	33,948	
	23,099	22,675	24,936	25,658	25,317	25,252	
	5,402	5,309	5,496	5,402	5,402	5,402	
	34,193	33,960	34,910	34,865	34,562	34,741	
	7,632	7,007	7,811	7,685	7,548	7,920	
	8,419	8,419	8,417	8,414	8,557	8,382	
	16,341	17,096	17,854	17,447	17,763	17,854	
	9,087	8,886	8,501	9,173	9,152	9,152	
North Carolina Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Carolina Texas Virginia California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	23,304	23,556	24,878	25,588	25,655	26,290	
	5,789	5,905	6,008	5,019	5,065	5,988	
	8,841	8,979	8,570	8,857	8,629	8,994	
	5,917	6,126	6,112	5,910	6,154	6,045	
	18,054	18,456	18,563	19,787	17,437	18,963	
	5,743	5,542	5,898	5,789	5,785	5,764	
Other States	16,453	16,700	16,669	16,891	16,388	16,708	
	237,808	238,155	244,797	246,083	242,553	247,685	

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

	Week ending						
State	October 11, 2025	October 18, 2025	October 25, 2025	November 1, 2025	November 8, 2025	November 15, 2025	
	(1,000 chicks)						
Alabama Arkansas Delaware Georgia Kentucky Maryland Mississippi	23,417 21,335 5,976 27,118 4,708 5,773 13,461	23,662 21,535 5,485 27,330 5,960 5,828 13,972	21,958 21,689 5,319 27,613 5,795 6,240 12,405	22,804 19,908 5,934 27,095 5,843 6,134 13,032	23,783 18,253 5,354 26,635 5,262 6,864 13,621	24,383 21,345 5,478 27,330 6,322 6,567 14,125	
Missouri	5,021	5,638	6,529	5,847	6,274	5,356	
North Carolina	19,564 3,557 5,488 5,371 14,984 5,223	19,941 3,630 5,095 4,636 15,179 5,334	19,412 2,994 4,721 5,015 14,918 5,171 13,797	18,376 3,511 5,194 5,161 14,486 5,067	18,925 4,185 5,292 4,867 14,763 4,235	19,903 3,235 4,936 4,870 14,914 4,745	
Other States	13,861	13,301	13,798	13,549	13,725	13,818	
United States	188,849	189,392	187,374	186,259	185,541	191,094	

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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