



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA  
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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**PLACEMENTS SLIGHTLY ABOVE 2004**

For the week ending January 01, 2005, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.2% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) increased 0.2% from comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.7 million, an increase of 0.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 8.8 million for the week ending December 25, 2004 compared to 8.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

**BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA**

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
11/06/2004	14,064	13,554	10,123	10,760	10,123	10,760
11/13/2004	13,201	13,074	10,380	10,553	10,380	10,553
11/20/2004	13,508	13,337	11,445	11,156	11,445	11,156
11/27/2004	13,859	13,803	11,653	11,306	11,752	11,306
12/04/2004	13,695	13,594	10,958	10,808	11,048	10,808
12/11/2004	13,762	13,810	11,250	11,193	11,250	11,193
12/18/2004	13,719	13,804	11,507	11,455	11,507	11,455
12/25/2004	13,621	14,010	11,278	11,235	11,278	11,235
01/01/2005	13,595	13,716	11,385	11,405	11,385	11,405

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

**NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/**

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	01/08/2005			
New York Weighted Avg	69.22	65.77	63.96	62.57
12-City Composite 2/	69.98	68.12	68.43	65.57

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.