



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

02/02/05
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PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending January 29, 2005, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) increased 2.3% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.7 million, an increase of 2.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.7 million for the week ending January 22, 2005 compared to 9.8 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

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 -----						
12/04/04	13,695	13,594	10,958	10,808	11,048	10,808
12/11/04	13,762	13,810	11,250	11,193	11,250	11,195
12/18/04	13,719	13,804	11,507	11,455	11,507	11,455
12/25/04	13,621	14,010	11,278	11,235	11,278	11,237
01/01/05	13,595	13,713	11,385	11,464	11,385	11,464
01/08/05	13,634	13,875	11,233	11,487	11,233	11,487
01/15/05	13,755	13,402	11,151	11,657	11,151	11,657
01/22/05	13,656	13,114	11,217	11,418	11,217	11,418
01/29/05	13,432	13,708	11,194	11,456	11,194	11,456

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	02/05/05			
New York Weighted Avg	70.74	71.58	65.77	73.58
12-City Composite 2/	71.50	71.64	68.12	72.54

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.