



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

03/16/05
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PLACEMENTS up 3%

For the week ending March 12, 2005, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) increased 3.3% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 2.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.0 million for the week ending March 05, 2005 compared to 10.7 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 -----						
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	13,707	11,194	11,486	11,194	11,486
02/05/05	13,500	13,977	11,358	11,155	11,358	11,155
02/12/05	13,842	14,008	11,058	10,935	11,058	10,985
02/19/05	13,901	14,083	10,922	11,364	10,922	11,364
02/26/05	14,024	14,085	10,990	11,482	10,990	11,482
03/05/05	13,917	14,136	11,199	11,573	11,202	11,573
03/12/05	13,782	14,124	11,226	11,598	11,227	11,598

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 03/19/05	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	71.48	69.57	69.68	75.77
12-City Composite 2/	72.97	71.74	71.37	75.92

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.