



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

03/23/05
BC-12-05

PLACEMENTS up 2%

For the week ending March 19, 2005, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.0% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) increased 2.0% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.3 million, an increase of 3.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.8 million for the week ending March 12, 2005 compared to 10.5 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 -----						
01/22/05	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
03/19/05	13,774	14,288	11,393	11,620	11,395	11,620

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	03/26/05			
New York Weighted Avg	72.78	71.48	69.79	75.58
12-City Composite 2/	74.07	72.97	71.37	75.30

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.