



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA  
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

05/11/05  
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**PLACEMENTS UP 3%**

For the week ending May 07, 2005, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.4% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) increased 3.4% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 1.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending April 30, 2005 compared to 10.9 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 -----						
03/12/05	13,782	14,124	11,226	11,598	11,227	11,598
03/19/05	13,774	14,322	11,393	11,654	11,395	11,654
03/26/05	13,931	13,927	11,328	11,725	11,628	11,725
04/02/05	13,856	13,746	11,217	11,688	11,428	11,688
04/09/05	13,925	14,281	11,175	11,857	11,175	11,857
04/16/05	13,705	14,022	11,362	11,488	11,362	11,608
04/23/05	13,963	14,290	11,357	11,430	11,357	11,430
04/30/05	13,837	13,932	11,362	11,772	11,362	11,957
05/07/05	13,866	14,094	11,229	11,615	11,229	11,615

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
New York Weighted Avg	05/14/05 71.46	71.12	72.65	76.85
12-City Composite 2/	72.65	72.63	73.75	77.83