



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending May 28, 2005, growers placed 11.7 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 (11.7 million) increased 2.0% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.4 million, an increase of 1.0% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending May 21, 2005 compared to 11.5 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 -----						
04/02/2005	13,856	13,746	11,217	11,688	11,428	11,688
04/09/2005	13,925	14,281	11,175	11,857	11,175	11,857
04/16/2005	13,705	14,143	11,362	11,488	11,362	11,608
04/23/2005	13,963	14,290	11,357	11,430	11,357	11,430
04/30/2005	13,837	14,061	11,362	11,871	11,362	12,056
05/07/2005	13,866	14,131	11,229	11,776	11,229	11,776
05/14/2005	13,981	14,347	11,535	11,889	11,685	11,889
05/21/2005	14,113	14,344	11,317	11,593	11,317	11,593
05/28/2005	14,213	14,352	11,467	11,700	11,467	11,700

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	06/04/2005			
New York Weighted Avg	72.18	71.29	71.59	82.72
12-City Composite 2/	71.69	73.20	73.02	81.77

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.