



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

07/27/05
BC-30-05

PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending July 23, 2005, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.6% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) increased 1.1% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.3 million, an increase of 3.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending July 16, 2005 compared to 11.1 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 -----						
05/28/05	14,213	14,352	11,467	11,695	11,467	11,697
06/04/05	14,030	14,247	11,558	11,797	11,558	11,798
06/11/05	14,081	14,300	11,702	11,817	11,927	11,819
06/18/05	14,144	14,414	11,734	11,917	11,734	11,918
06/25/05	14,001	14,298	11,602	11,883	11,632	11,883
07/02/05	13,576	13,787	11,648	11,895	11,648	11,895
07/09/05	13,721	14,206	11,741	11,906	11,741	11,906
07/16/05	13,821	14,160	11,686	11,867	11,686	11,967
07/23/05	13,813	14,290	11,259	11,383	11,683	11,383

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 07/30/05	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	72.43	72.44	72.64	79.42
12-City Composite 2/	72.95	72.86	71.72	80.16

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.