



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

08/31/05
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PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending August 27, 2005, growers placed 11.8 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 (11.8 million) increased 1.6% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, an increase of 0.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending August 20, 2005 compared to 11.3 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 -----						
07/02/05	13,576	13,787	11,648	11,895	11,648	11,896
07/09/05	13,721	14,206	11,741	11,906	11,741	11,910
07/16/05	13,821	14,160	11,686	11,867	11,686	11,968
07/23/05	13,813	14,289	11,259	11,543	11,683	11,546
07/30/05	13,851	14,140	11,425	11,819	11,425	11,820
08/06/05	13,881	14,184	11,439	11,810	11,614	11,813
08/13/05	13,803	13,875	11,416	11,826	11,416	11,827
08/20/05	13,898	14,093	11,481	11,708	11,481	11,711
08/27/05	13,704	13,822	11,569	11,751	11,569	11,806

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	09/03/05			
New York Weighted Avg	67.77	68.87	72.43	68.69
12-City Composite 2/	71.38	71.38	72.95	74.34

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.