



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

10/12/05
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PLACEMENTS UP 10%

For the week ending October 08, 2005, growers placed 10.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 10.0% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.9 million) increased 10.0% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.6 million, an increase of 4.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending October 01, 2005 compared to 11.0 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/ | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | PREVIOUS YEAR | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR | CURRENT YEAR |
| ----- THOUSANDS ----- | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 09/03/05 | 13,342 | 13,807 | 11,509 | 11,523 | 11,509 | 11,601 |
| 09/10/05 | 12,708 | 13,569 | 11,584 | 11,570 | 11,584 | 11,570 |
| 09/17/05 | 12,087 | 13,129 | 11,501 | 11,599 | 11,501 | 11,602 |
| 09/24/05 | 13,345 | 13,832 | 11,181 | 11,498 | 11,181 | 11,498 |
| 10/01/05 | 13,389 | 13,894 | 10,634 | 11,335 | 10,634 | 11,335 |
| 10/08/05 | 13,015 | 13,629 | 9,942 | 10,932 | 9,943 | 10,932 |

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 10/15/05 | PREV. WEEK | PREV. MONTH | PREV. YEAR |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| New York Weighted Avg | 65.79 | 68.39 | 69.60 | 63.04 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 69.58 | 69.48 | 73.09 | 69.44 |

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.