



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending November 19, 2005, growers placed 10.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.0% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.9 million) decreased 2.0% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, an increase of 3.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending November 12, 2005 compared to 10.8 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 -----						
09/24/2005	13,345	13,832	11,181	11,498	11,181	11,498
10/01/2005	13,389	13,894	10,634	11,335	10,634	11,335
10/08/2005	13,015	13,629	9,942	10,919	9,943	10,919
10/15/2005	12,876	13,835	11,112	11,695	11,115	11,695
10/22/2005	12,586	13,693	11,151	11,764	11,151	11,764
10/29/2005	13,314	13,026	10,807	11,232	10,809	11,232
11/05/2005	13,554	13,907	10,760	11,584	10,760	11,584
11/12/2005	13,074	13,596	10,553	11,478	10,555	11,478
11/19/2005	13,337	13,854	11,156	10,934	11,156	10,934

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 11/26/2005	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	59.55	60.36	69.60	62.02
12-City Composite 2/	66.89	67.40	68.81	68.50

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.