



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1%

For the week ending February 25, 2006, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 mill) decreased 0.7% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, a decrease from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending February 18, 2006 compared to 11.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

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 -----						
12/31/05	13,713	14,191	11,464	11,857	11,464	11,857
01/07/06	13,875	14,050	11,487	11,885	11,490	11,885
01/14/06	13,402	14,155	11,657	11,874	11,658	11,959
01/21/06	13,114	13,948	11,418	11,774	11,420	11,859
01/28/06	13,707	13,860	11,486	11,653	11,486	11,653
02/04/06	13,977	13,768	11,155	11,731	11,158	11,731
02/11/06	14,008	13,553	10,935	11,611	10,985	11,696
02/18/06	14,083	14,053	11,364	11,495	11,366	11,495
02/25/06	14,085	14,046	11,482	11,398	11,482	11,398

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	03/04/06			
New York Weighted Avg	56.59	57.17	69.60	69.71
12-City Composite 2/	62.94	63.59	62.40	71.47

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.