



12/27/06
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 5%

For the week ending December 23, 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 5.4% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 mill) decreased 4.7% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 6.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending December 16, 2006 compared to 11.2 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 -----						
10/28/06	13,026	13,022	11,232	11,517	11,234	11,630
11/04/06	13,907	13,655	11,584	11,119	11,584	11,223
11/11/06	13,596	13,164	11,478	10,905	11,480	10,925
11/18/06	13,852	13,622	10,939	10,865	10,939	11,075
11/25/06	14,216	13,625	11,656	11,406	11,706	11,619
12/02/06	14,172	13,603	11,372	10,913	11,372	10,962
12/09/06	14,206	13,609	11,558	11,315	11,558	11,596
12/16/06	14,336	13,607	11,835	11,330	11,835	12,096
12/23/06	14,302	13,324	11,844	11,291	12,029	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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 12/30/06	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	64.96	64.82	69.60	56.46
12-City Composite 2/	67.63	66.39	66.26	63.76

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.