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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 %

For the week ending March 17, 2007, 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 1.3% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 mill) decreased 1.3% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.2 million, an increase of 1.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.8 million for the week ending March 10, 2007 compared to 10.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

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 -----						
01/20/2007	13,948	13,526	11,774	11,318	11,861	11,319
01/27/2007	13,860	13,537	11,653	11,503	11,653	11,502
02/03/2007	13,768	13,079	11,731	11,270	11,734	11,251
02/10/2007	13,553	13,925	11,611	11,217	11,696	11,167
02/17/2007	14,053	13,964	11,495	11,182	11,497	11,182
02/24/2007	14,046	13,901	11,398	10,762	11,398	10,762
03/03/2007	14,104	14,158	11,244	11,372	11,246	11,372
03/10/2007	13,992	14,243	11,649	11,379	11,649	11,428
03/17/2007	14,015	14,198	11,502	11,355	11,505	11,355

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	03/24/2007			
New York Weighted Avg	76.36	78.90	69.60	54.43
12-City Composite 2/	78.01	79.02	75.06	62.39

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.