

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 %

For the week ending August 4, 2007, growers placed 11.8 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 (11.8 million) increased 1.4% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, a decrease of 0.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending July 28, 2007 compared to 11.1 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREVIOUS YR	EGGS SET 1/ CURRENT YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREVIOUS YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ CURRENT YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREVIOUS YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
06/09/07	13,911	14,342	11,469	11,820	11,471	11,912
06/16/07	13,947	14,327	11,605	11,810	11,605	11,900
06/23/07	14,112	14,334	11,558	11,889	11,561	12,305
06/30/07	13,722	13,559	11,585	11,931	11,585	12,023
07/07/07	13,966	14,059	11,513	11,973	12,506	11,974
07/14/07	14,090	14,219	11,620	11,950	12,447	11,950
07/21/07	13,889	14,125	11,348	11,316	12,481	11,411
07/28/07	14,118	14,037	11,518	11,697	12,539	11,697
08/04/07	14,117	14,004	11,610	11,767	11,852	11,769

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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/

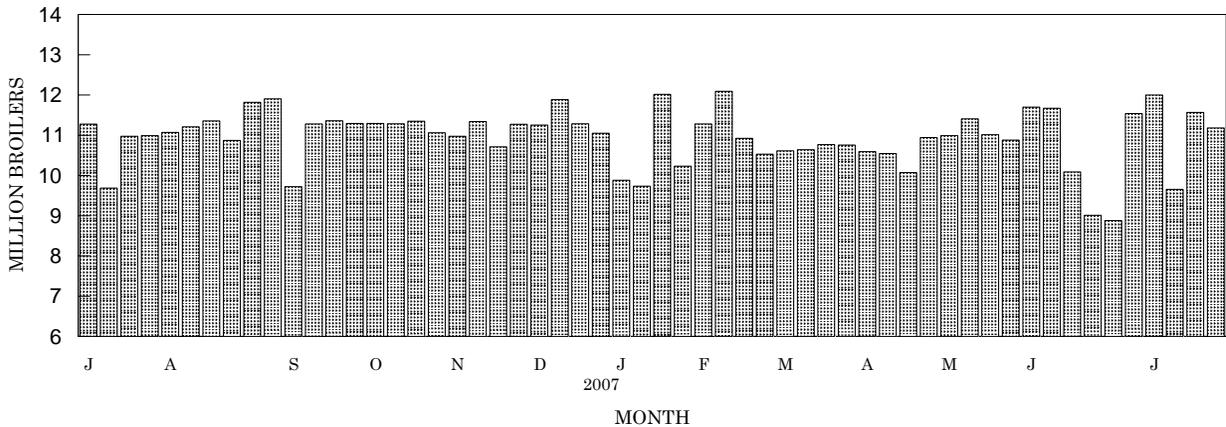
	WEEK ENDING 08/11/07	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	73.00	77.27	81.09	64.71
12-City Composite 2/	77.70	78.62	80.68	67.40

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.

BROILERS SLAUGHTERED ON DELMARVA

July 2006 - July 2007



Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 30 2007	Jul 7 2007	Jul 14 2007	Jul 21 2007	Jul 28 2007	Aug 4 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,229	31,096	32,071	32,197	*32,847	32,589
AR	27,263	27,843	28,071	27,830	28,036	28,256
DE	4,217	4,216	4,188	4,188	4,188	4,173
FL	1,343	1,374	1,369	1,343	1,344	1,343
GA	34,758	*36,465	36,290	35,812	35,613	35,899
KY	*7,019	*7,654	7,845	*7,773	7,787	7,774
LA	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,954	4,014
MD	8,354	8,649	8,852	8,778	8,673	8,730
MS	18,499	18,891	18,701	18,741	18,666	18,741
NC	18,952	19,210	*19,924	19,686	19,703	19,651
OK	6,302	6,659	6,701	6,796	6,657	6,930
PA	3,944	4,053	*3,995	*4,090	*4,104	3,967
SC	5,559	5,385	5,722	5,747	5,451	5,566
TX	14,194	*15,171	*15,368	*15,306	*15,192	14,273
VA	6,077	6,388	6,374	6,175	6,313	6,242
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,053	19,583	19,387	*19,359	*19,760	19,369
19 State Total	*210,686	*216,560	*218,781	*217,744	*218,288	217,517
Previous Year Total	208,219	211,044	213,579	214,110	214,549	213,198
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	102	102	102	102

* Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 4, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 30 2007	Jul 7 2007	Jul 14 2007	Jul 21 2007	Jul 28 2007	Aug 4 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,699	20,932	20,795	21,346	*20,537	21,388
AR	25,529	24,578	25,377	22,879	23,136	23,512
DE	5,166	5,185	5,171	5,124	*5,167	5,714
FL	1,414	1,540	1,367	1,478	1,511	1,481
GA	30,456	29,527	29,406	28,662	30,435	30,599
KY	*6,261	*6,175	*6,131	*5,719	*6,240	6,743
LA	3,771	3,954	3,897	3,927	3,891	3,380
MD	5,737	6,192	6,017	5,606	*6,175	5,755
MS	17,255	17,307	17,579	16,544	16,845	16,972
NC	16,228	16,057	16,226	15,895	15,873	16,315
OK	5,355	4,837	4,526	5,133	4,922	6,034
PA	3,060	3,067	*3,138	*2,866	*3,108	3,165
SC	4,740	4,414	4,464	4,690	4,392	4,444
TX	13,006	12,948	12,929	*11,846	12,789	12,939
VA	5,688	4,952	5,262	4,971	4,721	5,411
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,508	17,519	17,367	*16,257	*17,485	16,970
19 State Total	*180,873	*179,184	*179,652	*172,943	*177,227	180,822
Previous Year Total	176,711	173,487	173,852	171,142	173,121	175,451
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	101	102	103

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 4, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through August 4, 2007 were 5.48 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.