

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

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PLACEMENTS ARE DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

For the week ending August 25, 2007, growers placed 11.7 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.2% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.7 million) decreased 0.2% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, an increase of 1.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending August 18, 2007 compared to 10.9 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/	
PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	
----- THOUSANDS -----						
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
08/11/07	14,088	14,032	11,508	11,746	11,634	11,746
* 08/18/07	14,034	14,127	11,760	11,702	11,815	10,963
08/25/07	13,755	13,975	11,678	11,653	11,679	11,653

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

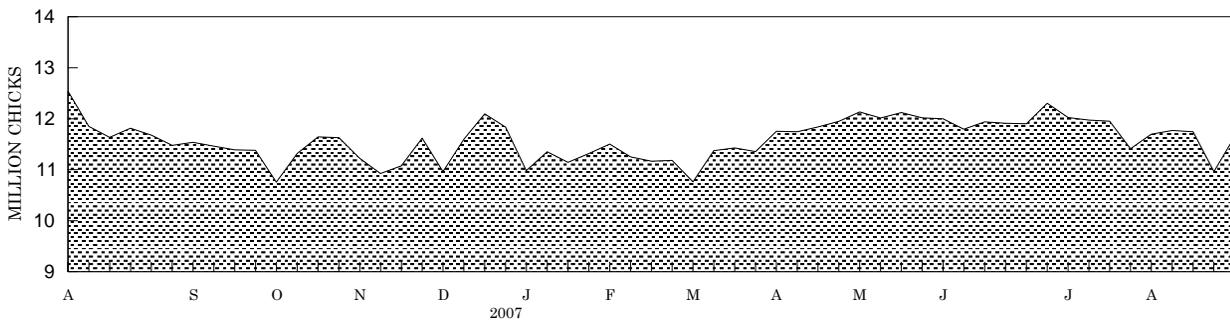
	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	09/01/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	76.95	76.81	80.67	65.87
12-City Composite 2/	78.71	79.97	80.51	69.07

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 PLACED IN DELMARVA

August 2006 - August 2007



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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 21 2007	Jul 28 2007	Aug 4 2007	Aug 11 2007	Aug 18 2007	Aug 25 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,197	*32,769	*32,404	32,236	*32,061	31,507
AR	27,830	28,036	28,256	28,414	28,305	30,133
DE	4,188	4,188	4,173	4,169	4,186	3,958
FL	1,363	1,376	*1,367	1,362	1,374	1,366
GA	35,812	35,613	35,864	35,928	*35,744	35,648
KY	7,802	7,759	*7,718	7,780	7,857	7,666
LA	3,923	3,954	4,014	4,014	4,044	4,044
MD	8,778	8,673	8,730	8,752	8,823	8,807
MS	18,741	18,802	18,741	18,726	18,656	17,771
NC	19,416	19,599	*19,707	19,651	*19,161	19,885
OK	6,796	6,657	*6,630	6,574	*6,627	6,780
PA	4,090	*4,029	*3,940	*4,232	*4,181	4,246
SC	5,747	5,646	5,566	5,743	5,554	5,592
TX	15,314	15,200	14,281	14,737	15,012	14,981
VA	6,175	6,313	6,242	6,249	6,245	6,349
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,356	19,758	19,116	19,058	*19,065	19,248
19 State Total	217,528	*218,372	*216,749	*217,625	*216,895	217,981
Previous Year Total	214,110	214,549	213,198	212,573	212,830	213,141
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	102	102

* Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 25, 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					
	Jul 21 2007	Jul 28 2007	Aug 4 2007	Aug 11 2007	Aug 18 2007	Aug 25 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,346	20,537	21,389	21,401	*21,034	21,510
AR	22,879	23,136	23,512	24,226	*23,964	24,673
DE	5,124	5,167	5,714	4,513	5,130	4,795
FL	1,478	1,511	1,481	1,419	1,461	1,374
GA	28,662	30,435	30,600	29,154	*29,268	30,073
KY	5,719	6,240	6,619	6,882	6,595	6,102
LA	3,927	3,891	3,380	3,900	3,618	3,835
MD	5,606	6,175	5,755	7,059	5,431	6,652
MS	16,544	16,845	16,972	16,978	*16,920	17,090
NC	15,895	15,873	16,315	16,073	16,428	16,123
OK	5,133	4,922	6,034	4,173	*4,918	4,205
PA	2,873	*3,050	*3,136	*3,051	*3,176	2,954
SC	4,690	4,392	4,444	5,657	5,076	4,430
TX	11,865	12,808	12,946	12,909	12,830	12,016
VA	4,971	4,721	5,411	4,584	4,820	5,080
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,266	17,475	16,972	16,816	*17,398	17,298
19 State Total	172,978	*177,178	*180,680	*178,795	*178,067	178,210
Previous Year Total	171,142	173,121	175,451	175,423	175,536	174,052
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	102	101	102

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 25, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through August 25, 2007 were 6.01 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.