

# Delmarva Agriculture Data

## Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

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### PLACEMENTS SLIGHTLY DOWN

For the week ending September 22, 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 0.3% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) increased 0.1% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.7 million, an increase of 0.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending September 15, 2007 compared to 11.3 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 -----						
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	13,792	11,678	11,599	11,679	11,599
09/01/07	13,797	13,544	11,474	11,695	11,477	11,695
09/08/07	13,585	13,615	11,537	11,732	11,537	11,732
09/15/07	13,075	12,817	11,266	11,483	11,461	11,483
09/22/07	13,642	13,674	11,346	11,355	11,391	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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.

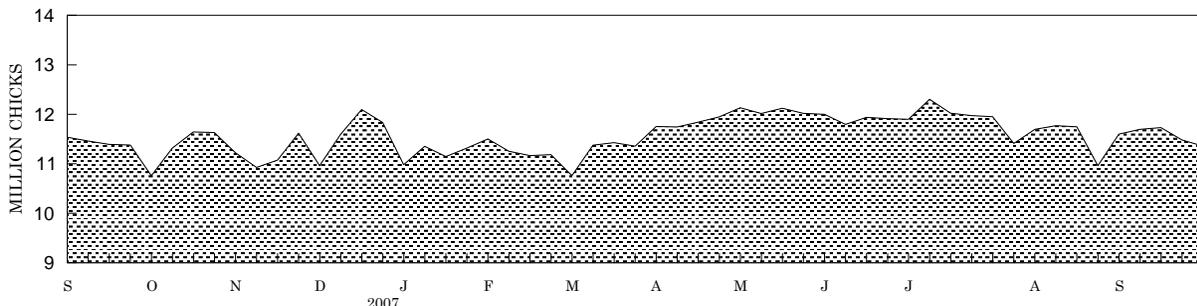
NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	09/29/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	73.67	76.71	76.81	65.63
12-City Composite 2/	74.12	77.91	79.97	67.80

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 September 2006 - September 2007



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### Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 18 2007	Aug 25 2007	Sep 1 2007	Sep 8 2007	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,061	31,632	*31,536	30,964	*31,385	31,534
AR	28,305	28,234	28,271	27,155	26,429	27,324
DE	4,186	3,958	3,974	3,954	*3,884	3,997
FL	1,344	1,366	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344
GA	35,726	35,676	36,031	34,273	34,299	35,012
KY	7,815	*7,608	*7,766	7,214	*7,215	8,096
LA	4,044	4,044	4,038	4,029	3,999	3,978
MD	8,823	8,624	8,360	8,500	*7,950	8,512
MS	18,656	17,771	17,633	18,093	17,881	17,434
NC	19,074	19,713	*19,126	17,926	19,068	19,395
OK	6,627	6,780	6,720	6,749	6,049	6,977
PA	4,341	4,484	4,397	*4,204	*4,058	4,290
SC	5,554	5,592	5,370	5,390	5,547	5,518
TX	15,027	14,995	14,970	14,583	13,224	13,982
VA	6,245	6,349	6,290	6,211	5,810	6,223
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,065	19,254	*20,032	18,854	*18,129	18,890
19 State Total	216,893	*216,080	*215,858	*209,443	*206,271	212,506
Previous Year Total	212,830	213,141	211,613	204,137	202,441	207,521
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	103	102	102

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 22, 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					
	Aug 18 2007	Aug 25 2007	Sep 1 2007	Sep 8 2007	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,217	21,361	21,584	20,757	*20,978	20,866
AR	23,964	24,673	24,551	23,745	24,169	23,070
DE	5,130	5,224	4,937	4,874	*4,922	5,123
FL	1,461	1,374	1,474	1,354	1,343	1,343
GA	29,268	30,272	28,900	29,267	29,387	28,786
KY	6,388	6,032	6,132	6,452	*5,911	6,436
LA	3,618	3,835	3,865	3,979	3,905	4,225
MD	5,326	5,575	5,860	6,109	*5,703	5,551
MS	16,920	17,090	17,079	16,947	16,238	15,976
NC	16,428	16,123	16,300	15,934	16,414	15,950
OK	4,918	4,205	4,521	4,897	5,383	5,619
PA	3,067	2,794	3,018	*3,123	*3,252	3,180
SC	5,076	4,430	4,830	4,382	4,512	5,087
TX	12,834	12,020	12,345	12,486	12,385	12,519
VA	4,820	5,080	4,916	5,271	5,353	4,866
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,994	17,334	17,144	17,153	*16,840	17,720
19 State Total	178,429	177,422	177,456	*176,730	*176,695	176,317
Previous Year Total	175,536	174,052	173,686	174,016	174,374	173,499
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	101	102

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 22, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through September 22, 2007 were 6.72 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.