

Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

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PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending October 20, 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 1.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) increased 3.7% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.0 million, a decrease of 2.0% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.0 million for the week ending October 13, 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 -----						
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	13,547	11,346	11,348	11,391	11,348
09/29/07	13,741	14,114	11,248	11,520	11,380	11,520
10/06/07	13,740	13,670	10,695	10,736	10,757	10,736
10/13/07	13,240	13,813	11,300	11,325	11,318	11,325
10/20/07	13,145	12,978	11,382	11,801	11,645	11,801

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.
	10/27/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	67.76	67.76	76.71	61.74
12-City Composite 2/	71.21	70.05	77.91	65.57

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.

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State	Week Ending					
	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007	Sep 29 2007	Oct 6 2007	Oct 13 2007	Oct 20 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,385	31,536	*30,628	31,282	*30,320	30,682
AR	26,429	27,324	*26,197	27,403	26,967	25,563
DE	3,885	3,870	4,218	3,996	*4,188	4,188
FL	1,374	*1,362	*1,366	1,344	1,344	1,364
GA	34,299	34,639	*33,748	35,453	35,144	33,967
KY	*6,997	*8,232	*7,182	7,630	6,925	6,575
LA	3,999	3,978	3,712	4,015	3,829	3,939
MD	7,950	8,512	8,732	8,495	8,460	7,792
MS	17,881	17,434	17,106	17,409	17,559	17,601
NC	19,135	19,516	*18,919	18,271	18,702	18,702
OK	6,049	6,877	6,373	6,584	6,472	6,371
PA	4,058	4,297	4,360	*4,368	4,175	4,132
SC	5,547	5,518	5,728	5,394	5,343	5,641
TX	13,224	13,982	14,173	14,689	14,476	13,373
VA	5,810	6,223	5,855	6,264	6,324	6,184
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,118	*18,843	*19,573	*19,574	*19,138	18,381
19 State Total	*206,140	*212,143	*207,870	*212,171	*209,366	204,455
Previous Year Total	202,441	207,521	203,118	205,727	203,451	196,782
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103	103	104

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 20, 2007. This was up 4 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					
	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007	Sep 29 2007	Oct 6 2007	Oct 13 2007	Oct 20 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,991	20,803	20,039	20,316	*20,896	20,528
AR	24,169	23,070	23,197	22,630	23,143	22,846
DE	4,841	5,259	4,540	4,790	4,844	5,451
FL	1,343	1,427	1,393	1,083	1,519	1,432
GA	29,387	28,786	28,243	28,411	*28,985	27,222
KY	5,911	6,436	5,832	*5,955	*7,042	6,205
LA	3,905	4,225	4,057	3,552	3,881	3,576
MD	5,783	5,408	6,343	5,429	*5,709	5,723
MS	16,238	16,172	16,586	16,434	16,096	15,846
NC	16,414	15,950	14,872	15,897	16,579	15,516
OK	5,383	5,619	5,097	4,951	4,922	4,474
PA	3,252	3,139	3,119	*3,008	*3,255	3,286
SC	4,513	5,087	4,663	4,890	3,846	5,481
TX	12,385	12,519	12,202	11,154	11,816	11,919
VA	5,353	4,866	4,887	4,561	*4,750	4,560
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,836	*17,748	*16,885	*16,069	*16,688	16,100
19 State Total	*176,704	*176,514	*171,955	*169,130	*173,971	170,165
Previous Year Total	174,374	173,499	167,530	164,849	167,994	165,109
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	103	104	103

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 20, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through October 20, 2007 were 7.40 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.