

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

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PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending October 27, 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 1.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) increased 4.1% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 12.9 million, a decrease of 2.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending October 20, 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 -----						
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	13,687	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	11,457	11,318	11,458
10/20/07	13,145	12,910	11,382	11,847	11,645	11,847
10/27/07	13,145	12,910	11,382	11,847	11,645	11,847

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
New York Weighted Avg	11/03/07	67.76	73.67	61.86
12-City Composite 2/		71.21	74.12	65.48

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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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 22 2007	Sep 29 2007	Oct 6 2007	Oct 13 2007	Oct 20 2007	Oct 27 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,536	30,628	*31,412	30,320	30,682	27,983
AR	27,324	26,197	*27,807	26,967	25,563	24,231
DE	3,870	4,218	3,996	4,188	*4,121	4,108
FL	1,362	1,366	1,344	1,344	1,364	1,344
GA	34,639	33,748	*35,764	35,144	33,967	35,114
KY	8,232	7,182	*7,693	6,925	6,575	7,493
LA	3,978	3,712	4,015	3,829	3,939	3,923
MD	8,512	8,732	8,495	8,460	*7,791	7,851
MS	17,434	17,106	*17,288	17,559	17,601	17,551
NC	19,516	18,919	*18,442	18,702	18,702	18,815
OK	6,877	6,373	6,584	6,472	6,371	6,581
PA	4,297	*4,432	4,368	*3,917	*4,081	4,127
SC	5,518	5,728	5,394	5,343	5,641	5,590
TX	13,982	14,173	*14,784	*14,325	13,373	13,483
VA	6,223	5,855	6,264	6,324	6,184	6,370
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,843	19,573	19,574	19,138	*18,297	18,478
19 State Total	212,143	*207,942	*213,224	*208,957	*204,252	203,042
Previous Year Total	207,521	203,118	205,727	203,451	196,782	192,800
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	104	103	104	105

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 27, 2007. This was up 5 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 22 2007	Sep 29 2007	Oct 6 2007	Oct 13 2007	Oct 20 2007	Oct 27 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,803	20,039	20,316	20,896	20,528	21,396
AR	23,070	23,197	22,630	23,143	22,846	23,948
DE	5,259	4,540	4,790	4,844	*5,415	4,898
FL	1,427	1,393	1,083	1,519	1,432	1,522
GA	28,786	28,243	28,411	28,985	27,222	27,443
KY	6,436	5,832	5,955	7,042	6,205	6,012
LA	4,225	4,057	3,552	3,881	3,576	3,938
MD	5,408	6,343	5,429	*5,785	*5,805	5,968
MS	16,172	16,586	16,434	16,096	15,846	15,804
NC	15,950	14,872	15,897	16,579	15,516	15,223
OK	5,619	5,097	4,951	4,922	4,474	4,595
PA	3,139	*3,210	*2,984	*3,154	*3,180	3,306
SC	5,087	4,663	4,890	3,846	5,481	5,476
TX	12,519	12,202	11,154	11,816	11,919	12,508
VA	4,866	4,887	4,561	4,750	4,560	4,960
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,748	16,885	16,069	16,688	16,100	17,814
19 State Total	176,514	*172,046	*169,106	*173,946	*170,105	174,811
Previous Year Total	173,499	167,530	164,849	167,994	165,109	167,680
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	104	103	104

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 27, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through October 27, 2007 were 7.58 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.