

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

11/07/07
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PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending November 03, 2007, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.0% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) increased 3.9% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.3 million, an increase of 4.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending October 27, 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/ | | CHICKS HATCHED 1/ | | CHICKS PLACED 2/ | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | PREVIOUS YR | CURRENT YR | PREVIOUS YR | CURRENT YR | PREVIOUS YR | CURRENT YR |
| ----- THOUSANDS ----- | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 11/03/07 | 13,655 | 14,292 | 11,119 | 11,555 | 11,223 | 11,555 |

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 | 11/10/07 | 67.76 | 68.67 | 61.52 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | | 71.21 | 70.66 | 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.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Sep 29 2007 | Oct 6 2007 | Oct 13 2007 | Oct 20 2007 | Oct 27 2007 | Nov 3 2007 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 30,628 | 31,412 | *30,305 | 30,682 | *27,878 | 28,803 |
| AR | 26,197 | 27,807 | 26,967 | 25,563 | 24,231 | 26,388 |
| DE | 4,218 | 3,996 | 4,188 | 4,121 | *3,956 | 4,174 |
| FL | 1,366 | 1,344 | *1,364 | 1,364 | 1,344 | 1,358 |
| GA | 33,748 | 35,764 | *35,031 | 33,967 | 35,114 | 34,040 |
| KY | *7,181 | *7,688 | *6,977 | 6,575 | 7,493 | 6,605 |
| LA | 3,712 | 4,015 | 3,829 | 3,939 | 3,923 | 3,769 |
| MD | 8,732 | 8,495 | 8,460 | 7,791 | *7,806 | 8,938 |
| MS | 17,106 | 17,288 | 17,559 | 17,601 | 17,551 | 18,203 |
| NC | 18,919 | 18,442 | *18,259 | 18,702 | 18,815 | 18,647 |
| OK | 6,373 | 6,584 | 6,472 | 6,371 | *6,661 | 6,124 |
| PA | 4,432 | 4,368 | 3,917 | 4,081 | 4,127 | 4,155 |
| SC | 5,728 | 5,394 | 5,343 | 5,641 | 5,590 | 4,549 |
| TX | *14,156 | *14,769 | *14,310 | *13,367 | *13,477 | 15,061 |
| VA | 5,855 | 6,264 | 6,324 | 6,184 | 6,370 | 5,977 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 19,573 | 19,574 | 19,138 | 18,297 | *18,460 | 18,992 |
| 19 State Total | *207,924 | *213,204 | *208,443 | *204,246 | *202,796 | 205,783 |
| Previous Year Total | 203,118 | 205,727 | 203,451 | 196,782 | 192,800 | 198,175 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 104 | 102 | 104 | 105 | 104 |

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 3, 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 29 2007 | Oct 6 2007 | Oct 13 2007 | Oct 20 2007 | Oct 27 2007 | Nov 3 2007 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 20,039 | 20,316 | 20,896 | 20,528 | *21,384 | 19,893 |
| AR | 23,197 | 22,630 | 23,143 | 22,846 | 23,948 | 24,126 |
| DE | 4,540 | 4,790 | 4,844 | 5,415 | *4,912 | 4,472 |
| FL | 1,393 | 1,083 | 1,519 | 1,432 | 1,522 | 1,562 |
| GA | 28,243 | 28,411 | 28,985 | 27,222 | 27,443 | 28,519 |
| KY | *5,704 | *5,857 | *6,944 | *6,115 | *5,923 | 5,787 |
| LA | 4,057 | 3,552 | 3,881 | 3,576 | 3,938 | 3,598 |
| MD | 6,343 | 5,429 | 5,785 | 5,805 | *5,946 | 6,104 |
| MS | 16,586 | 16,434 | 16,096 | 15,846 | 15,804 | 16,276 |
| NC | 14,872 | 15,897 | 16,579 | 15,516 | 15,223 | 15,144 |
| OK | 5,097 | 4,951 | 4,922 | 4,474 | *4,596 | 4,719 |
| PA | 3,210 | 2,984 | 3,154 | 3,180 | 3,306 | 2,921 |
| SC | 4,663 | 4,890 | 3,846 | 5,481 | 5,476 | 4,015 |
| TX | 12,202 | *11,142 | *11,804 | *11,907 | *12,495 | 12,104 |
| VA | 4,887 | 4,561 | 4,750 | 4,560 | 4,960 | 5,360 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 16,885 | 16,069 | 16,688 | 16,100 | *17,813 | 16,982 |
| 19 State Total | *171,918 | *168,996 | *173,836 | *170,003 | *174,689 | 171,582 |
| Previous Year Total | 167,530 | 164,849 | 167,994 | 165,109 | 167,680 | 165,516 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 103 | 103 | 103 | 104 | 104 |

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 3, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through November 3, 2007 were 7.75 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.