

# Delmarva Agriculture Data

## Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

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### PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending November 24, 2007, growers placed 11.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.2% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 million) increased 4.1% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 3.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.8 million for the week ending November 17, 2007 compared to 10.7 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 -----						
09/29/07	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	13,022	12,941	11,517	11,462	11,630	11,662
11/03/07	13,655	14,336	11,119	11,569	11,223	11,569
11/10/07	13,164	14,261	10,905	10,826	10,925	10,826
11/17/07	13,622	13,364	10,865	10,934	11,075	11,030
11/24/07	13,625	14,086	11,406	11,872	11,619	11,872

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.
	12/01/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	68.38	67.76	67.76	61.68
12-City Composite 2/	72.13	71.21	70.05	66.26

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					
	Oct 20 2007	Oct 27 2007	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*29,851	*27,644	*28,680	*31,052	*31,935	32,263
AR	25,563	24,231	*26,061	28,752	28,849	28,940
DE	4,121	3,956	4,188	4,173	4,155	4,161
FL	1,364	1,362	1,358	1,356	1,361	1,362
GA	33,614	35,230	34,040	35,370	*35,774	36,119
KY	6,607	7,300	*6,637	7,417	7,672	7,594
LA	3,939	3,923	3,769	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	7,791	7,806	8,938	8,897	7,999	8,715
MS	17,601	17,551	18,203	18,903	17,851	18,478
NC	18,360	18,699	*19,648	19,665	*19,441	19,748
OK	6,371	6,661	6,124	6,036	*6,656	6,633
PA	4,117	4,026	4,237	*4,297	4,235	4,232
SC	5,641	5,590	4,549	5,471	5,218	5,610
TX	13,482	13,477	15,061	15,537	14,439	15,258
VA	6,184	6,165	6,008	6,309	6,372	6,372
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,329	18,491	18,838	*19,874	*19,849	19,623
19 State Total	*202,935	*202,112	*206,339	*217,033	*215,730	219,032
Previous Year Total	196,782	192,800	198,175	207,802	211,187	211,184
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	105	104	104	102	104

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 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					
	Oct 20 2007	Oct 27 2007	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,528	*21,289	*20,017	*19,834	*19,219	19,136
AR	22,846	23,948	24,126	23,406	*20,800	21,279
DE	5,415	4,912	4,357	5,053	4,910	4,773
FL	1,432	1,522	1,393	1,283	1,126	1,354
GA	27,222	*27,567	28,526	28,060	*27,118	27,456
KY	6,115	5,923	5,561	5,415	5,751	4,795
LA	3,576	3,938	3,598	3,937	3,876	3,726
MD	5,805	5,946	6,297	4,789	5,379	6,359
MS	15,846	*15,931	*16,322	*15,605	*15,844	16,158
NC	15,516	15,223	15,144	14,972	*15,433	16,345
OK	4,474	4,596	4,719	4,550	5,070	5,350
PA	3,184	3,289	3,127	*3,054	3,011	3,153
SC	5,481	5,476	4,015	4,272	4,618	4,316
TX	11,907	12,495	12,104	11,442	11,429	12,693
VA	4,560	4,933	5,293	5,352	4,824	4,836
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,126	17,874	17,369	*16,273	*16,205	17,099
19 State Total	170,033	*174,862	*171,968	*167,297	*164,613	168,828
Previous Year Total	165,109	167,680	165,516	160,423	156,497	162,192
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	104	104	105	104

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through November 24, 2007 were 8.25 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.