

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

12/12/07
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending December 08, 2007, growers placed 11.2 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% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.1 million) decreased 1.5% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, an increase of 3.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.7 million for the week ending December 01, 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 -----						
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	11,462
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	14,075	11,406	11,861	11,619	11,861
12/01/07	13,603	14,193	10,913	11,847	10,962	11,845
12/08/07	13,609	14,046	11,315	11,144	11,596	11,245

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.
	12/15/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	66.50	67.76	67.76	61.71
12-City Composite 2/	70.40	71.21	70.05	65.83

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					
	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,680	*31,715	*32,175	32,233	*32,561	32,178
AR	26,061	28,320	28,849	28,940	28,947	27,993
DE	4,188	4,173	4,155	4,161	4,163	4,160
FL	1,358	1,356	1,361	1,362	1,362	1,343
GA	34,040	35,370	35,774	36,119	*36,181	35,206
KY	*6,560	7,250	*7,636	7,594	7,436	7,487
LA	3,769	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,877	3,923
MD	8,938	8,897	7,999	8,715	8,821	8,707
MS	18,203	18,903	*18,062	18,478	19,151	18,720
NC	19,648	19,907	*19,230	19,752	*19,743	18,746
OK	6,124	6,036	6,656	6,634	*6,709	6,013
PA	4,237	4,297	4,368	4,339	4,388	4,188
SC	4,549	5,471	5,218	5,610	5,690	5,156
TX	*15,058	*15,534	*14,433	*15,252	*15,390	15,315
VA	6,008	6,309	6,372	6,372	6,353	6,239
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,820	*19,884	*19,863	*19,657	*20,494	18,921
19 State Total	*206,241	*217,346	*216,075	*219,142	*221,266	214,295
Previous Year Total	198,175	207,802	211,187	211,184	212,782	207,215
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	102	104	104	103

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 8, 2007. This was up 3 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					
	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,017	19,834	*19,248	19,202	*20,717	20,502
AR	24,126	23,406	20,800	21,474	*24,712	25,747
DE	4,357	5,053	4,910	4,766	4,959	5,106
FL	1,393	1,283	1,126	1,304	1,291	1,341
GA	28,526	28,060	27,116	*27,515	28,675	29,179
KY	*5,529	*5,383	*5,704	*4,786	*5,898	6,108
LA	3,598	3,937	3,876	3,726	4,114	3,864
MD	6,297	4,789	5,379	6,354	6,224	5,607
MS	16,322	15,605	15,844	16,158	17,201	16,461
NC	15,144	14,972	*15,596	16,367	*16,522	16,272
OK	4,719	4,550	5,070	5,279	4,147	4,308
PA	3,127	3,054	2,989	3,121	3,208	3,278
SC	4,015	4,272	4,618	4,316	4,764	4,985
TX	12,104	*11,439	*11,426	*12,690	*13,043	12,135
VA	5,293	5,352	4,824	4,819	4,967	4,862
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,369	*16,310	*16,223	*17,093	*18,064	17,630
19 State Total	*171,936	*167,299	*164,749	*168,970	*178,506	177,385
Previous Year Total	165,516	160,423	156,497	162,192	168,076	171,423
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	105	104	106	103

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 8, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 8, 2007 were 8.61 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.