

# Delmarva Agriculture Data

## Weekly broiler chicks report

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### PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending December 15, 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 3.8% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) increased 2.7% 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 11.4 million for the week ending December 08, 2007 compared to 11.9 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 -----						
10/20/07	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
12/15/07	13,607	14,042	11,330	11,633	12,096	11,633

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.
	12/22/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	66.60	67.76	67.76	62.87
12-City Composite 2/	70.50	71.21	70.05	66.13

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					
	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,715	32,175	*32,336	32,561	*32,181	31,880
AR	28,320	28,849	28,940	28,947	27,993	28,101
DE	4,173	4,155	4,161	4,163	4,160	4,163
FL	1,356	1,361	*1,344	1,362	1,343	1,344
GA	35,370	35,774	36,119	36,181	35,206	36,213
KY	*7,358	*7,724	*7,609	7,436	7,487	7,691
LA	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,877	3,923	3,846
MD	8,897	7,999	8,715	8,821	8,707	8,669
MS	18,903	18,062	18,478	19,151	18,720	18,924
NC	19,907	19,230	*19,379	19,743	*18,743	19,624
OK	6,036	6,656	6,634	6,709	6,013	6,560
PA	*4,284	*4,339	*4,374	*4,364	*4,149	4,064
SC	5,471	5,218	5,610	5,690	5,156	5,607
TX	15,534	14,433	*15,426	15,390	15,315	14,733
VA	6,309	6,372	6,372	6,353	6,239	6,226
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,884	19,863	19,657	20,494	*18,388	20,227
19 State Total	*217,441	*216,134	*219,078	*221,242	*213,723	217,872
Previous Year Total	207,802	211,187	211,184	212,782	207,215	211,893
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	102	104	104	103	103

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 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 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,834	19,248	19,202	20,717	*20,549	21,589
AR	23,406	20,800	21,474	24,712	*25,744	26,250
DE	5,053	4,910	4,766	4,959	5,106	5,366
FL	1,283	1,126	1,304	1,291	1,341	1,313
GA	28,060	27,116	27,515	28,675	29,179	29,652
KY	5,383	5,704	4,786	*5,984	*6,131	6,318
LA	3,937	3,876	3,726	4,114	3,864	3,586
MD	4,789	5,379	6,354	6,224	5,607	5,465
MS	15,605	15,844	16,158	17,201	16,461	17,081
NC	14,972	15,596	16,367	16,522	*16,218	16,335
OK	4,550	5,070	5,279	4,147	4,308	3,797
PA	*2,957	*2,934	*3,150	*3,168	*3,270	3,223
SC	4,272	4,618	4,316	4,764	4,985	4,363
TX	11,439	11,426	12,690	13,043	12,135	12,865
VA	5,352	4,824	4,819	4,967	4,862	5,206
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,310	16,223	17,093	18,064	*17,584	16,927
19 State Total	*167,202	*164,694	*168,999	*178,552	*177,344	179,336
Previous Year Total	160,423	156,497	162,192	168,076	171,423	172,412
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	104	106	103	104

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 15, 2007 were 8.79 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.