

# Delmarva Agriculture Data

## Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

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### PLACEMENTS DOWN

For the week ending December 22, 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 0.4% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) increased 4.2% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.3 million, an increase of 8.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending December 15, 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 -----						
10/27/07	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	<b>14,045</b>	11,315	<b>11,158</b>	11,596	<b>11,260</b>
* 12/15/07	13,607	<b>14,037</b>	11,330	<b>11,634</b>	12,096	<b>11,634</b>
12/22/07	13,219	14,328	11,317	11,789	11,835	11,786

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.
	12/29/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	68.71	67.76	67.76	64.82
12-City Composite 2/	72.35	71.21	70.05	66.39

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 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,175	*32,525	*32,854	32,181	*31,820	31,967
AR	28,849	28,940	28,947	27,993	*27,866	27,717
DE	4,155	4,161	4,163	*4,159	*4,159	4,133
FL	1,361	1,344	1,362	1,343	1,344	1,339
GA	35,774	36,119	36,181	35,206	36,213	35,997
KY	7,724	7,609	*7,958	7,487	7,691	7,641
LA	3,924	3,924	3,877	3,923	3,846	3,877
MD	7,999	8,715	8,821	8,707	8,669	9,015
MS	18,062	18,478	19,151	18,720	18,924	19,075
NC	19,230	19,379	*19,696	18,743	19,624	19,697
OK	6,656	6,634	6,709	6,013	6,560	6,597
PA	4,339	4,374	4,364	*4,136	4,064	4,315
SC	5,218	5,610	5,690	5,156	5,607	5,669
TX	14,433	15,426	15,390	15,315	14,733	15,467
VA	6,372	6,372	6,353	6,239	6,226	6,207
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,863	19,657	20,494	18,388	20,227	19,918
19 State Total	216,134	*219,267	*222,010	*213,709	*217,573	218,631
Previous Year Total	211,187	211,184	212,782	207,215	211,893	209,627
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	104	103	103	104

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 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					
	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,248	19,202	20,717	20,549	*21,738	21,963
AR	20,800	21,474	24,712	25,744	*26,266	24,290
DE	4,910	4,766	4,959	*5,061	*5,343	4,482
FL	1,126	1,304	1,291	1,341	1,313	1,367
GA	27,116	27,515	28,675	29,179	29,652	29,296
KY	5,704	4,786	5,984	6,131	6,318	6,306
LA	3,876	3,726	4,114	3,864	3,586	4,031
MD	5,379	6,354	6,224	*5,666	*5,489	6,255
MS	15,844	16,158	17,201	16,461	17,081	17,284
NC	15,596	16,367	16,522	16,218	16,335	16,432
OK	5,070	5,279	4,147	4,308	3,797	4,515
PA	2,934	3,150	3,168	*3,265	3,223	3,295
SC	4,618	4,316	4,764	4,985	4,363	4,959
TX	11,426	12,690	13,043	12,135	12,865	12,833
VA	4,824	4,819	4,967	4,862	5,206	5,330
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,223	17,093	18,064	17,584	16,927	16,641
19 State Total	164,694	168,999	178,552	*177,353	*179,502	179,279
Previous Year Total	156,497	162,192	168,076	171,423	172,412	173,573
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	106	103	104	103

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 22, 2007 were 8.97 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.