

PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending April 05, 2008, growers placed 12.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (12.0 million) increased 3.0% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.4 million, an increase of 0.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.3 million for the week ending March 29, 2008 compared to 10.5 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

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 -----					
02/09/2008	13,925	14,166	11,217	11,777	11,167	11,886
02/16/2008	13,964	14,246	11,182	11,973	11,185	12,081
02/23/2008	13,901	14,152	10,762	12,024	10,762	12,132
03/01/2008	14,158	14,315	11,372	11,810	11,375	11,809
03/08/2008	14,243	14,098	11,379	11,788	11,428	11,788
03/15/2008	14,198	14,296	11,355	11,713	11,355	11,821
* 03/22/2008	14,193	14,058	11,459	11,916	11,754	12,024
* 03/29/2008	14,291	14,274	11,641	11,761	11,744	11,976
04/05/2008	14,380	14,448	11,647	12,001	11,840	12,089

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	04/12/2008			
New York Weighted Avg	74.60	75.55	78.64	75.14
12-City Composite 2/	77.86	76.86	79.60	78.66

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					
	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,986	32,195	*32,300	32,257	*32,323	32,572
AR	28,444	28,124	28,100	27,080	26,038	26,530
DE	3,982	3,969	3,960	*3,957	*4,065	4,089
FL	1,403	1,418	*1,414	1,414	1,419	1,413
GA	35,129	35,088	35,245	34,444	34,663	34,910
KY	8,079	7,925	*7,899	7,870	8,127	7,851
LA	3,847	3,893	3,847	3,893	3,984	3,937
MD	9,138	8,904	9,097	*8,831	*8,939	9,095
MS	18,774	18,865	19,031	18,802	18,863	18,926
NC	19,953	19,995	*20,190	20,080	*20,119	20,312
OK	6,451	6,508	6,387	6,497	6,135	6,394
PA	4,179	4,130	4,457	*4,294	*4,231	4,307
SC	5,800	5,585	5,765	5,600	5,436	5,501
TX	*16,211	*16,006	*15,686	*15,531	*15,732	15,683
VA	6,443	6,413	6,080	6,621	6,350	6,269
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,011	*20,347	*19,567	*19,743	*19,974	20,028
19 State Total	*219,830	*219,365	*219,025	*216,914	*216,398	217,817
Previous Year Total	216,547	215,392	215,713	215,836	216,641	219,106
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	100	100	99

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 5, 2008. This was down 1 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					
	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,620	21,221	21,768	21,579	*22,103	21,879
AR	22,362	24,135	26,128	23,625	23,607	23,798
DE	5,668	4,939	5,058	*5,191	*5,203	5,157
FL	1,302	1,459	1,353	1,305	1,353	1,291
GA	28,845	30,115	29,386	29,748	*28,943	28,965
KY	6,348	5,508	6,271	6,217	5,952	6,210
LA	3,747	3,897	3,655	3,883	3,730	3,715
MD	5,271	6,403	5,836	*5,989	*5,561	6,448
MS	16,945	17,056	17,438	17,307	*17,262	17,340
NC	16,322	16,694	16,147	16,344	*16,196	16,072
OK	5,575	5,086	3,606	4,613	4,913	5,173
PA	3,238	3,317	3,077	*3,240	*3,240	3,446
SC	5,336	3,987	4,646	4,438	4,877	5,100
TX	*12,975	*13,320	*13,444	*13,719	*13,573	13,099
VA	5,142	4,818	5,021	5,149	5,448	4,694
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,931	*17,849	*17,503	*18,701	*18,306	17,739
19 State Total	*177,627	*179,804	*180,337	*181,048	*180,267	180,126
Previous Year Total	173,482	174,818	174,417	175,877	175,861	176,469
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	103	103	102

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2008. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 5, 2008 were 2.50 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.