

PLACEMENTS UP 0%

For the week ending April 19, 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 0.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 million) increased 1.2% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, a decrease of 1.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending April 12, 2008 compared to 10.9 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 -----					
02/23/2008	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	14,459	11,647	12,097	11,840	12,396
04/12/2008	14,499	14,077	11,715	11,882	11,948	12,099
04/19/2008	14,273	14,115	11,804	11,949	12,133	12,141

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
 GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	04/26/2008			
New York Weighted Avg	78.78	74.76	78.81	75.39
12-City Composite 2/	78.37	78.78	81.15	78.53

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 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,300	31,727	*32,056	32,574	*31,928	32,075
AR	28,100	27,080	26,038	26,530	*27,171	27,393
DE	3,960	3,957	4,065	4,090	4,027	3,942
FL	1,414	1,414	1,419	1,413	1,413	1,327
GA	35,245	34,426	34,663	34,911	34,137	34,651
KY	7,959	7,718	*8,111	7,909	7,902	7,702
LA	3,847	3,712	*3,712	3,937	3,712	3,712
MD	9,097	8,831	8,939	9,106	8,779	8,995
MS	19,031	19,164	18,863	18,926	19,242	18,877
NC	20,190	20,233	*19,419	20,312	20,370	19,587
OK	6,455	6,497	6,135	6,368	6,580	6,319
PA	4,457	4,294	4,290	4,265	*4,198	4,347
SC	5,765	5,726	5,436	5,501	5,611	5,406
TX	15,686	15,531	15,732	15,683	15,574	15,063
VA	6,080	6,621	6,350	6,269	6,416	6,164
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,567	19,743	19,890	*20,139	*20,224	19,935
19 State Total	219,153	216,674	*215,118	*217,933	*217,284	215,495
Previous Year Total	215,611	215,509	216,513	218,877	219,385	220,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	99	100	99	98

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2008. This was down 2 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 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,768	21,579	22,103	21,853	*21,311	21,702
AR	26,218	23,727	23,655	23,889	*23,233	21,947
DE	5,058	5,191	5,203	4,902	4,804	4,867
FL	1,353	1,305	1,353	1,291	1,333	1,191
GA	29,386	29,748	28,943	28,899	*28,232	28,810
KY	6,271	6,165	5,929	6,229	*6,054	6,459
LA	3,655	3,883	3,730	3,715	3,726	3,607
MD	5,836	5,989	5,561	6,917	6,095	6,590
MS	17,438	17,307	17,262	17,340	17,375	17,291
NC	16,147	16,344	16,196	16,072	16,658	15,649
OK	3,605	4,613	4,913	5,173	5,632	4,964
PA	3,077	3,240	3,215	3,435	*3,352	3,351
SC	4,646	4,438	4,877	5,159	4,776	4,418
TX	13,444	13,719	13,573	13,109	13,010	13,097
VA	5,021	5,149	5,448	5,069	5,720	5,021
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,503	18,701	18,306	*17,846	*17,035	18,209
19 State Total	180,426	181,098	180,267	*180,898	*178,346	177,173
Previous Year Total	174,791	176,045	176,014	177,141	177,312	177,686
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	102	101	100

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 19, 2008 were 2.86 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.