

PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY

For the week ending April 26, 2008, growers placed 12.0 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% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (12.0 million) increased 1.2% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.2 million, a decrease of 7.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending April 19, 2008 compared to 11.0 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 -----					
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	14,077	11,804	11,949	12,133	12,141
04/26/2008	14,250	13,214	11,823	11,959	12,015	12,068

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.	PREV.	PREV.
	05/03/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	78.90	78.78	76.60	74.14
12-City Composite 2/	78.35	78.37	78.16	78.37

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 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand
AL	31,727	*31,597	*31,799	*31,838	*31,928	32,248
AR	27,080	26,038	*26,966	27,171	*27,408	27,071
DE	3,957	4,065	4,090	4,027	3,942	3,721
FL	1,414	1,419	1,413	1,413	1,327	1,306
GA	34,426	34,663	34,911	34,137	34,651	33,997
KY	7,718	8,111	*8,042	7,902	7,702	7,391
LA	3,712	3,712	3,937	3,712	3,712	3,712
MD	8,831	8,939	9,106	8,779	8,995	8,223
MS	19,164	18,863	18,926	19,242	18,877	18,999
NC	*19,409	19,419	*19,609	*19,589	19,587	19,714
OK	6,497	6,135	6,368	6,580	*6,682	6,252
PA	4,294	4,290	4,265	4,198	*4,349	4,217
SC	5,726	5,436	*5,391	5,611	5,406	5,420
TX	15,531	15,732	15,683	15,574	15,063	15,333
VA	6,621	6,350	6,269	6,416	6,164	6,211
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,743	19,890	20,139	20,224	*20,107	19,413
19 State Total	*215,850	*214,659	*216,914	*216,413	*215,900	213,228
Previous Year Total	215,509	216,513	218,877	219,385	220,515	218,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	99	98	98

*Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 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 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand
AL	21,579	22,103	21,853	*21,303	*21,674	20,738
AR	23,727	23,655	*23,914	23,233	*22,047	23,230
DE	5,191	5,203	4,902	4,804	4,867	4,584
FL	1,305	1,353	1,291	1,333	1,191	1,255
GA	29,748	28,943	28,899	28,232	*28,784	29,038
KY	6,165	5,929	6,229	6,054	*6,589	6,683
LA	3,883	3,730	3,715	3,726	3,607	3,344
MD	5,989	5,561	6,917	6,095	6,590	7,121
MS	17,307	17,262	17,340	17,375	17,291	17,359
NC	16,344	16,196	16,072	*15,997	15,649	16,118
OK	4,613	4,913	5,173	5,632	4,964	5,213
PA	3,240	3,215	3,435	3,352	*3,323	3,340
SC	4,438	4,877	5,159	4,776	4,418	4,434
TX	13,719	13,573	13,109	13,010	13,097	12,719
VA	5,149	5,448	5,069	5,720	5,021	4,767
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,694	*18,309	17,846	17,035	*18,143	18,165
19 State Total	*181,091	*180,270	*180,923	*177,677	*177,255	178,108
Previous Year Total	176,045	176,014	177,141	177,312	177,686	180,188
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	100	100	99

* Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 26, 2008 were 3.03 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.