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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1%

For the week ending May 03, 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 1.1% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) decreased 2.0% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 2.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending April 26, 2008 compared to 11.4 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 -----						
03/08/2008	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
04/26/2008	14,250	14,077	11,823	11,959	12,015	12,068
05/03/2008	14,143	13,800	12,029	11,784	12,121	11,987

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.
	05/10/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	78.25	78.90	75.55	74.55
12-City Composite 2/	82.02	78.35	76.86	78.35

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 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,597	31,799	*31,687	31,928	32,248	31,637
AR	26,038	26,966	27,171	27,408	27,071	27,317
DE	4,065	4,090	4,027	3,942	3,721	3,721
FL	1,419	1,413	1,413	1,327	1,306	1,346
GA	34,663	34,911	34,137	34,651	33,997	34,630
KY	*8,079	*8,086	*7,899	7,702	7,391	8,034
LA	3,712	3,937	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712
MD	8,939	9,106	8,779	8,995	8,223	8,812
MS	18,863	18,926	*18,879	18,877	18,999	18,266
NC	19,419	19,609	*19,617	19,587	*19,604	19,326
OK	6,135	6,368	6,580	6,682	6,252	6,655
PA	4,290	4,265	4,198	*4,323	*4,202	4,148
SC	5,436	5,391	5,611	5,406	5,420	5,371
TX	15,732	*15,697	*15,588	*15,076	*15,346	14,656
VA	6,350	6,269	*6,174	6,164	6,211	6,369
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,890	20,139	20,224	20,107	*19,433	19,567
19 State Total	*214,627	*216,972	*215,696	*215,887	*213,136	213,567
Previous Year Total	216,513	218,877	219,385	220,515	218,515	218,353
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	98	98	98	98

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 3, 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 84 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 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,103	21,853	21,303	21,674	20,738	21,517
AR	23,655	23,914	23,233	22,047	*23,316	23,873
DE	5,203	4,902	4,804	4,867	4,584	4,851
FL	1,353	1,291	1,333	1,191	1,255	1,145
GA	*29,045	*28,995	28,232	28,784	29,038	27,781
KY	5,929	6,229	6,054	*6,569	*6,679	6,515
LA	3,730	3,715	3,726	3,607	3,344	3,784
MD	5,561	6,917	6,095	6,590	7,121	6,258
MS	17,262	17,340	17,375	17,291	17,359	17,060
NC	16,196	16,072	15,997	15,649	*16,128	16,478
OK	4,913	5,173	5,632	4,964	5,213	4,447
PA	3,215	3,435	3,352	*3,270	*3,323	3,207
SC	4,877	5,159	4,776	4,418	4,434	5,151
TX	13,573	*13,121	*13,022	*13,108	*12,730	13,324
VA	5,448	5,069	5,720	5,021	4,767	4,860
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,309	17,846	17,035	18,143	*18,127	16,983
19 State Total	*180,372	*181,031	*177,689	*177,193	*178,156	177,234
Previous Year Total	176,014	177,141	177,312	177,686	180,188	180,084
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	100	100	99	98

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 3, 2008 were 3.21 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.