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PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending May 31, 2008, growers placed 11.7 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) decreased 1.7% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.6 million, a decrease of 4.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending May 24, 2008 compared to 11.7 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 ----- | | | | | | |
| 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 | 13,214 | 11,823 | 11,959 | 12,015 | 12,068 |
| 05/03/2008 | 14,143 | 13,800 | 12,029 | 11,784 | 12,121 | 11,987 |
| 05/10/2008 | 14,207 | 13,824 | 11,870 | 11,883 | 12,018 | 12,327 |
| 05/17/2008 | 14,146 | 13,791 | 11,866 | 11,156 | 12,000 | 11,202 |
| 05/24/2008 | 14,121 | 14,077 | 11,694 | 11,658 | 11,795 | 11,718 |
| 05/31/2008 | 14,289 | 13,592 | 11,846 | 11,645 | 11,938 | 11,734 |

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 06/07/2008 | PREV. WEEK | PREV. MONTH | PREV. YEAR |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| New York Weighted Avg | 77.67 | 77.73 | 78.90 | 82.67 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 82.82 | 82.53 | 78.35 | 82.89 |

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.