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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1%

For the week ending June 07, 2008, growers placed 11.8 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 (11.6 million) decreased 1.7% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, a decrease of 3.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.6 million for the week ending May 31, 2008 compared to 10.1 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 -----						
04/12/2008	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	13,758	11,694	11,658	11,795	11,718
05/31/2008	14,289	14,077	11,846	11,645	11,938	11,734
06/07/2008	14,342	13,869	11,820	11,615	11,912	11,783

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.
	06/14/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.55	77.67	78.25	82.59
12-City Composite 2/	82.06	82.82	82.02	82.74

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					
	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,637	31,858	32,089	31,905	32,156	32,166
AR	27,317	26,611	*26,852	27,244	*27,203	26,918
DE	3,721	3,718	3,728	3,717	3,721	3,718
FL	1,346	1,336	*1,341	1,336	1,346	1,341
GA	34,630	34,041	*34,848	34,509	34,004	34,184
KY	8,102	*8,127	*8,100	*8,290	*8,168	8,109
LA	3,712	3,712	3,650	3,682	3,620	3,651
MD	8,812	8,840	8,796	8,771	8,601	8,881
MS	18,266	18,893	19,060	18,948	18,981	19,074
NC	19,314	19,740	*19,693	19,587	19,577	19,263
OK	7,215	7,446	*7,523	7,301	7,204	7,342
PA	4,231	4,232	4,405	4,442	*4,566	4,575
SC	5,371	5,491	5,718	5,556	5,490	5,769
TX	*14,646	*14,836	*15,467	*15,485	*15,599	15,778
VA	6,444	5,939	6,429	6,257	6,242	6,199
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,596	*19,687	19,889	19,723	*19,840	20,018
19 State Total	*214,360	*214,507	*217,588	*216,753	*216,318	216,986
Previous Year Total	218,353	219,938	219,928	219,527	218,990	219,184
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	99	99	99	99

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 7, 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 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					
	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,475	21,111	21,200	21,782	*20,999	21,640
AR	23,995	22,615	22,940	25,035	*23,748	23,671
DE	4,851	5,746	4,321	4,949	5,206	5,007
FL	1,145	1,271	1,138	1,136	1,383	1,146
GA	27,781	28,571	28,094	28,981	*28,993	29,052
KY	6,730	6,246	5,431	*6,158	*6,072	6,452
LA	3,784	3,147	3,634	3,474	3,683	3,794
MD	6,258	6,021	5,712	6,008	5,602	6,071
MS	17,060	17,145	17,383	16,614	17,259	17,348
NC	16,510	16,014	16,120	16,087	16,076	16,047
OK	4,445	5,430	5,136	3,883	4,608	4,802
PA	3,234	3,262	3,254	3,261	*3,205	3,365
SC	5,151	4,812	4,997	4,618	4,756	4,726
TX	13,324	*12,702	*12,851	*12,523	*12,416	12,990
VA	4,948	4,077	5,113	4,976	4,858	5,202
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,049	*18,423	*18,027	*17,249	*17,659	18,131
19 State Total	*177,740	*176,593	*175,351	*176,734	*176,523	179,444
Previous Year Total	180,084	180,594	178,545	179,069	180,055	180,462
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	98	99	98	99

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 7, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 7, 2008 were 4.10 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.