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PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY

For the week ending June 14, 2008, growers placed 11.9 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 (11.6 million) decreased 1.8% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 6.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending June 07, 2008 compared to 9.0 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 -----						
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	13,592	11,846	11,645	11,938	11,734
06/07/2008	14,342	13,963	11,820	11,603	11,912	11,771
* 06/14/2008	14,327	14,077	11,810	11,602	11,900	11,914
06/21/2008	14,334	0	11,889	0	12,305	0

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

* Revised

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

	WEEK ENDING 06/28/2008	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	0.00	77.60	77.95	82.48
12-City Composite 2/	0.00	82.44	80.78	79.91

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 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,664	32,510	32,731	32,740	*31,511	31,350
AR	26,852	27,244	27,203	26,918	*26,331	26,337
DE	3,728	3,717	3,721	3,718	*3,630	3,647
FL	1,341	1,336	1,346	1,341	1,341	1,341
GA	34,848	34,509	*34,121	34,119	*34,260	34,353
KY	8,078	8,317	*8,098	8,171	*7,568	7,687
LA	3,650	3,682	3,620	3,651	3,642	3,651
MD	8,796	8,771	8,601	8,976	*8,236	9,164
MS	19,060	18,948	18,981	19,074	18,930	18,761
NC	19,693	19,413	*19,359	19,263	*19,108	19,089
OK	7,523	7,243	*7,191	7,342	7,216	6,987
PA	4,405	4,442	4,592	*4,474	*4,539	4,503
SC	5,718	5,556	5,490	5,769	5,260	5,317
TX	15,467	15,485	*15,690	15,778	15,899	15,920
VA	6,429	6,257	6,242	6,199	6,476	6,315
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,889	19,723	19,840	20,058	*19,684	19,078
19 State Total	218,141	217,153	*216,826	*217,591	*213,631	213,500
Previous Year Total	219,928	219,527	218,990	219,184	217,590	216,287
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	98	99

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 21, 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 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*21,699	22,280	21,497	22,140	*22,327	22,049
AR	22,940	25,035	23,748	23,671	*24,314	24,590
DE	4,321	4,949	5,206	5,127	*4,521	4,609
FL	1,138	1,136	1,383	1,146	1,136	1,224
GA	28,094	28,981	28,993	29,052	*28,012	28,951
KY	5,431	6,158	6,071	6,492	*6,904	6,408
LA	3,634	3,474	3,683	3,794	3,742	3,755
MD	5,712	6,008	5,602	5,939	*6,308	6,567
MS	17,383	16,614	17,259	17,348	17,262	17,186
NC	16,120	16,087	16,076	16,047	*16,010	15,617
OK	5,136	3,883	4,608	4,802	4,917	3,810
PA	3,254	3,261	3,191	*3,278	*3,414	3,461
SC	4,997	4,618	4,756	4,726	5,494	5,220
TX	12,851	12,523	12,416	12,990	13,149	13,193
VA	5,113	4,976	4,858	5,202	5,287	4,911
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,027	17,249	17,659	18,141	*16,582	17,769
19 State Total	*175,850	177,232	177,006	*179,895	*179,379	179,320
Previous Year Total	178,545	179,069	180,055	180,462	179,754	180,026
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	98	100	100	100

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 21, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 21, 2008 were 4.46 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.