

## Delmarva Agriculture Data

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Weekly Broiler Chick Report

07/02/2008

### PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending June 28, 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 2.9% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.7 million) decreased 2.2% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.4 million, a decrease of 1.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending June 21, 2008 compared to 11.5 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 -----						
05/03/2008	14,143	13,800	12,029	11,784	12,121	11,988
05/10/2008	14,207	13,824	11,870	11,883	12,018	12,099
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	11,716
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	13,136	11,810	11,614	11,900	11,923
06/21/2008	14,334	14,082	11,889	11,511	12,305	<b>11,804</b>
06/28/2008	13,559	13,351	11,931	11,672	12,023	11,671

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	07/05/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.85	77.71	77.73	82.50
12-City Composite 2/	83.61	82.39	82.53	80.60

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 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,510	32,731	32,740	31,511	31,350	29,705
AR	27,244	27,203	26,918	26,331	26,337	26,609
DE	3,717	3,721	3,718	3,630	3,647	3,495
FL	1,336	1,346	*1,356	1,341	1,341	1,346
GA	34,509	34,121	34,119	34,260	34,353	33,955
KY	*8,328	*8,194	8,171	7,568	*7,713	7,461
LA	3,682	3,620	3,651	3,642	3,651	3,651
MD	8,771	8,601	8,976	8,236	9,164	8,596
MS	18,948	18,981	19,074	18,930	18,761	18,624
NC	19,413	19,359	*19,169	19,108	19,089	18,949
OK	7,243	7,191	*7,270	7,216	6,987	7,240
PA	4,442	4,592	4,474	4,539	*4,550	4,581
SC	5,556	5,490	5,769	5,260	5,317	5,539
TX	15,485	15,690	15,778	15,899	15,920	15,778
VA	6,257	6,242	6,199	6,476	6,315	6,306
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,723	19,840	20,058	*19,707	*19,592	19,171
19 State Total	*217,164	*216,922	*217,440	*213,654	*214,087	211,006
Previous Year Total	219,527	218,990	219,184	217,590	216,287	210,141
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	98	99	100

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 28, 2008. This was up slightly 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 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,280	21,497	22,140	22,327	22,049	21,866
AR	25,035	23,748	23,671	24,314	*24,638	22,806
DE	4,949	5,206	5,127	4,521	*4,675	4,982
FL	1,136	1,383	1,146	1,136	1,224	1,216
GA	28,981	28,993	29,052	28,012	28,951	29,261
KY	6,158	6,071	6,492	*6,902	*6,441	6,850
LA	3,474	3,683	3,794	3,742	3,755	3,632
MD	6,008	5,602	5,939	6,308	*6,502	6,358
MS	16,614	17,259	17,348	17,262	17,186	17,283
NC	16,087	16,076	16,047	16,010	15,617	16,328
OK	3,883	4,608	*4,801	4,917	3,810	5,109
PA	3,261	3,191	3,278	3,414	*3,373	3,314
SC	4,618	4,756	4,726	5,494	5,220	4,031
TX	12,523	12,416	12,990	13,149	13,193	12,990
VA	4,976	4,858	5,202	5,287	4,911	4,440
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,249	17,659	18,141	*16,595	*17,773	18,146
19 State Total	177,232	177,006	*179,894	*179,390	*179,318	178,612
Previous Year Total	179,069	180,055	180,462	179,754	180,026	178,938
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	100	100	100	100

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 28, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 28, 2008 were 4.64 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.