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**Delmarva Agriculture Data
 Weekly Broiler Chicks Report**

PLACEMENTS DOWN 5%

For the week ending, August 02, 2008, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.6% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.2 million) decreased 4.6% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.7 million, a decrease of 2.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending July 26, 2008 compared to 11.1 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 -----						
06/07/2008	14,342	13,963	11,820	11,603	11,912	11,772
06/14/2008	14,327	13,136	11,810	11,614	11,900	11,924
06/21/2008	14,334	14,079	11,889	11,523	12,305	11,817
06/28/2008	13,559	13,350	11,931	11,656	12,023	11,654
07/05/2008	14,059	13,332	11,973	10,942	11,974	10,942
07/12/2008	14,219	13,622	11,950	11,594	11,950	11,594
07/19/2008	14,125	13,661	11,316	11,100	11,411	11,186
07/26/2008	14,037	13,778	11,697	10,957	11,697	10,955
08/02/2008	14,004	13,684	11,767	11,229	11,769	11,229

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	08/09/2008			
New York Weighted Avg	72.52	77.70	77.85	77.27
12-City Composite 2/	78.41	82.28	83.61	78.62

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					
	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,529	29,252	*30,699	30,772	30,738	30,010
AR	26,620	26,069	26,089	26,250	*25,387	25,037
DE	3,495	3,573	3,624	3,629	3,589	3,657
FL	1,361	1,376	*1,351	1,273	1,226	1,271
GA	33,955	32,622	*34,007	33,591	33,274	32,701
KY	*7,330	*7,929	*7,922	8,007	7,967	7,974
LA	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,621	3,621	3,470
MD	8,594	8,618	8,852	8,762	8,919	8,763
MS	18,624	18,772	*18,891	18,560	18,560	18,561
NC	19,022	18,266	*18,159	18,739	19,360	18,985
OK	6,962	6,845	*7,293	7,113	7,060	6,863
PA	4,525	4,316	4,384	4,511	*4,492	4,410
SC	5,539	5,348	5,380	5,659	5,494	5,528
TX	*14,721	*15,706	*15,615	*15,694	*14,993	14,632
VA	*6,269	6,099	*6,075	*6,328	*6,388	6,250
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,096	19,093	*19,504	*18,999	*18,884	19,058
19 State Total	*210,293	*207,535	*211,496	*211,508	*209,952	207,170
Previous Year Total	210,141	216,018	218,175	216,979	217,989	216,255
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	96	97	97	96	96

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 2, 2008. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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					
	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,019	21,476	21,456	21,112	*20,625	21,066
AR	22,783	23,052	22,289	23,028	*22,469	23,281
DE	5,208	4,213	4,594	4,388	3,949	4,497
FL	1,216	1,315	1,160	1,227	1,180	1,282
GA	29,311	28,617	27,742	27,913	*27,048	28,161
KY	7,090	6,470	6,016	5,489	*6,519	5,912
LA	3,632	3,456	3,543	3,465	3,572	3,359
MD	6,114	6,083	5,922	5,454	5,851	6,316
MS	17,283	16,882	16,718	16,553	16,717	16,801
NC	16,328	15,683	15,980	15,849	15,295	15,021
OK	5,110	4,512	6,113	5,103	4,919	3,910
PA	3,384	3,385	3,436	3,406	*3,219	3,344
SC	4,044	4,726	5,027	4,737	4,624	4,819
TX	13,260	*13,408	*13,414	*12,350	*13,214	13,080
VA	*4,527	*4,739	*5,355	*5,407	*5,449	4,557
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,954	17,032	*16,663	*17,068	*16,327	17,534
19 State Total	*179,263	*175,049	*175,428	*172,549	*170,977	172,940
Previous Year Total	178,938	178,318	177,496	172,031	176,538	179,654
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	99	100	97	96

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 2, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 2, 2008 were 5.50 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.