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Delmarva Agriculture Data
Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

PLACEMENTS DOWN SLIGHTLY

For the week ending, August 23, 2008, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.2% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.6 million) decreased 0.2% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.6 million, a decrease of 1.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending August 16, 2008 compared to 11.4 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 -----						
06/28/2008	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	13,842	11,697	10,957	11,697	10,955
* 08/02/2008	14,004	13,821	11,767	11,229	11,769	11,229
08/09/2008	14,032	13,718	11,746	11,284	11,746	11,283
* 08/16/2008	14,127	13,769	11,702	11,595	10,963	11,594
08/23/2008	13,792	13,552	11,599	11,578	11,599	11,578

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 08/30/2008	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	71.71	71.82	79.75	76.81
12-City Composite 2/	79.06	79.95	84.05	79.97

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					
	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,988	30,737	*29,539	29,855	*29,846	29,694
AR	26,250	25,591	*25,143	24,801	24,608	24,764
DE	3,629	3,653	3,657	3,644	3,631	3,543
FL	1,323	1,231	*1,281	1,306	1,316	1,306
GA	33,591	33,274	*32,840	32,918	32,590	32,694
KY	*8,029	*7,968	*7,927	7,739	*7,790	7,741
LA	3,621	3,621	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,501
MD	8,762	8,919	*8,900	8,811	8,871	8,738
MS	18,732	18,560	18,561	18,598	18,160	18,428
NC	18,615	*19,294	*18,810	19,055	*19,114	18,856
OK	6,947	6,855	*7,063	6,658	6,998	7,008
PA	4,511	4,492	4,339	4,239	*4,002	3,992
SC	5,659	5,494	5,528	5,309	5,645	5,735
TX	15,633	14,993	14,632	15,034	15,489	15,498
VA	6,328	6,388	6,250	6,250	6,325	6,313
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,980	18,894	19,198	*19,096	*18,904	19,006
19 State Total	*211,598	*209,964	*207,138	*206,783	*206,759	206,817
Previous Year Total	216,979	217,989	216,255	217,312	216,594	215,662
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	96	96	95	95	96

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 23, 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 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					
	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,112	20,686	21,021	21,452	*21,432	20,609
AR	23,028	22,469	23,314	21,884	*23,301	22,247
DE	4,388	3,949	4,497	4,959	5,213	4,874
FL	1,227	1,180	1,282	1,134	1,032	1,124
GA	27,913	27,048	28,161	27,630	*27,560	27,722
KY	5,390	6,420	*5,911	*6,105	*6,512	6,222
LA	3,465	3,572	3,359	3,757	3,269	3,659
MD	5,454	5,851	6,316	5,555	*5,933	5,987
MS	16,553	16,717	16,826	16,845	*16,815	16,632
NC	15,849	15,295	15,021	15,566	*15,741	15,557
OK	5,103	4,919	3,910	5,155	3,618	4,521
PA	3,406	3,219	3,319	3,381	*3,408	3,206
SC	4,737	4,624	4,819	4,789	4,676	4,333
TX	12,350	13,214	13,080	13,113	12,493	12,318
VA	5,407	5,449	4,557	5,080	5,283	5,592
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,059	16,367	17,506	16,756	*16,896	15,925
19 State Total	172,441	170,979	*172,899	*173,161	*173,182	170,528
Previous Year Total	172,031	176,538	179,654	177,691	178,515	177,243
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	97	96	97	97	96

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 23, 2008 were 6.02 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.