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Delmarva Agriculture Data Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending, September 06, 2008, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.6% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.5 million) decreased 1.6% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 12.3 million, a decrease of 9.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 12.2 million for the week ending August 30, 2008 compared to 12.0 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 -----						
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	13,553	11,599	11,592	11,599	11,592
08/30/2008	13,544	13,459	11,695	11,477	11,695	11,477
09/06/2008	13,615	12,327	11,732	11,549	11,732	11,548

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	09/13/2008			
New York Weighted Avg	71.60	71.55	72.52	76.85
12-City Composite 2/	78.19	77.90	78.41	80.56

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					
	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,539	29,855	*29,922	29,694	*29,951	29,747
AR	25,143	25,107	24,608	24,742	24,697	24,277
DE	3,657	3,644	3,631	*3,544	*3,494	3,479
FL	1,281	1,326	*1,346	1,306	1,326	1,326
GA	32,840	33,473	*32,822	32,794	*32,860	32,032
KY	*7,912	*7,683	*7,744	7,741	7,339	7,428
LA	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,501	*3,501	3,501
MD	8,900	8,811	8,871	8,738	8,696	7,578
MS	18,561	18,598	18,160	18,428	17,853	17,666
NC	18,810	18,890	*18,797	18,856	*19,011	18,546
OK	7,063	6,477	*7,168	7,076	*7,122	6,920
PA	4,339	4,028	4,002	3,850	*4,366	4,037
SC	5,528	5,309	5,645	5,735	5,844	5,208
TX	*14,633	*15,035	*15,486	*15,494	*14,932	15,290
VA	6,250	6,250	6,325	6,313	6,249	6,294
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,198	18,951	18,904	*18,873	*17,991	18,497
19 State Total	*207,124	*206,907	*206,901	*206,685	*205,232	201,826
Previous Year Total	216,255	217,312	216,594	215,662	215,502	208,821
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	95	96	96	95	97

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2008. This was down 3 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					
	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,021	21,452	21,432	20,609	*20,496	21,185
AR	23,314	21,884	23,301	22,221	*21,575	22,340
DE	4,497	4,959	5,213	*4,978	*5,131	4,977
FL	1,282	1,134	1,032	1,124	*1,278	1,051
GA	28,161	27,630	27,560	27,700	*27,317	26,821
KY	5,911	6,105	6,512	*6,219	*6,345	6,517
LA	3,359	3,757	3,269	3,659	*3,521	3,243
MD	6,316	5,555	5,933	*5,897	*5,950	5,519
MS	16,826	16,845	16,815	16,632	16,751	16,258
NC	15,021	15,566	15,741	15,620	*15,883	15,655
OK	3,910	5,154	3,618	4,539	*5,076	5,050
PA	3,328	3,390	3,414	3,207	*3,131	3,102
SC	4,819	4,789	4,676	4,333	4,624	5,130
TX	13,080	*13,114	*12,494	*12,319	*12,557	12,941
VA	4,557	5,080	5,283	5,592	4,525	4,720
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,506	16,756	16,896	*16,181	*15,991	15,352
19 State Total	172,908	*173,170	*173,189	*170,830	*170,151	169,861
Previous Year Total	179,654	177,691	178,515	177,243	176,942	175,893
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	97	96	96	97

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 6, 2008 were 6.36 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.