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**Delmarva Agriculture Data
 Weekly Broiler Chicks Report**

PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending, October 04, 2008, growers placed 10.3 million broiler chicks in growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.4% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (10.3 million) decreased 4.4% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 12.2 million, a decrease of 10.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending September 27, 2008 11.3 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 -----						
08/09/2008	14,032	13,718	11,746	11,284	11,746	11,285
08/16/2008	14,127	13,769	11,702	11,595	10,963	11,595
08/23/2008	13,792	13,553	11,599	11,592	11,599	11,593
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	11,549
09/13/2008	12,817	12,199	11,483	11,384	11,483	11,383
09/20/2008	13,687	12,093	11,348	11,285	11,348	11,284
09/27/2008	14,114	13,285	11,520	10,343	11,520	10,341
10/04/2008	13,670	12,243	10,736	10,266	10,736	10,265

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	10/11/2008			
New York Weighted Avg	65.48	65.62	71.55	68.67
12-City Composite 2/	75.60	76.66	77.90	70.66

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 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008	Oct 4 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,920	29,707	28,812	28,833	29,424	27,732
AR	24,697	24,259	*23,956	23,055	*24,055	21,817
DE	3,494	3,479	3,310	3,257	3,255	3,417
FL	1,306	*1,306	*1,191	1,091	1,229	1,229
GA	32,860	32,439	30,895	30,930	*31,829	29,759
KY	7,628	*7,417	*7,611	7,496	7,792	7,497
LA	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,183	3,501
MD	8,696	7,578	7,894	7,825	8,760	7,556
MS	17,853	17,333	17,770	17,912	16,780	16,698
NC	19,130	18,487	*17,360	18,225	18,311	16,891
OK	6,969	7,021	*7,242	6,893	6,783	6,512
PA	4,396	4,082	4,058	3,569	*3,959	3,890
SC	5,844	5,208	5,709	5,755	5,249	4,693
TX	*14,931	*15,997	*14,644	*13,028	*13,997	14,406
VA	6,249	6,294	6,021	5,779	6,140	5,691
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,434	18,220	17,833	17,271	*18,502	17,696
19 State Total	*204,908	*202,328	*197,807	*194,420	*199,248	188,985
Previous Year Total	215,502	208,821	205,863	212,015	207,513	213,532
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	97	96	92	96	89

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 189 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 4, 2008. This was down 11 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 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008	Oct 4 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,496	21,188	21,212	20,194	20,466	19,482
AR	21,575	22,352	21,646	24,134	22,051	20,901
DE	5,131	4,977	4,870	4,722	4,295	3,865
FL	1,278	1,051	1,004	1,010	980	1,033
GA	27,317	26,821	27,100	26,583	*26,557	26,083
KY	6,708	*6,797	*6,293	*5,513	*6,020	5,832
LA	3,521	3,243	3,425	3,431	3,260	3,215
MD	5,950	5,519	6,117	5,239	5,025	5,683
MS	16,751	16,258	16,576	16,007	15,503	15,753
NC	15,883	15,655	15,817	15,628	14,652	14,321
OK	5,076	5,050	5,478	3,400	5,080	5,433
PA	3,128	3,083	3,094	3,291	*3,260	3,470
SC	4,624	5,130	4,541	5,023	*5,131	4,518
TX	12,560	*12,940	*13,021	*12,505	*12,796	12,333
VA	4,525	4,720	4,657	5,643	5,374	5,009
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,640	15,059	15,737	15,737	*15,273	15,570
19 State Total	170,163	*169,843	*170,588	*168,060	*165,723	162,501
Previous Year Total	176,942	175,893	175,527	175,642	171,244	168,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	97	96	97	97

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through October 4, 2008 were 7.03 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.