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Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chick Report

PLACEMENTS DOWN 7%

For the week ending February 4, 2012, growers placed 10.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 7.3% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (9.8 million) decreased 8.9% from the comparable week in 2011. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 11.3 million, a decrease of 12.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.7 million for the week ending January 28, 2012, compared to 11.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2010.

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 ----- | | | | | | |
| 12/10/2011 | 13,082 | 11,536 | 10,611 | 9,321 | 12,001 | 11,024 |
| 12/17/2011 | 12,982 | 11,178 | 10,436 | 10,115 | 11,475 | 11,236 |
| 12/24/2011 | 13,024 | 11,755 | 10,483 | 9,515 | 11,472 | 10,693 |
| 12/31/2011 | 12,852 | 11,828 | 10,724 | 9,747 | 11,637 | 10,969 |
| 01/07/2012 | 13,057 | 11,562 | 10,707 | 9,498 | 11,543 | 10,708 |
| 01/14/2012 | 12,925 | 11,509 | 10,684 | 9,945 | 11,610 | 11,117 |
| 01/21/2012 | 12,420 | 12,080 | 10,548 | 10,080 | 11,426 | 11,041 |
| * 01/28/2012 | 12,928 | 11,411 | 10,714 | 9,813 | 11,622 | 10,761 |
| 02/04/2012 | 12,945 | 11,341 | 10,753 | 9,800 | 11,667 | 10,817 |

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.

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NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

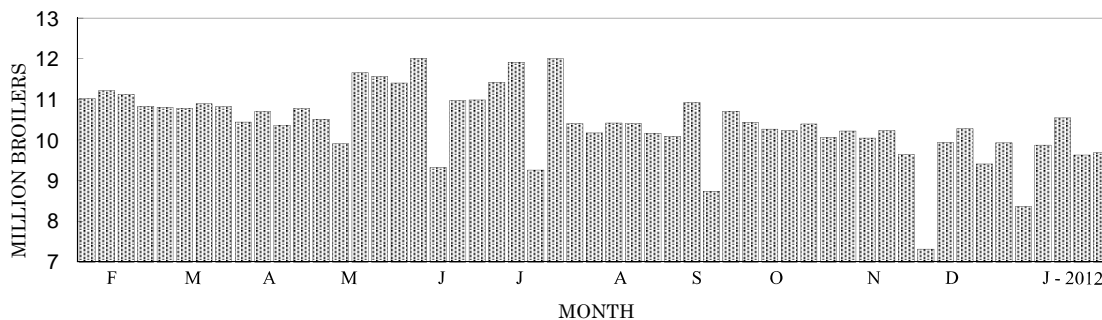
| | WEEK ENDING 02/11/2012 | PREV. WEEK | PREV. MONTH | PREV. YEAR |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| New York Weighted Avg | 80.71 | 80.67 | 77.95 | 73.33 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 81.99 | 81.89 | 81.70 | 75.05 |

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.

BROILERS SLAUGHTERED ON DELMARVA

January 2011 - January 2012



Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011 and 2012

| State | Week ending | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 7, 2012 | January 14, 2012 | January 21, 2012 | January 28, 2012 | February 4, 2012 |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) |
| Alabama | 27,562 | 28,078 | 27,840 | 28,025 | 27,962 | 26,916 |
| Arkansas | 20,187 | 20,082 | 20,085 | 20,073 | 20,235 | 19,931 |
| Delaware | 3,232 | 3,265 | 3,261 | 3,262 | 3,258 | 3,265 |
| Florida | 1,347 | 1,351 | 1,351 | 1,353 | 1,352 | 1,352 |
| Georgia | 31,839 | 31,430 | 31,386 | 31,148 | 31,630 | 30,927 |
| Kentucky | 7,634 | 7,545 | 7,664 | 7,643 | 7,389 | 7,655 |
| Louisiana | 3,348 | 3,364 | 3,379 | 3,440 | 3,424 | 3,440 |
| Maryland | 7,447 | 7,364 | 7,098 | 7,669 | 7,216 | 6,867 |
| Mississippi | 17,763 | 17,573 | 17,626 | 18,111 | 18,185 | 18,147 |
| Missouri | 7,433 | 7,853 | 7,623 | 7,677 | 7,668 | 7,784 |
| North Carolina | 19,927 | 19,760 | 19,790 | 19,988 | 19,952 | 20,206 |
| Oklahoma | 6,268 | 6,585 | 6,787 | 6,721 | 6,609 | 6,841 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,812 | 3,662 | 3,875 | 3,849 | 3,831 | 3,711 |
| South Carolina | 5,164 | 5,250 | 5,348 | 5,363 | 5,156 | 5,318 |
| Texas | 13,915 | 14,343 | 14,053 | 14,272 | 14,345 | 14,441 |
| Virginia | 5,909 | 5,694 | 5,939 | 6,231 | 5,698 | 5,985 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 10,577 | 10,010 | 10,479 | 9,376 | 10,478 | 10,247 |
| 19 State total | 193,364 | 193,209 | 193,584 | 194,201 | 194,388 | 193,033 |
| Previous year total | 203,224 | 205,419 | 205,099 | 204,116 | 203,933 | 205,787 |
| Percent of previous year | 95 | 94 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 94 |

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 4, 2012. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011 and 2012

| State | Week ending | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 7, 2012 | January 14, 2012 | January 21, 2012 | January 28, 2012 | February 4, 2012 |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) |
| Alabama | 20,811 | 20,132 | 19,898 | 20,265 | 20,298 | 19,730 |
| Arkansas | 20,378 | 19,296 | 18,012 | 18,621 | 19,924 | 20,438 |
| Delaware | 4,385 | 3,952 | 4,547 | 3,901 | 4,431 | 4,082 |
| Florida | 1,160 | 1,160 | 1,160 | 953 | 1,136 | 1,149 |
| Georgia | 26,917 | 26,997 | 27,346 | 26,950 | 27,019 | 26,053 |
| Kentucky | 6,378 | 6,098 | 6,021 | 6,219 | 6,646 | 5,839 |
| Louisiana | 2,943 | 2,987 | 2,992 | 2,995 | 3,010 | 3,023 |
| Maryland | 5,968 | 5,474 | 6,060 | 6,386 | 5,518 | 5,790 |
| Mississippi | 15,407 | 15,542 | 15,594 | 15,053 | 15,037 | 15,122 |
| Missouri | 5,004 | 5,554 | 6,087 | 4,913 | 5,036 | 4,932 |
| North Carolina | 15,635 | 15,439 | 15,738 | 15,698 | 15,780 | 15,699 |
| Oklahoma | 3,746 | 4,042 | 4,693 | 4,691 | 3,943 | 3,220 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,134 | 3,196 | 3,136 | 3,179 | 3,065 | 3,229 |
| South Carolina | 4,115 | 4,828 | 4,435 | 4,221 | 4,124 | 4,956 |
| Texas | 11,848 | 11,964 | 11,794 | 11,770 | 11,809 | 11,575 |
| Virginia | 4,710 | 5,698 | 4,693 | 4,844 | 4,785 | 5,164 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 10,364 | 9,509 | 10,772 | 10,296 | 9,565 | 10,319 |
| 19 State total | 162,903 | 161,868 | 162,978 | 160,955 | 161,126 | 160,320 |
| Previous year total | 168,813 | 168,417 | 168,220 | 167,507 | 168,493 | 168,151 |
| Percent of previous year | 96 | 96 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 95 |

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 4, 2012. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through February 4, 2012 were 807 million, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.