



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

01/07/04

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending Jan 03, 2004, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.6% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) decreased 3.6% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.6 million, a decrease of 5.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 8.7 million for the week ending Dec 27, 2003 compared to 9.2 million slaughtered during the same week in 2002.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YEAR	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	CURRENT YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
11/08/03	14,470	14,064	11,082	10,123	11,361	10,123
11/15/03	13,724	13,201	10,682	10,380	11,082	10,380
11/22/03	13,713	13,508	11,534	11,445	11,535	11,445
11/29/03	14,579	13,859	11,842	11,653	11,842	11,752
12/06/03	14,436	13,695	11,299	10,958	11,299	11,048
12/13/03	14,403	13,762	11,369	11,250	11,369	11,250
12/20/03	14,322	13,719	12,011	11,507	12,011	11,507
12/27/03	14,316	13,621	11,830	11,278	11,830	11,278
01/03/04	14,357	13,595	11,810	11,385	11,810	11,385

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	01/10/04			
New York Weighted Avg	64.04	62.57	61.25	55.22
12-City Composite 2/	65.75	65.57	65.37	58.22

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.