



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

04/07/04
BC-14-04

PLACEMENTS DOWN 8%

For the week ending Apr 03, 2004, growers placed 11.4million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 8.4% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) decreased 10.1% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 8.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 0.0 million for the week ending Mar 27, 2004 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/07/04	14,547	13,500	11,787	11,358	11,790	11,358
02/14/04	13,226	13,842	11,870	11,058	11,871	11,058
02/21/04	13,818	13,901	12,082	10,922	12,084	10,922
02/28/04	14,050	14,024	11,961	10,990	11,961	10,990
* 03/06/04	14,829	13,917	10,815	11,199	10,817	11,199
* 03/13/04	14,995	13,782	11,405	11,226	11,405	11,226
* 03/20/04	14,400	13,774	11,592	11,393	11,595	11,393
* 03/27/04	14,356	13,931	12,210	11,328	12,210	11,628
04/03/04	15,118	13,827	12,425	11,176	12,427	11,386

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	04/10/04			
New York Weighted Avg	76.04	76.33	75.71	51.55
12-City Composite 2/	76.96	76.77	75.52	57.71

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.

