



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

05/19/04
BC-20-04

PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending May 15, 2004, growers placed 11.7 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) decreased 4.0% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, a decrease of 4.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.1 million for the week ending May 08, 2004 compared to 11.4 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 -----						
03/20/04	14,400	13,774	11,592	11,393	11,595	11,395
03/27/04	14,356	13,931	12,210	11,328	12,210	11,628
04/03/04	15,118	13,856	12,425	11,217	12,427	11,428
04/10/04	15,032	13,925	11,861	11,175	11,861	11,175
04/17/04	15,202	13,705	11,822	11,362	11,825	11,362
04/24/04	14,457	13,963	12,499	11,357	12,596	11,357
05/01/04	14,491	13,837	12,448	11,362	12,546	11,362
05/08/04	14,515	13,866	12,583	11,229	12,584	11,229
05/15/04	14,586	13,981	12,010	11,535	12,012	11,685

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	05/22/04			
New York Weighted Avg	82.25	78.10	76.42	55.09
12-City Composite 2/	80.50	78.12	76.00	59.02

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.