



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

06/30/04
BC-26-04

PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending June 26, 2004, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.0% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) decreased 3.7% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, an increase of 0.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.9 million for the week ending June 12, 2004 compared to 11.8 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	EGGS SET 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
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
05/22/04	14,875	14,113	11,970	11,317	11,972	11,317
05/29/04	14,532	14,213	12,015	11,467	12,017	11,467
06/05/04	14,542	14,030	12,020	11,558	12,020	11,558
06/12/04	14,461	14,081	12,327	11,702	12,329	11,927
06/19/04	14,498	14,144	12,050	11,734	12,050	11,734
06/26/04	13,881	14,001	12,038	11,597	11,985	11,627

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	07/03/04			
New York Weighted Avg	83.33	83.29	82.72	59.14
12-City Composite 2/	82.26	82.40	81.77	61.96

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.