



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 %

For the week ending August 07, 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 (11.4 million) decreased 4.4% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, a decrease of 3.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.0 million for the week ending July 31, 2004 compared to 11.2 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 -----						
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	11,602	11,985	11,632
07/03/04	14,065	13,576	11,901	11,648	11,901	11,648
07/10/04	14,283	13,721	11,884	11,741	11,886	11,741
07/17/04	14,584	13,821	11,432	11,686	11,433	11,686
07/24/04	14,519	13,813	11,573	11,259	11,575	11,683
07/31/04	14,501	13,851	11,734	11,425	11,734	11,425
08/07/04	14,426	13,881	11,971	11,439	11,971	11,614

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	08/14/04			
New York Weighted Avg	70.87	71.41	82.79	59.56
12-City Composite 2/	75.97	78.08	83.44	62.96

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.