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PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 %

For the week ending September 04, 2004, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grow houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.4% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) decreased 2.4% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 3.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending August 28, 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	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
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
08/14/04	14,346	13,803	11,918	11,416	11,918	11,416
08/21/04	14,611	13,898	11,908	11,481	11,910	11,481
08/28/04	14,263	14,704	11,784	11,569	11,785	11,569
09/04/04	13,809	13,342	11,788	11,509	11,791	11,509

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	09/11/04			
New York Weighted Avg	61.22	65.67	69.96	57.48
12-City Composite 2/	70.14	72.37	75.56	64.18

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.