



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA  
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

10/06/04

**BC-40-04**

**PLACEMENTS UP 1 %**

For the week ending October 2, 2004, growers placed 10.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.6 million) increased 0.7% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.4 million, a increase of 2.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending September 25, 2004 compared to 12.4 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 -----						
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	13,704	11,784	11,569	11,785	11,569
09/04/04	13,809	13,342	11,788	11,509	11,791	11,509
09/11/04	12,900	12,708	11,934	11,584	11,935	11,584
09/18/04	12,409	12,087	11,755	11,501	11,759	11,501
09/25/04	13,052	13,345	11,302	11,181	11,302	11,181
10/02/04	13,086	13,389	10,559	10,634	10,559	10,634

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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
	10/09/04			
New York Weighted Avg	63.04	63.26	65.67	58.95
12-City Composite 2/	69.44	69.92	72.37	63.23

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.