



**DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

10/27/04
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PLACEMENTS UP 3 %

For the week ending October 23, 2004, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grower houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) increased 3.1% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 12.6 million, an increase of 1.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending October 16, 2004 compared to 11.7 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 -----						
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
10/09/04	13,044	12,882	10,214	9,942	10,214	9,942
10/16/04	12,214	12,876	10,867	11,112	10,867	11,112
10/23/04	12,418	12,586	10,812	11,151	10,812	11,151

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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 10/30/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	61.64	62.59	62.74	59.81
12-City Composite 2/	68.01	67.90	69.59	63.82

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.