For the week ending March 8, 2014, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.0 million) increased 10.9% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.5 million, an increase of 11.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.0 million for the week ending February 1, 2014, compared to 10.1 million slaughtered during the same week in 2013.

**DELMARVA AGRICULTURAL DATA**

**WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS DATA**

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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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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.

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers;

Prices in cents per pound 1/:

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**RANGE OF BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET ON DELMARVA**

**March 2013 - March 2014**
Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

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### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

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Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2014, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 8, 2014 for the United States were 1.69 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.