

# FACTS ABOUT DELAWARE'S MEAT CHICKEN INDUSTRY

- ✓ Approximately 73% of Delaware's cash farm income was from meat chickens in 2016.
- ✓ Delaware ranked 8<sup>th</sup> among the states in the pounds of broilers, or meat chickens, produced in 2017 with 1.87 million pounds. In total, the U.S. produced 55.5 billion pounds of broilers in 2017.
- ✓ Delaware produced 259.8 million broilers in 2017. Delaware ranked 11<sup>th</sup> among the states in the number of broilers produced. In total, the U.S. produced 8.9 billion broilers in 2017.
- ✓ The average live weight of a Delaware-produced broiler in 2017 was 7.2 pounds. The U.S. average was 6.2 pounds.
- ✓ In 2017, Delaware broiler production value (gross income received by the agricultural sector for producing meat chickens) was \$1.02 billion. Delaware ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation in value of production. In total, U.S. broiler production value was \$30.2 billion in 2017.

According to the 2012 U.S. Census of Agriculture, Sussex County, Delaware ranked 1<sup>st</sup> among America's counties in meat chicken production and Kent County ranked 57<sup>th</sup>.

Most of the grain grown in Delaware is used for chicken feed. In 2017, Delmarva's chicken industry purchased \$984 million in chicken feed ingredients.

Chicken companies with growers or facilities on the Delmarva Peninsula and their national ranking in 2017 based upon average weekly ready-to-cook production, by weight, as published in the **WATT Poultry USA** March 2018 edition, are:

<b>Allen Harim Foods LLC</b> (Headquarters in Seaford, DE)	<b>#20</b>
<b>Amick Farms</b> (Headquarters in Batesburg, S.C.)	<b>#12</b>
<b>Mountaire Farms Inc.</b> (Headquarters in Millsboro, DE)	<b># 6</b>
<b>Perdue Farms Inc.</b> (Headquarters in Salisbury, MD)	<b># 4</b>
<b>Tyson Foods, Inc.</b> (Headquarters in Springdale, AR)	<b># 1</b>

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