

FACTS ABOUT MARYLAND'S MEAT CHICKEN INDUSTRY

- ✓ Approximately 42% of Maryland's cash farm income was from meat chickens in 2016.
- ✓ Maryland ranked 9th among the states in the pounds of broilers, or meat chickens, produced in 2017 with 1.84 billion pounds. In total, the U.S. produced 55.5 billion pounds of broilers in 2017.
- ✓ Maryland produced 306.7 million broilers in 2017. Maryland ranked 7th 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 Maryland-produced broiler in 2017 was 6.0 pounds. The U.S. average was 6.2 pounds.
- ✓ In 2017, Maryland broiler production value (gross income received by the agricultural sector for producing meat chickens) was \$1 billion. Maryland ranked 9th in the nation in value of production. In total, U.S. broiler production value was \$30.2 billion in 2017.

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, these Maryland counties are ranked among the leaders in broiler chicken production in America:

Somerset – 18th
Dorchester – 82nd

Caroline – 20th
Queen Anne's – 124th

Wicomico – 28th
Talbot – 235th

Worcester – 29th

Most of the grain grown on Maryland's Eastern Shore 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:

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

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