

# FACTS ABOUT VIRGINIA'S MEAT CHICKEN INDUSTRY

- ✓ Approximately 21% of Virginia's cash farm income was from meat chickens in 2016.
- ✓ Virginia ranked 11<sup>th</sup> among the states in the pounds of meat chickens produced in 2016, with 1.533 billion pounds.
- ✓ Virginia produced 269.1 million meat chickens in 2016. Virginia ranked 10<sup>th</sup> among the states in the number of meat chickens produced.
- ✓ The average live weight of a Virginia produced meat chicken was 5.7 pounds.
- ✓ In 2016, Virginia meat chicken production value was \$733.2 million. (Value is gross income received by the agricultural sector for the production of broiler chickens.) Virginia ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation in value of production.

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Accomack County, Virginia ranked #64 among America's counties in meat chicken production. Accomack County, on the Eastern Shore, produces about 10% of Virginia's meat chickens and ranks #2 in the Commonwealth in meat chicken production.

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 #20**  
(Headquarters in Seaford, DE)

**Amick Farms #12**  
(Headquarters in Batesburg, S.C.)

**Mountaire Farms Inc. # 6**  
(Headquarters in Millsboro, DE)

**Perdue Farms Inc. # 4**  
(Headquarters in Salisbury, MD)

**Tyson Foods, Inc. # 1**  
(Headquarters in Springdale, AR)

**Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.**

March 2018

**Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.**

 [facebook.com/dpicken](https://facebook.com/dpicken)

 [@dpicken](https://twitter.com/dpicken)

 [dpicken.org](https://dpicken.org)

 302-856-9037

