

# FACTS ABOUT DELAWARE'S MEAT CHICKEN INDUSTRY

- Approximately 70% of Delaware's cash farm income was from meat chickens in 2016.
- Delaware ranked 8th among the states in the pounds of meat chickens produced in 2015 with 1,759,000,000 pounds.
- Delaware produced 244,300,000 meat chickens in 2015. Delaware ranked 11th among the states in the number of meat chickens produced.
- The average live weight of a Delaware produced meat chicken was 7.2 pounds.
- In 2015, total value of birds raised was \$946,342,000. Delaware ranked 8th in the nation in value of production.

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

Most of the grain grown in Delaware is used for chicken feed.

Chicken companies with growers or facilities on the Delmarva Peninsula and their national ranking in 2016 based upon average weekly ready-to-cook production, by weight, as published in the **WATT Poultry USA** March 2017 edition, are:

<b>Allen Harim Foods LLC</b> (Headquarters in Seaford, DE)	<b>#21</b>
<b>Amick Farms</b> (Headquarters in Batesburg, S.C.)	<b>#11</b>
<b>Mountaire Farms Inc.</b> (Headquarters in Millsboro, DE)	<b># 7</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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