

# FACTS ABOUT MARYLAND'S MEAT CHICKEN INDUSTRY

- Approximately 35% of Maryland's cash farm income was from meat chickens in 2016.
- Maryland ranked 10th among the states in the pounds of meat chickens produced in 2015 with 1,730,000,000 pounds.
- Maryland produced 303,500,000 meat chickens in 2015. Maryland ranked 8<sup>th</sup> among the states in the number of meat chickens produced.
- The average live weight of a Maryland produced meat chicken was 5.7 pounds.
- In 2015, Maryland meat chicken production value was \$930,740,000. (Value is gross income received by the agricultural sector for the production of broiler chickens.) Maryland ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in value of production.

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

Somerset #18	Caroline #20	Wicomico #28	Worcester #29
Dorchester #82	Queen Anne's #124	Talbot #235	

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

**Allen Harim Foods LLC #21**  
(Headquarters in Seaford, DE)

**Amick Farms #11**  
(Headquarters in Batesburg, S.C.)

**Mountaire Farms Inc. #7**  
(Headquarters in Millsboro, DE)

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

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

**Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.**

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