

FACTS ABOUT VIRGINIA'S MEAT CHICKEN INDUSTRY

- Approximately 21% of Virginia's cash farm income was from meat chickens in 2015.
- Virginia ranked 11th among the states in the pounds of meat chickens produced in 2015, with 1,471,000,700 pounds.
- Virginia produced 262,800,000 meat chickens in 2015. Virginia ranked 10th among the states in the number of meat chickens produced.
- The average live weight of a Virginia produced meat chicken was 5.6 pounds.
- In 2015, Virginia meat chicken production value was \$791,775,000. (Value is gross income received by the agricultural sector for the production of broiler chickens.) Virginia ranked 11th 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 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)

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