

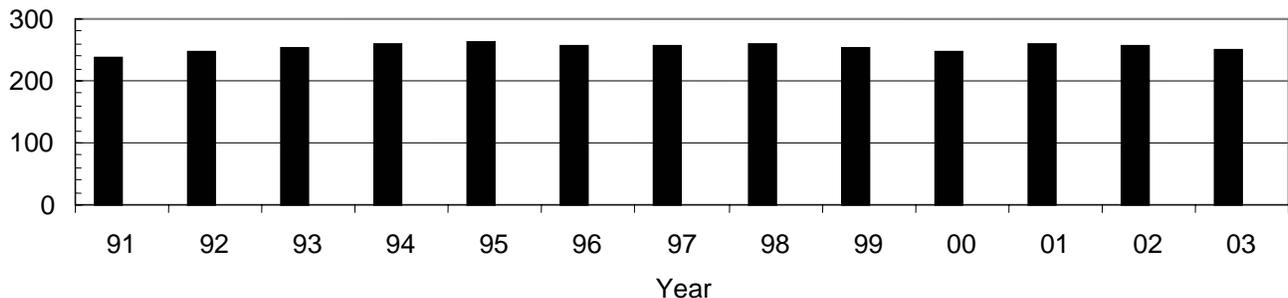
Poultry

Delaware growers produced 251.2 million broiler/roaster chickens in 2003, down 2 percent from 2002. Pounds live weight also decreased 2 percent to 1.51 billion pounds. Total value of birds raised was \$542.6 million, up 10 percent from 2002 due to an increase of 4 cents per pound from 2002. Delaware ranks tenth in the number of birds produced (although Sussex County remains the number one producing county in the U.S.), but seventh in pounds produced and value of production. For the U.S., production of birds was down 1 percent from 2002 to 8.49 billion, live weight was virtually unchanged at 43.9 billion pounds, and value of production increased 13 percent, to \$15.2 billion.

Broiler/Roaster Production and Value, Delaware, 1999 - 2003

Year	Number Broiler/Roasters	Avg. Liveweight Per Bird	Production	Avg. Value per Pound	Total Value
	Million birds	Pounds	Million pounds	Cents	Million dollars
1999	251	5.6	1,410	36.0	507
2000	248	5.9	1,461	34.0	497
2001	258	5.8	1,495	40.0	598
2002	257	6.0	1,544	32.0	494
2003	251	6.0	1,507	36.0	543

Delaware Broiler Production – Head, 1991 - 2003 (millions)



Delaware Broiler Production - Pounds Liveweight 1991 - 2003 (millions)

