POULTRY AND OTHER LIVESTOCK

Total value of production from eggs was $285.7 million in 1998, down 5 percent from a year earlier. The average number of layers at 21.8 million was 3 percent above 1997. The average rate of lay was up slightly to 268 eggs per layer, resulting in a 3 percent increase in total egg production during 1998. The average price received by producers for eggs was 58.8 cents per dozen compared with 63.7 cents a year earlier.

NUMBER OF POULTRY ON FARMS,
BY CLASS, INDIANA, DECEMBER 1, 1993-1998

Class of Livestock	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 1/
	Thousand Head					
All Chickens 2/	25,500	26,400	25,628	25,448	27,189	29,357
Layers on Hand	20,704	21,478	21,062	20,401	22,314	**22,200**
Layers 1 Year Old and Older	8,670	11,405	9,783	8,022	10,238	**11,324**
Layers 20 Weeks Old but Less than 1 Year	12,034	10,073	11,279	12,379	12,076	**10,876**
Pullets not of Laying Age	4,764	4,869	4,507	5,002	4,834	**7,110**
Pullets 3 Months Old and Older	2,040	2,112	1,844	1,738	1,355	**1,977**
Pullets Under 3 Months	2,724	2,757	2,663	3,264	3,479	**5,133**
Other Chickens	32	53	59	45	41	**47**

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Excludes Commercial Broilers.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF POULTRY ON FARMS
INDIANA, DECEMBER 1, 1993-1998

December 1	All Chickens Excluding Commercial Broilers	Average Value Per Head	Total Value
	Thousand Head	**Dollars**	**Thousand Dollars**
1993	25,500	1.40	35,700

1994	26,400	1.30	34,320
1995	25,628	1.40	35,879
1996	25,448	1.60	40,717
1997	27,189	1.70	46,221
1998 1/	**29,357**	**1.60**	**46,971**

1/ Preliminary.