

2005 Poultry Summary

Iowa

Chicken inventories in the state totaled 58.5 million birds on hand December 1, 2005, and represented a 2 percent increase from the same date the previous year. Average number of layers on hand during 2005 was 48.8 million, 12 percent above the 43.6 million birds during 2004. Egg production per bird, at 266 eggs, was down 1 egg from 2004. Total egg production for 2005 was 12.98 billion eggs, 12 percent above

the previous year. In 2005 the value of production from eggs was \$335.3 million, up from \$491.7 million in 2004. The eggs produced brought an average of 31.0 cents per dozen, down from 50.8 cents per dozen in 2004.

An estimated 75.1 million egg-type chicks were produced in Iowa hatcheries during 2005, up nearly 4 percent from the 72.3 million produced in 2004.

United States

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2005, was \$28.2 billion, down 2 percent from the \$28.9 billion in 2004. Of the combined total, 74 percent was from broilers, 14 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2005 was \$20.9 billion, up 2 percent from 2004. The total number of broilers produced in 2005 was 8.87 billion, up 1 percent from 2004. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2005 was 47.9 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2004. The 2005 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 44.6 cents in 2004.

Value of all egg production in 2005 was \$4.04 billion, down 24 percent from the \$5.30 billion in 2004. Egg production totaled

90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 89.1 billion eggs produced in 2004. In 2005, all eggs averaged 53.9 cents per dozen, compared with 71.4 cents in 2004.

At \$3.23 billion, the value of turkeys produced in 2005 was up 6 percent from the \$3.05 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2005 totaled 7.21 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.28 billion pounds produced in 2004. The average price received by producers during 2005 was 44.9 cents per pound, compared with 42.0 cents in 2004.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2005 was \$64.6 million, up 12 percent from the \$57.6 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.5 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2004. The number of chickens sold in 2005 totaled 193 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

