

POULTRY SUMMARY

In 2006, Minnesota turkey growers ranked first in turkeys raised and in pounds produced. Minnesota growers raised 45.0 million turkeys, up 1 percent from 2005. The total liveweight of turkeys produced was 1.21 billion pounds, up nearly 1 percent from the previous year. The average price received for turkeys in 2006 was 47 cents per pound, and the value of the state's turkey production in 2006 was \$568.9 million.

During 2006, hatcheries in the West North Central Region (which includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota) placed 112.0 million turkey poults, up 4 percent from 2005.

Minnesota's total chicken inventory (excluding broilers) on December 1, 2006, was 14.2 million birds, down 3 percent from the previous year. The state's egg production in 2006 was 2.94 billion eggs, down 2 percent from 2005. The value of eggs produced was up 18 percent in 2006, to \$107.3 million. The all-egg price increased to 43.8 cents per dozen. The annual average number of layers on farms was up slightly, to 11.1 million.

In 2006, the number of broilers produced was down 2 percent, to 45.9 million. In 2006, the value of broiler production decreased to \$87.2 million. These poultry estimates are based on survey data reported by producers, hatcheries, and processing plants.



TURKEY PRODUCTION, MINNESOTA, 1994 - 2006

