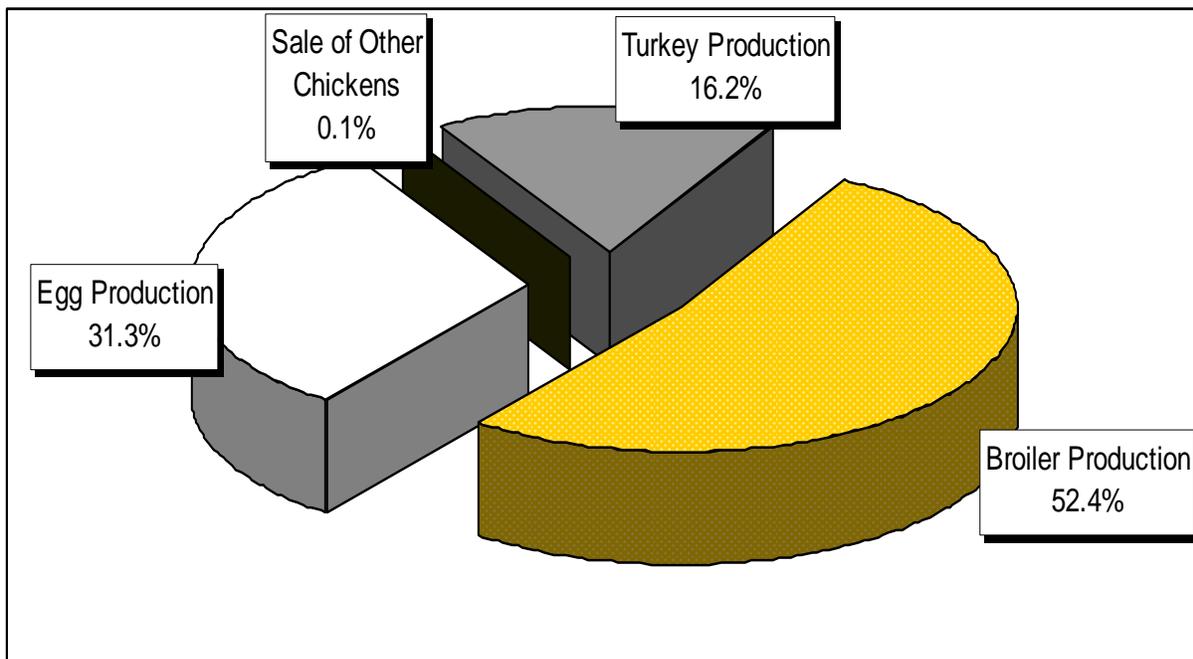


Poultry Production Summary, 2005

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Pennsylvania: Value of Poultry Production, 2005



The combined value of Pennsylvania's poultry production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys, plus the value of other chicken sales in 2005, was \$683.7 million, a 12 percent decrease from 2004. Of the combined total, 31.4 percent was from egg production, 52.4 percent from broiler production, 16.1 percent from turkey production, and 0.1 percent was from the sale of other chickens.

Inventory of all chickens, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2005 was 28.9 million. Hens and pullets of laying age numbered 24.3 million, 4 percent more than the previous year. Pullets not of laying age totaled 4.5 million on December 1, a slight decrease from 2004. Other chickens numbered 110,000. The total value of chicken inventory on December 1, 2005, was \$55.0 million. Pennsylvania ranked 4th in the United States for all chicken inventory on December 1, 2005.

Pennsylvania laying flocks produced 6.61 billion eggs from December 1, 2004, through November 30, 2005, a slight increase from the 6.59 billion produced the previous year. The total value of egg production, based on an average price received by producers during the year of 38.9 cents per dozen for all egg, was \$214.2 million, down 37 percent from the previous year. An average of 23.8 million hens in Commonwealth flocks laid an average of 278 eggs each during the year. Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in egg production in 2005.

Broiler production from December 1, 2003, through November 30, 2004, was valued at \$357.9 million, up 10

percent from the previous year. A total of 147.3 million broilers were produced during the year. The average live weight of broilers produced was 5.4 pounds per bird, for a total production of 795.4 million pounds. The average price received per pound for live broilers was 45.0 cents. Pennsylvania ranked 14th in number of broilers produced 2005.

Turkeys produced raised 11.5 million poult during 2005, compared with 12.0 million produced in 2004. Producers received an average of 49.0 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in 2005. Total value of turkey production from December 1, 2004, through November 30, 2005 was \$111.0 million, a 1 percent decrease from the previous year. Pennsylvania was ranked 8th in the number of turkeys raised in 2005.

Commercial hatcheries hatched nearly 175.7 million broiler-type chicks during 2005, up 11 percent from the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 57.7 million for 2005, 7 percent less than in 2004. Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in egg-type chicks hatched.

Data in the following tables result from voluntary responses from Pennsylvania poultry producers and agri-businesses. Primary surveys used for these tables include the Weekly & Monthly Hatchery Reports, Monthly Turkey Hatchery Report, Monthly Chicken & Egg Survey, and Annual Turkeys Raised Inquiry. Additional data are obtained from Quarterly Agriculture Surveys and Acreage & Livestock Surveys conducted throughout 2005.