

# Poultry Production Summary, 2006

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The combined value of Pennsylvania's poultry production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys, plus the value of other chicken sales in 2006, was \$665.2 million, a 2 percent decrease from 2005. Of the combined total, 48.2 percent was from broiler production, 35.8 percent from egg production, 15.8 percent from turkey production, and less than 1 percent was from the sale of other chickens.

Inventory of all chickens, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2006 was 28.3 million. Hens and pullets of laying age numbered 24.0 million, 1 percent lower than the previous year. Pullets not of laying age totaled 4.0 million on December 1, a 9 percent decrease from 2005. Other chickens numbered 114,000. The total value of chicken inventory on December 1, 2006, was \$51.0 million. Pennsylvania ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the United States for all chicken inventory on December 1, 2006.

Pennsylvania laying flocks produced 6.69 billion eggs from December 1, 2005, through November 30, 2006, up 1 percent from the 6.61 billion produced the previous year. The total value of egg production, based on an average price received by producers during the year of 37.8 cents per dozen for all egg, was \$238.4 million, up 11 percent from the previous year. An average of 23.8 million hens in Commonwealth flocks laid an average of 282 eggs each during the year. Pennsylvania ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in egg production in 2006.

Broiler production from December 1, 2005, through November 30, 2006, was valued at \$320.8 million, down 10

percent from the previous year. A total of 144.9 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 782.5 million pounds. The average price received per pound for live broilers was 41.0 cents. Pennsylvania ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in number of broilers produced in 2006.

Turkey producers raised 10.5 million poult during 2006, unchanged from 2005. Producers received an average of 54.0 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in 2006. Total value of turkey production from December 1, 2005, through November 30, 2006 (based on turkeys placed Sep 1 2005, through Aug 31, 2006) was \$105.5 million, a 4 percent increase from the previous year. Pennsylvania was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the number of turkeys raised in 2006.

Commercial hatcheries hatched nearly 168.5 million broiler-type chicks during 2006, down 2 percent from the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 52.6 million for 2006, 9 percent less than in 2005. Pennsylvania ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2006.

