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SOUTH CAROLINA VALUE OF POULTRY PRODUCTION UP

The value of **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler, egg and turkey production plus sales from chickens in 2008 was \$1.1 billion, up 13 percent from the 2007 value of \$958.4 million, according to USDA - NASS, South Carolina Field Office.

The value of **broilers** produced during 2008 was \$712.6 million, up 7 percent from the \$666.0 million in 2007. The total number of broilers produced in 2008 was 236.9 million, up 1 percent from the 234.9 million in 2007. Value of **egg** production in 2008 was \$104.2 million, up 12 percent from \$92.8 million in 2007. In 2008, eggs averaged \$1.09 per dozen compared to 91.7 cents in 2007. The value of **turkeys** produced in 2008 was \$267.4 million, up 35 percent from \$198.5 million in 2007. Turkey production totaled 477.5 million pounds in 2008, up 25 percent from the 381.7 million pounds in 2007. The value of **chickens sold** for slaughter was \$1.6 million in 2008, up 43 percent from 2007.

The **U.S.** combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2008 was \$35.9 billion, up 11 percent from the \$32.2 billion in 2007. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The **value of broilers** produced during 2008 was \$23.1 billion, up 7 percent from 2007. The total number of broilers produced in 2008 was 9.01 billion, up 1 percent from 2007. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2008 was 50.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2007. The 2008 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 45.8 cents per pound, compared with 43.6 cents in 2007.

Value of all egg production in 2008 was \$8.23 billion, up 22 percent from the \$6.72 billion in 2007. Egg production totaled 90.2 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.1 billion eggs produced in 2007. In 2008, all eggs averaged 109.0 cents per dozen, compared with 88.5 cents in 2007.

The **value of turkeys** produced during 2008 was \$4.48 billion, up 13 percent from the \$3.95 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2008 totaled 7.92 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.57 billion pounds produced in 2007. The average price received by producers during 2008 was 56.5 cents per pound, compared with 52.3 cents in 2007.

The **value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2008 was \$61.8 million, up 20 percent from the \$51.5 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.6 cents in 2007. The number of chickens sold in 2008 totaled 176 million, up 5 percent from the total sold during the previous year.