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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 2007 was \$942.5 million, up 23 percent from the 2006 value of \$767.8 million, according to USDA, South Carolina Field Office.

The value of **broilers** produced during 2007 was \$666.2 million, up 28 percent from the \$521.0 million in 2006. The total number of broilers produced in 2007 was 235.0 million, up 3 percent from the 227.1 million in 2006. Value of **egg** production in 2007 was \$90.8 million, up 33 percent from \$68.1 million in 2006. In 2007, eggs averaged 91.7 cents per dozen compared to 63.9 cents in 2006. The value of **turkeys** produced in 2007 was \$184.3 million, up 4 percent from \$177.5 million in 2006. Turkey production totaled 419 million pounds in 2007, up 9 percent from the 386 million pounds in 2006. The value of **chickens sold** for slaughter was \$1.1 million in 2007, down 3 percent from 2006.

The **UNITED STATES'** combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2006, was \$31.9 billion, up 24 percent from the \$25.8 billion in 2006. Of the combined total, 67 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The **value of broilers** produced during 2007 was \$21.5 billion, up 21 percent from 2006. The total number of broilers produced in 2007 was 8.90 billion, up slightly from 2006. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2007 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. The 2007 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 36.3 cents in 2006.

Value of all egg production in 2006 was \$4.39 billion, up 8 percent from the \$4.05 billion in 2005. Egg production totaled 90.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 90.0 billion eggs produced in 2005. In 2006, all eggs averaged 57.9 cents per dozen, compared with 54.0 cents in 2005.

The **value of turkeys** produced during 2007 was \$6.68 billion, up 51 percent from the \$4.43 billion in 2006. Egg production totaled 90.6 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.3 billion eggs produced in 2006. In 2007, all eggs averaged 88.5 cents per dozen, compared with 58.2 cents in 2006.

The **value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2007 was \$50.8 million, down 6 percent from the \$53.8 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2006. The number of chickens sold in 2007 totaled 167 million, down 3 percent from the total sold during the previous year.