

POULTRY

CHICKENS

The total number of chickens on hand December 1, 2006 (excluding broilers), was 2.11 million head, up 14 percent from the number of head in 2005. The value per head at \$5.30 was unchanged from the value in 2005. Total inventory value was \$11.2 million, 14 percent above the 2005 total value. Value of sales of chickens (excluding commercial broilers) was \$1.0 million down 13 percent from 2005.

EGGS

Egg production in West Virginia during the production year (December 1, 2005- November 30, 2006) totaled 274 million eggs. This was 5 percent above the 2005 production of 261 million eggs. Layer numbers during 2006 averaged 1.19 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers in 2005. The average annual production per layer was 230 eggs, 6 eggs more than the 2005 average. The average price per dozen was \$1.41, up a cent from 2005. The total value of production was \$32.2 million, up 6 percent from the \$30.5 million in 2005.

BROILERS

There were 89.7 million broilers produced in West Virginia during 2006, 1 percent above the 2005 production of 88.5 million. Total production was 358.8 million pounds, down from the 362.9 million pounds in 2005. Value of production totaled \$143.5 million, down 12 percent from the \$163.3 million in 2005. The average live weight equivalent price of \$0.40 per pound was down \$0.05 from the \$0.45 per pound in 2005.

TURKEYS

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.6 million birds, up 33 percent from the 2005 total. Total production was 92.9 million pounds, up 37 percent from the 67.8 million pounds produced in 2005. Value of production totaled \$43.7 million, up 40 percent from the \$31.2 million in 2005. The average live weight equivalent price of \$0.47 per pound was up \$0.01 from the \$0.46 per pound in 2005.

VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND SALES

The combined value of production from eggs, broilers and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2006 was \$220.4 million, down 3 percent from the combined value of \$226.1 million in 2005.

EGGS: Production, Disposition and Income, 1997-2006

Year	Layers ^{1/}	Eggs Produced per Layer ^{2/}	Total Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen	Value of Production
	(000) Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Dollars	(000) Dollars
1997	1,081	227	245	1.21	24,704
1998	1,147	213	244	1.24	25,179
1999	1,099	218	240	1.25	25,037
2000	1,051	240	252	1.45	30,379
2001	1,092	215	235	1.41	27,575
2002	1,223	214	262	1.40	30,602
2003	1,231	220	271	1.51	34,128
2004	1,259	217	273	1.42	32,325
2005	1,165	224	261	1.40	30,473
2006	1,193	230	274	1.41	32,210

^{1/} Average number during the year. ^{2/} Eggs produced during year divided by average layers on hand during year.