

POULTRY

CHICKENS

The total number of chickens on hand December 1, 2007 (excluding broilers), was 2.01 million head, down 5 percent from the number of head in 2006. The value per head at \$5.80 was up 9 percent from the value in 2006. Total inventory value was \$11.7 million, 4 percent above the 2006 total value. Value of sales of chickens (excluding commercial broilers) was \$0.8 million, down 22 percent from 2006.

EGGS

Egg production in West Virginia during the production year (December 1, 2006 - November 30, 2007) totaled 272 million eggs. This was less than 1 percent below the 2006 production of 274 million eggs. Layer numbers during 2007 averaged 1.19 million, down marginally from the average number of layers in 2006. The average annual production per layer was 229 eggs, 1 egg less than the 2006 average. The average price per dozen was \$1.44, up \$0.03 from 2006. The total value of production was \$32.7 million, up 2 percent from the \$32.2 million in 2006.

BROILERS

There were 88.9 million broilers produced in West Virginia during 2007, less than 1 percent below the 2006 production of 89.7 million. Total production was 355.6 million pounds, down from the 358.8 million pounds in 2006. Value of production totaled \$160.0 million, up 21 percent from the \$132.8 million in 2006. The average live weight equivalent price of \$0.45 per pound was up \$0.08 from the \$0.37 per pound in 2006.

TURKEYS

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.5 million birds, down 3 percent from the 2006 total. Total production was 99.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from the 92.9 million pounds produced in 2006. Value of production totaled \$40.6 million, down 7 percent from the \$43.7 million in 2006. The average live weight equivalent price of \$0.41 per pound was down \$0.06 from the \$0.47 per pound in 2006.

VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND SALES

The combined value of production from eggs, broilers and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2007 was \$234.2 million, up 12 percent from the combined value of \$209.6 million in 2006.

EGGS: Production, Disposition and Income, 1998-2007

Year	Layers ^{1/}	Eggs Produced per Layer ^{2/}	Total Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ^{3/}	Value of Production
	(000) Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Dollars	(000) Dollars
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
2007	1,188	229	272	1.44	32,723

^{1/} Average number during the year. ^{2/} Eggs produced during year divided by average layers on hand during year. ^{3/} Eggs produced are for broiler hatchery and not table egg production.