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WEST VIRGINIA 2007 CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2007 totaled 272 million eggs. This was 1 percent below the 2006 production of 274 million eggs.

Layer numbers during 2007 averaged 1.19 million, down slightly from 2006. The average annual production per layer was 229 eggs, 1 egg less than the 2006 average. Pullets for 2007 totaled 667,000, down 9 percent from 2006. Other chickens totaled 133,000 in 2007, down 5 percent from 2006.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2007 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.01 million head, down 5 percent from 2006.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2007 was \$11.7 million, up 4 percent from the December 1, 2006 value of \$11.2 million. The average value of \$5.80 per bird on December 1, 2007 was up 50 cents from the 2006 value.

UNITED STATES - Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2007 totaled 90.6 million eggs, down 1 percent from 2006. Table egg production, at 77.3 million eggs, was down 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.3 million eggs, was up 2 percent from 2006.

Layer numbers during 2007 averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2007 was 263 eggs, unchanged from 2006.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2007 (excluding commercial broilers) was 455 million birds, up slightly from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2007 was \$1.34 billion, up 13 percent from December 1, 2006. The average value increased from \$2.61 per bird on December 1, 2006, to \$2.95 per bird on December 1, 2007.