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2007 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

WEST VIRGINIA - The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, 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. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 17 percent from turkeys, 14 percent from eggs and less than 1 percent from sales of other chickens.

There were 88.9 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2007, down slightly from 89.7 million broilers produced in 2006. Total live weight was 355.6 million pounds, down from 358.8 million pounds in 2006. Value of production totaled \$160.0 million, up 21 percent from \$132.8 million in 2006. The average live weight equivalent price of 45.0 cents per pound was up 8.0 cents from the 2006 average live weight equivalent price of 37.0 cents per pound.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.5 million, down 3 percent from the 2006 total of 3.6 million. Total live weight was 99.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from 92.9 million pounds in 2006. Value of production totaled \$40.6 million, down 7 percent from the 2006 value of production of \$43.7 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 41.0 cents per pound, down 6.0 cents from the 2006 price.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 272 million eggs during 2007, down slightly from 274 million eggs in 2006. The average price per dozen was 144.0 cents, up 3.0 cents from 2006. The total value of production was \$32.7 million, up 2 percent from \$32.2 million in 2006.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.20 million head, down 21 percent from 1.51 million head sold in 2006. The number of pounds sold was 9.5 million pounds, down 19 percent from 11.7 million pounds sold in 2006. Value of sales totaled \$804,000 thousand, down 22 percent from \$1.0 million in 2006. Prices averaged 8.5 cents per pound, compared with 8.8 cents in 2006.

UNITED STATES - The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2007 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 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 **turkeys produced** during 2007 was \$3.71 billion, up 4 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2007 totaled 7.87 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.46 billion pounds produced in 2006. The average price received by producers during 2007 was 47.2 cents per pound, compared with 47.9 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.