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2010 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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WEST VIRGINIA - The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2010, was \$261.7 million, up 15 percent from the revised combined value of \$226.8 million in 2009. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from turkeys, 15 percent from eggs and less than 1 percent from sales of other chickens.

There were 87.6 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2010, up 6 percent from the number of 82.7 million broilers produced in 2009. Total live weight was 346.0 million pounds, up from 330.8 million pounds in 2009. Value of production totaled \$166.8 million, up 10 percent from the 2009 value of \$151.2 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 48.2 cents per pound is up from the 2009 average live weight equivalent price of 45.7 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.1 million, down 6 percent from the 2009 total of 3.3 million. Total live weight was 89.9 million pounds, down 7 percent from 96.7 million pounds in 2009. Value of production totaled \$53.9 million, up 16 percent from the 2009 value of production of \$46.4 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 60.0 cents per pound, up 12.0 cents per pound from the 2009 price of 48.0 cents.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 267 million eggs during 2010, up 15 percent from the revised 2009 production of 232 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 146.0 cents, up from the revised 2009 average price per dozen of 121.0 cents. The total value of production was \$38.9 million, up 38 percent from the revised 2009 total of \$28.2 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 2.18 million head, up 23 percent from the revised 2009 total of 1.77 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 16.8 million pounds, up 51 percent from the revised 2009 number of 11.1 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$2.03 million, up from \$1.05 million in 2009. Prices averaged 12.0 cents per pound, up from the revised 2009 price of 9.0 cents per pound.

UNITED STATES - The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2010 was \$34.7 billion, up 10 percent from the \$31.6 billion in 2009. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of **broilers produced** during 2010 was \$23.7 billion, up 9 percent from 2009. The total number of broilers produced in 2010 was 8.63 billion, up 1 percent from 2009. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2010 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2009.

Value of all **egg production** in 2010 was \$6.52 billion, up 6 percent from the \$6.17 billion in 2009. Egg production totaled 91.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 90.5 billion eggs produced in 2009.

The value of **turkeys produced** during 2010 was \$4.37 billion, up 22 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2010 totaled 7.11 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.15 billion pounds produced in 2009.

The value of **sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2010 was \$72.0 million, up 11 percent from the \$65.1 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2010 totaled 172 million, down 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.