

## 2003 Poultry Summary

### Iowa

Chicken inventories in the state totaled 50.9 million birds on hand December 1, 2003, and represented an 8 percent increase from the same date the previous year. Average number of layers on hand during 2003 was 39.1 million, 4 percent above the 37.7 million birds during 2002. Production per bird, at 268 eggs, was up from 267 in 2002. Total egg production for 2003 was 10.45 billion eggs, 4 percent above the

previous year. Value of production from eggs in 2003 was \$460.5 million, up from \$287.6 million in 2002. The eggs produced brought an average of 52.9 cents per dozen, up from 34.2 cents per dozen in 2002.

Iowa hatcheries produced an estimated 71.1 million egg-type chicks during 2003, up 13 percent from the 63.2 million produced in 2002.

### United States

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2003 was \$23.3 billion, up 14 percent from the \$20.5 billion in 2002, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Of the combined total, 65 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2003 was \$15.2 billion, up 13 percent from 2002. The total number of broilers produced in 2003 was 8.49 billion, down 1 percent from 2002. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2003 was 44.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2002. The 2003 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 34.6 cents per pound, up 13 percent from 30.5 cents in 2002.

Value of egg production in 2003 was \$5.32 billion, up 24 percent from the

\$4.28 billion in 2002. Egg production totaled 87.2 billion eggs, down slightly from 2002. In 2003, all eggs averaged 73.1 cents per dozen, compared with 58.9 cents in 2002.

The value of turkeys produced during 2003 was \$2.72 billion, down less than 1 percent from the \$2.73 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2003 totaled 7.55 billion pounds, compared with 7.49 pounds in 2002. The average price received by producers during 2003 was 36.0 cents per pound, compared with 36.5 cents in 2002.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2003 was \$47.7 million, down 4 percent from the \$49.9 million a year ago. Prices averaged 4.8 cents per pound, the same as 2002. The number of chickens sold in 2003 totaled 188 million, down 6 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

