

OKLAHOMA POULTRY

1999 POULTRY REVIEW

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There were 5.31 million chickens (excluding broilers) on Oklahoma's farms and ranches on December 1, 1999, 1 percent less than a year earlier. Hens and pullets of laying age accounted for 4 million of the total, down 1 percent from a year ago. Pullets not yet of laying age totaled 1.07 million head with other chickens making up the balance. The average value per bird was \$5.40 which was an increase of \$1.10 from the previous year. The total inventory value was \$28.67 million, up 24 percent from a year ago.

Total egg production for the year ending November 30, 1999, was 945 million eggs, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The annual average number of laying hens was 4.05 million head with an average number of eggs per layer of 233, up 1 percent from a year ago. The price per dozen eggs increased 10 cents from last year to 88 cents per dozen. The total value of eggs produced in 1999 totaled \$68.99 million, 14 percent more than during 1998.

The state's broiler inventory, concentrated mostly in the eastern part of the state, was 216.4 million birds, up slightly from 1998. The total liveweight pounds produced was 1.02 billion, 2 percent above last year's production. The average price per pound for broilers, at 37 cents, was down 1 cent from a year ago. The total value of broiler production decreased slightly to \$376 million due to the decrease in the price of birds. Oklahoma is ranked number 11 in the nation in broiler production.