

OKLAHOMA POULTRY

2000 POULTRY REVIEW

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Farm chickens (excluding broilers) in Oklahoma on December 1, 2000 totaled 5.32 million birds, roughly the same as one year ago. Hens and pullets of laying age dipped below 4 million head for the first time in four years. Pullets not yet of laying age increased 17 percent from one year ago and more than made up for the decrease in layers. The number of other chickens (mostly roosters) was the lowest since 1993. The average price per bird was down \$1.50 from the previous year and was the lowest price in 5 years. Total inventory value was \$20.75 million, down 28 percent.

Total egg production for the year ending November 30, 2000, was 931 million eggs, one percent below last year. The annual average number of laying hens was 4.01 million head with an average number of eggs per 100 layers of 232, roughly the same as a year ago. The price per dozen eggs decreased 4 cents from last year to 84 cents per dozen. The total value of eggs produced in 2000 totaled \$65.02 million, 6 percent less than during 1999.

The State's broiler inventory, concentrated mostly in the eastern part of the state, was 223.1 million birds, up 3 percent from 1999. The total liveweight pounds produced was 1.09 billion, 7 percent above last year's production. The average price per pound for broilers, at 33 cents, was down 4 cents from a year ago. The total value of broiler production decreased 4 percent to \$361 million due to the decrease in the price of birds. Oklahoma is ranked number 11 in the nation in broiler production and will be in the weekly program beginning on May 16, 2001.