

OKLAHOMA POULTRY

2001 POULTRY REVIEW

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Farm chickens (excluding broilers) in Oklahoma on December 1, 2001 approached 5.4 million birds, the highest inventory since 1997. Hens and pullets of laying age were below 4 million head for the second straight year. Pullets not yet of laying age increased 4 percent from one year ago. The number of other chickens (mostly roosters) increased 13 percent from last year. The average price per bird was up 30 cents from the previous year. Total inventory value of all chickens, excluding broilers, was \$22.66 million, up 9 percent.

Total egg production for the year ending November 30, 2001, was 926 million eggs, less than one percent below last year. The annual average number of laying hens was 4.02 million head with an average number of eggs per 100 layers of 230, down 1 percent from a year ago. The price per dozen eggs increased one-half cent from last year to 84.3 cents per dozen. The total value of eggs produced in 2001 totaled \$65.05 million, roughly the same as 2000.

The State's broiler production, concentrated mostly in the eastern part of the state, was 226.8 million birds, up 2 percent from 2000. The total liveweight pounds produced was 1.11 billion, also 2 percent above last year's production. The average price per pound for broilers, at 39 cents, was up 6 cents from a year ago. The total value of broiler production increased 20 percent to \$433 million due largely to the increase in the price of birds. Oklahoma became a weekly reporting state in the broiler hatchery program on May 16, 2001 and is ranked number 11 in the nation in broiler production.