

## Poultry Production Summary, 2001

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The combined value of Pennsylvania's poultry production from broilers, eggs and turkeys, plus the value of chicken sales in 2001, was \$689.5 million, a 7 percent increase from 2000. Of the combined total, 44 percent was from egg production, 41 percent from broiler production, 14 percent from turkey production, and less than 1 percent was from the sale of other chickens.

Inventory of all chickens, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2001, was 29.3 million. Hens and pullets of laying age numbered 23.7 million, 2 percent below the previous year. Hens and pullets of laying age included 9.4 million hens one year old and over and 14.3 million pullets of laying age. Pullets not of laying age totaled 5.6 million on December 1. Pullets not of laying age included 3.5 million pullets, 3 months old and older, and 2.1 million under 3 months of age. Other chickens numbered 78,000. Total value of chicken inventory on December 1, 2001, was \$47.0 million. Pennsylvania ranked 4th in the United States for all chicken inventory on December 1, 2001.

Pennsylvania laying flocks produced 6.66 billion eggs from December 1, 2000, through November 30, 2001, up 6 percent from the previous year. Total value of egg production based on an average price received by producers during the year of 55.0 cents per dozen for all eggs was \$303.7 million, up 6 percent from the previous year. An average of 24.4 million hens in Commonwealth flocks layed an average of 271 eggs each during the year. Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in egg production in 2001.

Broiler production from December 1, 2000, through November 30, 2001, was valued at \$287,492,000, up 18 percent from 2000. A total of 132.3 million broilers were produced during the year. Average live weight of broilers produced was 5.3 pounds per bird, for a total production of 701,200,000 pounds. The average price received per pound for live broilers was 41.0 cents. Pennsylvania ranked 14th in number of broilers produced in 2001.

Turkey producers raised 9.5 million poultts during 2001, compared with 9.3 million produced in 2000. Producers received an average of 46.0 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in 2001. Total value of turkey production from December 1, 2000, through November 30, 2001, was \$98.3 million. Pennsylvania ranked 8th in number of turkeys produced in 2001.

Commercial hatcheries hatched nearly 155.2 million broiler-type chicks during 2001, up 3 percent from the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 63.4 million for 2001, 1 percent less than in 2000. Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in egg-type chickens hatched and 10th in broiler-type chicks hatched.

Data in the following tables result from voluntary responses from Pennsylvania poultry producers and agri-businesses. Primary surveys used for these tables include the Weekly & Monthly Hatchery Reports, Monthly Turkey Hatchery Report, Monthly Chicken & Egg Survey, and Annual Turkeys Raised Inquiry. Additional data are obtained from Quarterly Agriculture Surveys and Acreage & Livestock Surveys conducted throughout 2001.

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