

1998 POULTRY SUMMARY

The poultry industry continues to be a valuable part of Virginia's economy, contributing almost \$791 million in 1998. This was a seven percent increase over 1997's \$737 million.

Virginia's commercial broiler production was 1.26 billion pounds, four percent above 1997's production level.

Turkey production was 533 million pounds, up six percent from 1997. Price per pound for turkeys remained unchanged from last year at 39 cents per pound.

Virginia egg production increased seven percent from 1997's level with 860 million eggs produced in 1998. ♦

POULTRY AND EGGS: Gross Income, 1994 - 1998

| Year | Broilers | Eggs | Turkeys | Other Poultry | Total |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| -Thousand Dollars- | | | | | |
| 1994 | 397,880 | 68,698 | 171,864 | 25,062 | 663,504 |
| 1995 | 400,828 | 68,166 | 207,270 | 27,192 | 703,456 |
| 1996 | 466,388 | 71,558 | 221,063 | 28,254 | 787,263 |
| 1997 | 445,008 | 63,876 | 196,716 | 31,154 | 736,754 |
| 1998 | 486,563 | 66,865 | 207,870 | 29,444 | 790,742 |

COMMERCIAL BROILERS: Production, Price And Value, 1994 - 1998 1/

| Year | Number Raised | Pounds Per Bird | Pounds Produced | Price Per Pound 2/ | Value Of Production 3/ |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| -Thousand- -Pounds- -Thousand- -Cents- -Thousand Dollars- | | | | | |
| 1994 | 252,700 | 4.7 | 1,187,700 | 33.5 | 397,880 |
| 1995 | 260,100 | 4.6 | 1,196,500 | 33.5 | 400,828 |
| 1996 | 259,100 | 4.8 | 1,243,700 | 37.5 | 466,388 |
| 1997 | 259,400 | 4.7 | 1,219,200 | 36.5 | 445,008 |
| 1998 | 263,300 | 4.8 | 1,263,800 | 38.5 | 486,563 |

1/ Based on a December through November year. 2/ Liveweight equivalent price. 3/ Includes home consumption.

BROILER CHICKS: Hatched by Commercial Hatcheries, 1994 - 1998

| Year | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Total |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| -Thousands- | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994 | 19,039 | 20,452 | 23,307 | 22,976 | 23,683 | 23,258 | 23,993 | 24,187 | 22,773 | 22,513 | 22,050 | 23,821 | 272,052 |
| 1995 | 23,850 | 21,952 | 24,360 | 23,789 | 24,350 | 23,774 | 24,231 | 23,920 | 22,679 | 23,196 | 21,859 | 24,456 | 282,416 |
| 1996 | 23,864 | 22,395 | 24,387 | 23,001 | 23,280 | 22,750 | 23,077 | 23,859 | 22,808 | 22,238 | 21,259 | 23,936 | 276,854 |
| 1997 | 23,807 | 21,309 | 24,261 | 23,831 | 24,700 | 23,443 | 24,224 | 23,841 | 23,061 | 23,113 | 21,706 | 23,496 | 280,792 |
| 1998 | 23,454 | 21,063 | 24,366 | 23,737 | 24,826 | 23,729 | 24,245 | 24,228 | 22,691 | 22,295 | 21,520 | 23,822 | 279,976 |