

## EGG PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, 2000-2004

	Dec. - Feb. <sup>1/</sup> 1st Quarter	Mar. - May 2nd Quarter	Jun. - Aug. 3rd Quarter	Sep. - Nov. 4th Quarter	Total
	<i>-Millions-</i>				
2000	208	213	207	196	824
2001	187	204	194	181	766
2002	192	194	170	178	734
2003	192	191	186	175	744
<b>2004</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>761</b>

<sup>1/</sup> December previous year.

## BROILER CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, 2000-2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>-thousands-</i>												
2000	23,637	21,882	24,239	24,092	24,922	24,263	24,198	23,716	22,416	22,232	21,324	22,665	279,586
2001	23,557	21,666	24,654	24,565	25,217	24,419	24,570	24,270	23,240	22,544	21,204	24,258	284,164
2002	24,375	21,668	24,650	23,607	23,956	23,246	22,832	22,843	22,262	21,216	20,816	22,935	274,406
2003	23,467	21,995	24,632	23,880	24,658	23,724	23,890	23,813	22,312	22,395	22,501	24,097	281,364
2004	23,179	21,598	23,684	23,764	24,267	23,934	25,121	25,068	23,441	22,900	22,555	23,882	283,393

## POULTRY AND EGGS GROSS INCOME, 2000-2004

	Broilers	Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry	Total
	<i>-thousand dollars-</i>				
2000	441,320	66,126	237,941	28,402	773,789
2001	518,856	61,344	206,856	29,438	816,492
2002	390,300	60,433	165,016	36,149	651,898
2003	441,660	73,160	177,192	40,061	732,073
2004	590,172	69,758	182,855	40,229	883,014

## LAYER NUMBERS, EGG PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 2000-2004 <sup>1/</sup>

	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Average No. Layers	<i>thousand</i>	3,463	3,396	3,134	3,192	3,241
Eggs per Layer <sup>2/</sup>	<i>number</i>	238	226	234	233	235
Total Eggs Produced	<i>million</i>	824	766	734	744	761
Inventory: Dec. 1 <sup>3/</sup>						
Hens, Pullets of Laying Age	<i>thousands</i>	3,367	3,299	3,162	3,261	3,210
Total Pullets	<i>thousands</i>	944	1,012	1,166	1,000	1,453
Other Chickens	<i>thousands</i>	242	243	245	248	243
Total Chickens	<i>thousands</i>	4,553	4,554	4,573	4,509	4,906
Average value per head	<i>dollars</i>	4.20	4.50	4.80	4.50	3.80
Total Value	<i>thousand dollars</i>	19,123	20,493	21,950	20,291	18,643

<sup>1/</sup> Annual estimates cover the period Dec. 1, previous year thru Nov. 30.

<sup>2/</sup> Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

<sup>3/</sup> Excludes commercial broilers.