

COMMERCIAL BROILERS

PRODUCTION, PRICE, AND VALUE, 1996-1998

Item	1996	1997	1998
Number Produced . . .	259,100	259,400	263,300
Pounds Produced . . .	1,243,700	1,219,200	1,263,800
Price Per Pound (cents)	37.5	36.5	38.5
Gross Income (dollars)	466,388	445,008	486,563

TURKEYS

PRODUCTION, PRICE, AND VALUE, 1996-1998

Item	1996	1997	1998
Number Raised	26,500	26,000	26,000
Pounds Produced	514,100	504,400	533,000
Price Per Pound (cents)	43.0	39.0	39.0
Gross Income (dollars)	221,063	196,716	207,870

EGGS

PRODUCTION, PRICE, AND VALUE, 1996-1998

Item	1996	1997	1998
Average Number of Layers During Year (thousands) . . .	3,895	3,483	3,647
Eggs per Layer (number)	242	231	236
Eggs Produced (millions)	888	806	860
Price Per Dozen (cents)	96.7	95.1	93.3
Gross Income (thous. dollars) . . .	71,558	63,876	66,865

RANKINGS BY STATE, 1998

Rank	State	Number Produced
-Thousand Head-		
1-	Georgia	1,202,500
2-	Arkansas	1,170,600
3-	Alabama	921,800
4-	Mississippi	722,400
5-	North Carolina	653,000
6-	Texas	480,000
7-	Maryland	290,900
8-	Virginia	263,300
9-	Delaware	259,800
10-	Missouri	255,000

RANKINGS BY STATE, 1998

Rank	State	Number Produced
-Thousand Head-		
1-	North Carolina	50,000
2-	Minnesota	44,500
3-	Arkansas	28,000
4-	Virginia	26,000
5-	Missouri	22,000
6-	California	19,000
7-	Indiana	13,500
8-	South Carolina	10,600
9-	Pennsylvania	10,500
10-	Ohio	5,500

POULTRY

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS BY QUARTER
1996 - 1998**

	1996	1997	1998
1st Quarter (Dec. - Feb.)	3,777	3,483	3,579
2nd Quarter (Mar. - May)	3,725	3,439	3,664
3rd Quarter (Jun. - Aug.)	3,695	3,496	3,650
4th Quarter (Sep. - Nov.)	3,471	3,512	3,696
Yearly Avg.	3,667	3,483	3,647

EGG PRODUCTION

EGG PRODUCTION BY QUARTER, 1996-1998

	1996	1997	1998
	-Millions-		
1st Quarter (Dec. - Feb.)	224	201	207
2nd Quarter (Mar. - May)	216	204	219
3rd Quarter (Jun. - Aug.)	240	193	219
4th Quarter (Sep. - Nov.)	208	208	215
Total	888	806	860

BEE and HONEY

PRODUCTION, PRICE, AND VALUE, 1996-1998

Item	1996	1997	1998
Number of Colonies (thou.)	7	8	8
Yield Per Colony (lbs.)	50	53	37
Production (thou. lbs)	350	424	296
Price Per Pound (cents)	148.0	145.0	133.0
Value Of Production (thous. dols.)	518	615	394

TROUT PRODUCTION

FOODSIZE TROUT SALES, 1996-1998

Item	1996	1997	1998
Number of Fish (thou.)	965	993	992
Total Pounds Sold (thou.)	935	991	949
Avg. Value Per Pound (dollars)	1.99	2.03	2.11
Value Of Sales (thous. dols.)	1,862	2,008	2,001

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