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WEST VIRGINIA 2003 EGG PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2003 totaled 270 million eggs. This was 3 percent above the 2002 production of 261 million eggs.

Layer numbers during 2003 averaged 1.23 million, up 1 percent from 2002. The average annual production per layer was 220 eggs, 6 eggs more than the 2002 average.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2003 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.06 million head, up 5 percent from 2002.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2003 was \$9.68 million, up 5 percent from the December 1, 2002 value of \$9.24 million. The average value of \$4.70 per bird on December 1, 2003 was unchanged from 2002.

UNITED STATES – Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2003 totaled a record high 87.2 billion eggs, up slightly from 2002. Table egg production, at 74.4 billion eggs, was up slightly from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.8 billion eggs, decreased 1 percent from 2002.

Average Number of Layers Down 1 Percent: Layer numbers during 2003 averaged 335 million, down 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2003 was 259 eggs, up one percent from the 2002 average of 257.

December 1 Inventory Numbers: The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2003 (excluding commercial broilers) was 449 million birds, up 1 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2003 was \$1.11 billion, up 5 percent from December 1, 2002. The average value increased from \$2.37 per bird on December 1, 2002, to \$2.47 per bird on December 1, 2003.

Special Note

Preliminary 2002 Census data were used in the review process for the 2003 and revised 2002 estimates. The revised estimates may appear disjointed from historical data until the release of the 5 - year *Final Estimates* publications which are scheduled for April 29, 2004.