

## 2000 Poultry Summary

### CHICKENS

The total number of chickens on hand December 1, 2000 (excluding broilers), was 1.859 million head, 14 percent below the 1999 inventory of 2.170 million. The value per head at \$4.80 was down \$0.50 from the value for 1999. Total inventory value was \$8.9 million, 22 percent below the total inventory value for 1999. Value of sales of chickens (excluding commercial broilers) was \$475,000, compared to \$938,000 in 1999.

### EGGS

Egg production in West Virginia during the production year (December 1, 1999 - November 30, 2000) totaled 249 million eggs. This was 5 percent above the 1999 production. Layer numbers during 2000 averaged 1.05 million, down 4 percent from the number of layers in 1999. The average annual production per layer was 237 eggs, up 21 eggs from 1999. The average price per dozen was 146 cents, up 19 cents from 1999. The total value of production was \$30.3 million, up 21 percent from the 1999 value.

### BROILERS

There were 91.3 million broilers produced in West Virginia during 2000, up 2 percent from 1999. Total pounds produced was 365.2 million pounds, up from the 358.0 million pounds in 1999. Value of production totaled \$124.2 million, down 6 percent from 1999. The average live weight equivalent price of 34.0 cents per pound was down 3.0 cents from 1999.

### TURKEYS

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 4.1 million, down 9 percent from 1999. Total pounds produced was 89.0 million pounds, down 7 percent from 1999. Value of production totaled \$38.3 million, down 7 percent from the \$41.0 million in 1999. The average live weight equivalent price was 43.0 cents per pound, unchanged from the previous year.

### VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND SALES

The combined value of production from eggs, broilers and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2000 was \$193.2 million, down 3 percent from the \$199.5 million in 1999.

### EGGS: Production, Disposition and Income, 1991-2000

Year	Layers <sup>1/</sup>	Eggs Produced Per Layer <sup>2/</sup>	Total Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	(000) Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Cents	(000) Dollars
1991	774	219	170	109.0	15,442
1992	721	215	155	104.0	13,433
1993	974	219	213	110.0	19,525
1994	1,107	226	250	115.0	23,958
1995	1,100	217	239	118.0	23,502
1996	1,046	217	227	119.0	22,511
1997	1,081	227	245	121.0	24,704
1998	1,147	210	241	125.0	25,104
1999	1,099	216	237	127.0	25,093
2000	1,051	237	249	146.0	30,307

<sup>1/</sup> Average number during the year. <sup>2/</sup> Eggs produced during year divided by average layers on hand during year.