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### 2003 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

**WEST VIRGINIA** -- There were 87.2 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2003, 3 percent below 2002. Total live weight was 357.5 million pounds, down from the 358.8 million pounds in 2002. Value of production totaled \$121.6 million, up 13 percent from the \$107.6 million in 2002. The average live weight equivalent price of 34.0 cents per pound was up 4.0 cents from the previous year.

**Turkeys raised** in West Virginia totaled 4.3 million, up 8 percent from the revised total in 2002. Total live weight was 92.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2002. Value of production totaled \$33.1 million, slightly above the \$33.0 million in 2002. The average live weight equivalent price was 36.0 cents per pound, down 1.0 cent from the 2002 price.

**Egg production** in West Virginia totaled 270 million eggs during 2003, up 3 percent from the 262 million eggs in 2002. The average price per dozen was 151.0 cents, up 11.0 cents from 2002. The total value of production was \$34.0 million, up 12 percent from the \$30.5 in 2002.

The **number of chickens sold** (excluding broilers) totaled 1.602 million head, slightly below the revised number sold in 2002 of 1.605 million head. The number of pounds sold was 12.3 million pounds, down 3 percent from the revised 2002 number of pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$937,000 compared to the revised total of \$1.1 million in 2002 - a 15 percent decrease. Prices averaged 7.6 cents per pound, compared with 8.7 cents in 2002.

The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2003, was \$189.6 million, up 10 percent from the revised combined value of \$172.2 million in 2002. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from broilers, 18 percent from eggs, 17 percent from turkeys and less than 1 percent from sales of other chickens.

**UNITED STATES** -- The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2003, was \$23.3 billion, up 14 percent from the \$20.5 billion in 2002. Of the combined total, 65 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens.

The value of **broilers produced** during 2003 was \$15.2 billion, up 13 percent from 2002. The total number of broilers produced in 2003 was 8.49 billion, down 1 percent from 2002. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2003 was 44.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2002. The 2003 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 34.6 cents per pound, compared with 30.5 cents in 2002.

Value of all **egg production** in 2003 was \$5.32 billion, up 24 percent from the \$4.28 billion in 2002. Egg production totaled 87.2 billion eggs, down slightly from the 87.3 billion eggs produced in 2002. In 2003, all eggs averaged 73.1 cents per dozen, compared with 58.9 cents in 2002.

The value of **turkeys produced** during 2003 was \$2.72 billion, down slightly from the \$2.73 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2003 totaled 7.55 billion pounds, compared with 7.49 billion pounds in 2002. The average price received by producers during 2003 was 36.0 cents per pound, compared with 36.5 cents in 2002.

The value of sales from **chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2003 was \$47.7 million, down 5 percent from the \$49.9 million a year ago. Prices averaged 4.8 cents per pound, the same as 2002. The number of chickens sold in 2003 totaled 188 million, down 6 percent from the total sold during the previous year.