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Summary

Value of Production and Sales Up 4 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2024 was \$70.2 billion, up 4 percent from \$67.4 billion in 2023. Of the combined total, 65 percent was from broilers, 30 percent from eggs, 5 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2024 was \$45.4 billion, up 6 percent from 2023. The total number of broilers produced in 2024 was 9.33 billion, up 1 percent from 2023. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2024 was 61.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023.

The value of turkeys produced during 2024 was \$3.69 billion, down 44 percent from the \$6.57 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2024 was 200 million, down 8 percent from 2023. Turkey production in 2024 totaled 6.58 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the 6.99 billion pounds produced in 2023.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2024 was \$29.5 million, down 53 percent from \$62.6 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2024 totaled 182 million, up slightly from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2024 was \$21.0 billion, up 18 percent from \$17.9 billion in 2023. Egg production totaled 109 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 110 billion eggs produced in 2023.

Poultry Value of Production – United States: 2023 and 2024

Year	Broilers ¹	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Eggs	Total
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2023	42,938,357	6,566,375	62,609	17,882,170	67,449,511
2024	45,434,590	3,688,916	29,513	21,042,657	70,195,676

¹ Excludes States which produced less than 500,000 broilers.

² Value of sales.

Broiler Production and Value – States and United States: 2023

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains. Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers]

State	Broilers (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,200,200	6,601,100	4,706,584
Arkansas	1,033,800	7,443,400	5,307,144
Delaware	258,300	1,988,900	1,418,086
Florida	62,900	396,300	282,562
Georgia	1,337,200	8,156,900	5,815,870
Kentucky	281,000	1,826,500	1,302,295
Maryland	292,700	1,844,000	1,314,772
Minnesota	61,400	393,000	280,209
Mississippi	663,200	4,443,400	3,168,144
Missouri	303,700	1,731,100	1,234,274
North Carolina	943,100	7,922,000	5,648,386
Ohio	127,400	573,300	408,763
Oklahoma	215,400	1,507,800	1,075,061
Pennsylvania	218,400	1,266,700	903,157
South Carolina	237,300	1,779,800	1,268,997
Tennessee	239,400	1,436,400	1,024,153
Texas	708,600	4,818,500	3,435,591
Virginia	274,500	1,811,700	1,291,742
West Virginia	83,500	325,700	232,224
Wisconsin	59,500	238,000	169,694
Other States ¹	634,200	3,717,600	2,650,649
United States	9,235,700	60,222,100	42,938,357

¹ California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler Production and Value – States and United States: 2024

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains. Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers]

State	Broilers (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,168,400	6,426,200	4,781,093
Arkansas	1,035,800	7,561,300	5,625,607
Delaware	276,700	2,158,300	1,605,775
Florida	60,600	387,800	288,523
Georgia	1,364,900	8,189,400	6,092,914
Kentucky	281,500	1,886,100	1,403,258
Maryland	311,000	1,959,300	1,457,719
Minnesota	60,300	392,000	291,648
Mississippi	669,800	4,487,700	3,338,849
Missouri	266,600	1,439,600	1,071,062
North Carolina	964,800	8,104,300	6,029,599
Ohio	128,600	591,600	440,150
Oklahoma	189,600	1,459,900	1,086,166
Pennsylvania	230,900	1,339,200	996,365
South Carolina	237,500	1,757,500	1,307,580
Tennessee	282,500	1,723,300	1,282,135
Texas	727,500	5,019,800	3,734,731
Virginia	263,400	1,685,800	1,254,235
West Virginia	83,100	340,700	253,481
Wisconsin	58,600	228,500	170,004
Other States ¹	666,500	3,929,700	2,923,696
United States	9,328,600	61,068,000	45,434,590

¹ California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2023

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. Dollar values based on data received from United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

State	Turkeys raised (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	27,000	542,700	510,138
California	6,100	194,590	182,915
Indiana	20,000	834,000	783,960
Iowa	11,500	508,300	477,802
Michigan	5,200	219,960	206,762
Minnesota	38,500	1,054,900	991,606
Missouri	17,000	365,500	343,570
North Carolina	29,000	1,070,100	1,005,894
Ohio	6,500	291,200	273,728
Pennsylvania	8,100	225,180	211,669
South Dakota	3,300	142,230	133,696
Virginia	15,500	429,350	403,589
West Virginia	4,000	126,800	119,192
Other States ¹	26,300	980,696	921,854
United States	218,000	6,985,506	6,566,375

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2024

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. Dollar values based on data received from United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

State	Turkeys raised	Production	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	25,000	512,500	287,513
California	5,200	167,440	93,934
Indiana	20,000	848,000	475,728
Iowa	10,900	504,670	283,120
Michigan	4,600	198,720	111,482
Minnesota	32,000	918,400	515,222
Missouri	15,500	334,800	187,823
North Carolina	27,000	1,020,600	572,557
Ohio	6,400	273,280	153,310
Pennsylvania	7,700	219,450	123,111
South Dakota	2,800	128,520	72,100
Virginia	15,300	429,930	241,191
West Virginia	3,900	126,750	71,107
Other States ¹	23,700	892,544	500,718
United States	200,000	6,575,604	3,688,916

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2023

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Excludes broilers. Totals may not add due to rounding]

State	Chickens lost ¹	Sold for slaughter	Sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	4,674.1	14,123.2	114,962.8	9,541.9
Arkansas	4,308.5	18,970.6	136,398.6	10,229.9
California	9,462.1	2,226.1	9,349.6	261.8
Colorado	1,721.0	683.4	4,442.1	319.8
Georgia	7,245.0	18,261.9	133,494.5	10,145.6
Illinois	2,239.5	3,884.5	14,528.0	145.3
Indiana	16,938.2	9,408.9	34,342.5	274.7
Iowa	24,003.8	8,967.5	31,834.6	127.3
Kentucky	2,012.7	5,467.6	35,976.8	2,410.4
Louisiana	411.3	1,806.0	12,696.2	952.2
Maryland	278.0	1,199.8	4,667.2	70.0
Massachusetts	22.8	108.7	379.4	(Z)
Michigan	4,168.8	4,102.2	15,424.3	154.2
Minnesota	3,736.6	2,641.6	11,332.5	306.0
Mississippi	1,443.8	5,222.4	38,123.5	2,935.5
Missouri	8,879.2	8,002.5	41,853.1	2,050.8
Montana	741.6	10.8	37.7	(Z)
Nebraska	2,971.3	3,096.7	11,736.5	129.1
New York	905.5	2,744.1	9,659.2	19.3
North Carolina	4,538.2	15,683.2	113,546.4	8,629.5
Ohio	20,449.7	8,043.3	31,690.6	538.7
Oklahoma	590.4	2,715.1	20,200.3	1,575.6
Oregon	1,214.3	23.9	83.4	(Z)
Pennsylvania	3,397.8	7,141.0	31,277.6	938.3
South Carolina	1,935.7	2,422.5	16,109.6	1,111.6
South Dakota	1,913.8	201.0	691.4	0.7
Tennessee	636.4	3,044.7	24,266.3	2,014.1
Texas	4,270.2	16,872.4	88,580.1	4,340.4
Utah	1,855.4	2,055.2	7,193.2	7.2
Vermont	21.6	170.4	654.3	9.2
Virginia	1,324.2	2,252.1	18,264.5	1,516.0
Washington	4,410.7	215.6	752.4	(Z)
West Virginia	352.2	1,794.3	14,515.9	1,175.8
Wisconsin	2,018.6	2,796.6	11,801.7	318.6
Other States ²	9,179.5	4,999.6	19,714.3	358.1
United States	154,272.5	181,359.4	1,060,581.1	62,608.9

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

² Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2024

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Excludes broilers. Totals may not add due to rounding]

State	Chickens lost ¹	Sold for slaughter	Sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	4,935.7	14,073.5	113,432.4	4,650.7
Arkansas	4,694.9	17,922.6	129,759.6	4,801.1
California	12,111.3	1,315.7	5,933.8	100.9
Colorado	5,288.5	903.5	5,222.2	161.9
Georgia	5,764.6	17,914.7	129,523.3	4,533.3
Illinois	3,314.5	1,743.2	7,182.0	71.8
Indiana	18,776.1	6,461.9	22,810.5	45.6
Iowa	23,089.8	8,394.6	29,800.8	89.4
Kentucky	1,155.6	4,946.7	31,757.8	1,048.0
Louisiana	380.9	1,682.3	12,028.4	336.8
Maryland	214.2	1,494.0	5,916.2	41.4
Massachusetts	11.7	112.2	388.2	(Z)
Michigan	10,743.5	3,732.9	14,707.6	147.1
Minnesota	3,267.8	1,613.5	7,890.0	149.9
Mississippi	1,438.0	5,417.0	40,735.8	1,507.2
Missouri	8,121.6	8,083.6	43,004.8	1,075.1
Montana	682.2	23.0	79.6	(Z)
Nebraska	1,784.2	4,906.8	17,615.4	70.5
New York	791.4	3,273.6	11,392.1	11.4
North Carolina	4,960.4	15,675.8	116,471.2	4,193.0
Ohio	19,305.9	9,146.9	34,666.8	242.7
Oklahoma	662.0	2,650.9	19,431.1	757.8
Oregon	1,918.8	47.4	164.0	(Z)
Pennsylvania	3,172.8	11,960.6	48,320.8	386.6
South Carolina	1,389.8	2,815.7	17,598.1	545.5
South Dakota	423.8	400.3	1,393.0	1.4
Tennessee	634.5	2,928.1	23,659.0	1,017.3
Texas	6,345.3	15,067.7	82,721.7	2,068.0
Utah	2,806.1	2,906.2	10,084.5	10.1
Vermont	21.6	170.4	649.2	4.5
Virginia	1,549.8	1,951.9	16,122.7	612.7
Washington	4,365.1	173.4	598.2	(Z)
West Virginia	347.5	1,840.5	14,944.9	553.0
Wisconsin	1,447.8	5,353.2	20,449.2	143.1
Other States ²	10,560.3	4,689.2	18,384.2	134.0
United States	166,478.0	181,793.5	1,054,839.1	29,513.1

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

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All Eggs Production and Value – States and United States: 2023 and 2024

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Includes hatching and market (table) eggs]

State	Egg production				Value of production	
	2023 (million eggs)	2024 (million eggs)	2023 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2024 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2023 (1,000 dollars)	2024 (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	2,576.1	2,373.7	214,674.9	197,808.2	612,104	527,899
Arkansas	3,865.5	3,896.7	322,125.1	324,725.1	843,161	824,208
California	3,226.0	2,311.2	268,833.1	192,600.2	755,367	621,093
Colorado	824.3	1,025.8	68,691.5	85,483.3	109,243	171,366
Georgia	5,192.6	5,224.4	432,716.6	435,366.5	988,320	1,024,546
Illinois	1,890.6	1,909.8	157,550.2	159,150.5	274,690	349,714
Indiana	10,563.2	10,702.0	880,266.5	891,833.3	1,528,489	1,982,857
Iowa	13,428.9	13,437.6	1,119,075.0	1,119,799.8	1,884,162	2,481,589
Kentucky	1,409.9	1,377.2	117,491.6	114,766.5	246,417	259,529
Louisiana	497.4	512.1	41,449.6	42,674.7	96,459	102,794
Maryland	775.1	726.4	64,591.5	60,533.1	104,423	121,590
Massachusetts	41.8	45.5	3,482.9	3,791.8	5,494	7,493
Michigan	5,003.9	3,754.4	416,992.0	312,866.3	716,775	681,217
Minnesota	2,363.6	2,046.0	196,966.5	170,500.0	349,033	377,664
Mississippi	1,404.4	1,444.3	117,033.5	120,358.3	307,102	305,627
Missouri	4,174.9	4,237.2	347,908.5	353,099.7	648,832	772,460
Montana	376.0	392.3	31,333.7	32,691.6	88,046	106,136
Nebraska	2,237.4	2,519.7	186,449.9	209,975.2	310,002	470,447
New York	1,758.4	1,723.5	146,533.2	143,625.4	234,682	288,389
North Carolina	4,170.6	4,335.1	347,550.1	361,258.5	797,862	853,833
Ohio	11,809.9	12,350.4	984,158.5	1,029,200.0	1,650,386	2,294,902
Oklahoma	541.0	569.4	45,083.4	47,450.0	115,748	117,762
Oregon	684.4	744.7	57,033.3	62,058.4	152,693	201,323
Pennsylvania	7,983.3	8,319.6	665,275.0	693,300.0	1,086,287	1,413,698
South Carolina	1,009.1	1,011.9	84,091.6	84,324.8	171,558	186,365
South Dakota	446.2	647.3	37,183.4	53,941.8	59,122	118,339
Tennessee	381.8	429.1	31,816.6	35,758.1	91,089	96,083
Texas	6,486.8	6,087.9	540,566.6	507,324.9	1,033,216	1,126,271
Utah	1,866.2	2,096.9	155,516.3	174,741.4	422,766	566,344
Vermont	55.2	55.3	4,600.3	4,608.6	7,432	9,305
Virginia	735.3	733.7	61,275.1	61,141.4	144,615	146,011
Washington	1,734.7	1,718.4	144,558.4	143,200.1	402,471	463,506
West Virginia	294.8	275.4	24,566.9	22,950.2	71,677	61,637
Wisconsin	2,413.0	2,428.5	201,083.3	202,375.0	331,508	450,162
Other States ¹	7,397.2	7,051.5	616,432.7	587,624.6	1,240,939	1,460,498
United States	109,619.5	108,514.9	9,134,957.3	9,042,907.3	17,882,170	21,042,657

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: These estimates were based on inventory, disposition, production, and price estimates as published in various NASS poultry and agricultural prices reports, as well as information on imports, exports, and slaughter obtained from other sources. Individual NASS Regional Field Offices (RFOs) maintain a list of all known poultry operations and use known sources to update their lists. Data are collected from broiler hatcheries which hatch over one million chicks annually and from turkey grow-out operations raising 1,000 or more turkeys annually. Also, data are collected from layer and egg contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. In every situation, operations are contacted as close to the reference date as possible and given adequate time to respond via mail, fax, or electronic data reporting (EDR). Those that do not respond are contacted by phone. Care is exercised to ensure that all operations of interest are accounted for in the estimates.

Estimation Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. RFOs prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve estimates and are generally the result of late or corrected data. For all species, previous year estimates are subject to revision when the current year estimates are made. Five years of estimates are also reviewed after the Census of Agriculture data are available. Estimates are considered final after Census review and no revisions are made after the final estimates are published.

Reliability: All estimates in this report have no sampling error since they are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets; broiler hatcheries which hatch over one million chicks annually; and turkey grow-out operations raising 1,000 or more turkeys annually. Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@usda.gov.

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