

2004 Poultry Summary

Iowa

Chicken inventories in the state totaled 57.5 million birds on hand December 1, 2004, and represented a 13 percent increase from the same date the previous year. Average number of layers on hand during 2004 was 43.6 million, 11 percent above the 39.1 million birds during 2003. Production per bird, at 267 eggs, remained the same from 2003. Total egg production for 2004 was 11.61 billion eggs, 11 percent above

the previous year. Value of production from eggs in 2004 was \$491.6 million, up from \$460.6 million in 2003. The eggs produced brought an average of 50.8 cents per dozen, down from 52.9 cents per dozen in 2003.

Iowa hatcheries produced an estimated 72.3 million egg-type chicks during 2004, up nearly 2 percent from the 71.1 million produced in 2003.

United States

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2004 was \$28.9 billion, up 24 percent from the \$23.3 billion in 2003, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Of the combined total, 71 percent was from broilers, 18 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2004 was \$20.4 billion, up 34 percent from 2003. The total number of broilers produced in 2004 was 8.74 billion, up 3 percent from 2003. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2004 was 45.8 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2003. The 2004 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 44.6 cents per pound, compared with 34.6 cents in 2003.

Value of egg production in 2004 was \$5.30 billion, down 1 percent from the \$5.33 billion in 2003. Egg production totaled

89.1 billion eggs, up 2 percent from the 87.5 billion eggs produced in 2003. In 2004, all eggs averaged 71.4 cents per dozen, compared with 73.2 cents in 2003.

The value of turkeys produced during 2004 was \$3.07 billion, up 14 percent from the \$2.70 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2004 totaled 7.30 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 7.49 billion pounds produced in 2003. The average price received by producers during 2004 was 42.0 cents per pound, compared with 36.1 cents in 2003.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2004 was \$58.0 million, up 21 percent from the \$47.8 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.8 cents per pound, compared with 4.9 cents in 2003. The number of chickens sold in 2004 totaled 192 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

