

2007 Poultry Summary

Iowa

Chicken inventories in the state totaled 65.0 million birds on hand December 1, 2007, and represented a 5 percent increase from the same date the previous year. Average number of layers on hand during 2007 was 52.4 million, 2 percent above the 51.6 million birds during 2006. Egg production per bird, at 265 eggs, was down 3 eggs from 2006. Total egg production for 2007 was 13.87 billion eggs, slightly above the previous year. In 2007 the value of

production from eggs was \$824.8 million, up from \$406.9 million in 2006. The eggs produced brought an average of 71.4 cents per dozen, up from 35.4 cents per dozen in 2006.

An estimated 87.2 million egg-type chicks were produced in Iowa hatcheries during 2007, up 9 percent from the 79.7 million produced in 2006.

United States

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2007 was \$31.9 billion, up 24 percent from the \$25.8 billion in 2006. Of the combined total, 67 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2007 was \$21.5 billion, up 21 percent from 2006. The total number of broilers produced in 2007 was 8.90 billion, up slightly from 2006. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2007 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. The 2007 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 36.3 cents in 2006.

Value of all egg production in 2007 was \$6.68 billion, up 51 percent from the \$4.43 billion in 2006. Egg

production totaled 90.6 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.3 billion eggs produced in 2006. In 2007, all eggs averaged 88.5 cents per dozen, compared with 58.2 cents in 2006.

The value of turkeys produced during 2007 was \$3.71 billion, up 4 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2007 totaled 7.87 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.46 billion pounds produced in 2006. The average price received by producers during 2007 was 47.2 cents per pound, compared with 47.9 cents in 2006.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2007 was \$50.8 million, down 6 percent from the \$53.8 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2006. The number of chickens sold in 2007 totaled 167 million, down 3 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

