

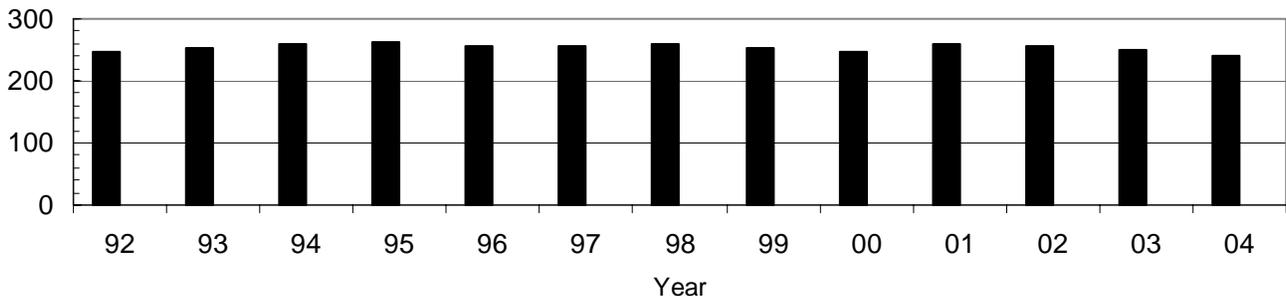
Poultry

Delaware growers produced 240.7 million broiler/roaster chickens in 2004, down 4 percent from 2003. Pounds live weight decreased only 1 percent to 1.49 billion pounds. The average live weight per bird was a record high 6.2 pounds in 2004. Total value of birds raised was \$686.4 million, up 27 percent from 2003 due to an increase of 10 cents per pound from 2003 to a record high 46 cents. Delaware ranks eleventh in the number of birds produced but ninth in pounds produced and value of production. Sussex county is the number one broiler producing county in the U.S.. For the U.S., production of birds was up 6 percent from 2003 to 8.74 billion, live weight increased 7 percent to 45.8 billion pounds, and value of production increased 38 percent, to \$20.4 billion.

Broiler/Roaster Production and Value, Delaware, 2000 - 2004

Year	Number Broiler/Roasters	Avg. Live weight Per Bird	Production	Avg. Value per Pound	Total Value
	Million birds	Pounds	Million pounds	Cents	Million dollars
2000	248	5.9	1,461	34.0	497
2001	258	5.8	1,495	40.0	598
2002	257	6.0	1,544	32.0	494
2003	251	6.0	1,507	36.0	543
2004	241	6.2	1,492	46.0	686

Delaware Broiler Production - Head 1992-2004 (millions)



Delaware Broiler Production - Pounds Liveweight 1992 - 2004 (millions)

