

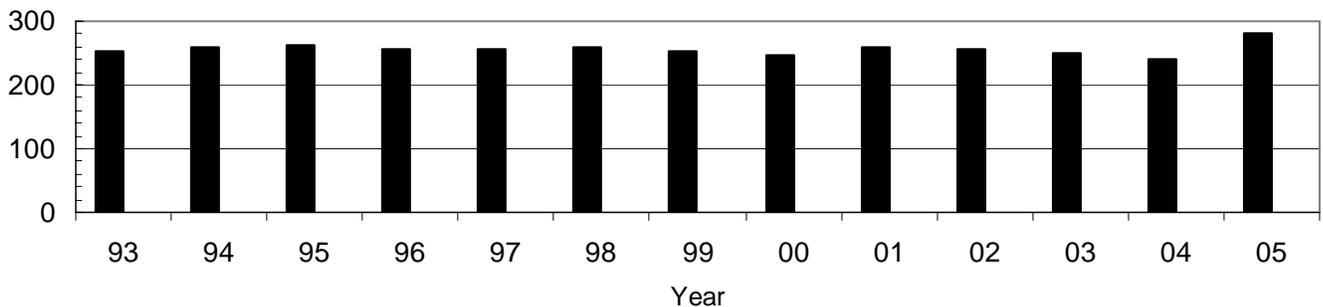
Poultry

Delaware growers produced 282.3 million broiler/roaster chickens in 2005. Pounds live weight in 2005 totaled 1.84 billion pounds. The average live weight per bird was a record high 6.5 pounds in 2005. Total value of birds raised was \$844.1 million, and the price per pound live weight was 46 cents. Sussex county is the number one broiler producing county in the U.S.. The 2005 U.S. production of birds was up 2 percent from 2004 to 8.87 billion, live weight increased 5 percent to 47.9 billion pounds, and value of production increased 2 percent, to \$20.9 billion.

Broiler/Roaster Production and Value, Delaware, 2001 - 2005

Year	Number Broiler/Roasters	Avg. Live weight Per Bird	Production	Avg. Value per Pound	Total Value
	Million birds	Pounds	Million pounds	Cents	Million dollars
2001	258	5.8	1,495	40.0	598
2002	257	6.0	1,544	32.0	494
2003	251	6.2	1,507	36.0	543
2004	241	6.4	1,492	46.0	686
2005	282	6.5	1,835	46.0	844

Delaware Broiler Production - Head 1993-2005 (millions)



Delaware Broiler Production - Pounds Liveweight 1993 - 2005 (millions)

