

Poultry

Delaware growers produced a record 269.1 million broiler/roaster chickens in 2006. Pounds live weight in 2006 totaled a record 1.80 billion pounds. The average live weight per bird was a record high 6.7 pounds in 2006. Total value of birds raised was \$739.2 million, and the price per pound live weight was 41 cents. Sussex County is the number one broiler producing county in the U.S. The 2006 U.S. production of birds was virtually unchanged from 2005 at 8.64 billion birds. Live weight increased 2 percent to 47.6 billion pounds, while value of production decreased 10 percent, to \$18.4 billion.

Broiler/Roaster Production and Value, Delaware, 2002 - 2006

Year	Number Broiler/Roasters	Avg. Live weight Per Bird	Production	Avg. Value per Pound	Total Value
	Million birds	Pounds	Million pounds	Cents	Million dollars
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 ¹	248	6.5	1,612	46.0	742
2006	269	6.7	1,803	41.0	739

¹ Revised

