

Poultry

Delaware growers produced 231.5 million broiler/roaster chickens in 2009. Pounds live weight in 2009 totaled 1.60 billion pounds. The average live weight per bird was a record 6.9 pounds in 2009. Total value of birds raised was \$730 million, and the live weight price per pound remained at 46 cents. Sussex County is the number one broiler producing county in the U.S. The 2009 U.S. production of birds was at 8.55 billion, down 5 percent from the 2008 production of 9.01 billion birds. Total live weight decreased 5 percent to 47.7 billion pounds, while value of production decreased 6 percent, to \$21.8 billion.

Broiler/Roaster Production and Value, Delaware, 2005 - 2009

Year	Number Broiler/ Roasters	Avg. Live weight Per Bird	Production	Avg. Value per Pound	Total Value
	Million birds	Pounds	Million pounds	Cents	Million dollars
2005	248	6.5	1,612	46.0	742
2006	245	6.6	1,614	38.0	613
2007	246	6.5	1,598	46.0	735
2008 ¹	243	6.5	1,579	46.0	726
2009	232	6.9	1,597	46.0	730

¹ Revised

