

2008 Poultry Summary

Iowa

Chicken inventories in the state totaled 65.4 million birds on hand December 1, 2008, and represented a 1 percent increase from the same date the previous year. Average number of layers on hand during 2008 was 53.5 million, 2 percent above the 52.4 million birds during 2007. Egg production per bird, at 269 eggs, was up 4 eggs from 2007. Total egg production for 2008 was 14.4 billion eggs, up 4 percent from the previous year. In 2008 the value of

production from eggs was \$1.12 billion, up from \$825 million in 2007. The eggs produced brought an average of 93.1 cents per dozen, up from 71.4 cents per dozen in 2007.

An estimated 90.0 million egg-type chicks were produced in Iowa hatcheries during 2008, up 5 percent from the 85.6 million produced in 2007.

United States

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2008 was \$35.9 billion, up 11 percent from the \$32.2 billion in 2007. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2008 was \$23.1 billion, up 7 percent from 2007. The total number of broilers produced in 2008 was 9.01 billion, up 1 percent from 2007. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2008 was 50.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2007. The 2008 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 45.8 cents per pound, compared with 43.6 cents in 2007.

Value of all egg production in 2008 was \$8.23 billion, up 22 percent from the \$6.72 billion in 2007. Egg production totaled 90.2 billion eggs, down 1 percent

from the 91.1 billion eggs produced in 2007. In 2008, all eggs averaged \$1.09 per dozen, compared with 88.5 cents in 2007.

The value of turkeys produced during 2008 was \$4.48 billion, up 13 percent from the \$3.95 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2008 totaled 7.92 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.57 billion pounds produced in 2007. The average price received by producers during 2008 was 56.5 cents per pound, compared with 52.3 cents in 2007.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2008 was \$61.8 million, up 20 percent from the \$51.5 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.6 cents in 2007. The number of chickens sold in 2008 totaled 176 million, up 5 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

