

# poultry review

Maryland **broiler production** ranked ninth among states in number of broilers produced and twelfth among states in the pounds of broilers produced in 2005. Broilers continue to lead Maryland's Agricultural Farm Receipts, bringing in 35 percent of the State's total farm receipts for the year. Average price at 0.46 per pound, brought cash receipts for broilers to \$565 million. Maryland growers raised 256 million broiler chickens in 2005, down 10 percent from 2004. The average weight per broiler was 4.8 pounds, same as 2004.

In 2005, 373.5 million broiler-type chicks were hatched in commercial hatcheries, down only slightly from 373.8 hatched in 2004.

**Egg production** decreased in 2005 to 798 million eggs, down from 843 million in 2004. The average number of layers during 2004 was 2.92 million, down from the 3.12 million layers in 2004.

**Turkey production** during the 2005 production year totaled 800 thousand birds which were worth \$7.22 million, compared to 750 thousand birds worth \$5.71 million in 2004.

## *Broiler Production and Value*

