

# poultry review

Maryland **broiler production** ranked eighth among states in number of broilers produced and twelfth among states in the pounds of broilers produced in 2006. 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 0.39 per pound, brought cash receipts for broilers to \$535 million. Maryland growers raised 272 million broiler chickens in 2006, down 6 percent from 2005. The average weight per broiler was 4.8 pounds, same as 2005.

In 2006, 375 million broiler-type chicks were hatched in commercial hatcheries, a 1 percent decrease from the 2005 total of 379 million.

**Egg production** decreased in 2006 to 733 million eggs, down from 798 million in 2005. The average number of layers during 2006 was 2.7 million, down from the 2.9 million layers in 2005.

**Turkey production** during the 2006 production year totaled 730 thousand birds which were worth \$12.52 million, compared to 780 thousand birds worth \$7.04 million in 2005.

## *Broiler Production and Value*

