

Poultry review



Maryland **broiler production** ranked seventh among states published individually in number of broilers produced and ninth in the pounds of broilers produced in 2007. Broilers continue to lead Maryland's Agricultural Farm Receipts, bringing in 37 percent of the state's total farm receipts for the year. In 2007, average price per pound for a broiler was \$0.46, thus total value of production at \$732 million. Maryland growers raised 294.8 million broiler chickens in 2007, decrease of one percent from a year earlier. The average weight per broiler was 5.4 pounds, unchanged from 2006.

In 2007, 373 million broiler-type chicks were hatched in commercial hatcheries, less than a one percent change from the 2006 total of 375 million.

Egg production decreased in 2007 to 702 million eggs, down from 733 million in 2006. The average number of layers during 2007 was 2.669 million, up from the 2.429 million layers in 2006.

Turkey production during the 2007 year totaled 750 thousand birds which were worth \$13.65 million, compared to 730 thousand birds worth \$12.52 million in 2006. during 2006 was 2.7 million, down from the 2.9 million layers in 2005.