

# Poultry Production Summary, 2009

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The combined value of Pennsylvania's poultry production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys, plus the value of other chicken sales in 2009, was \$859 million, a 19 percent decrease from 2008. Of the combined total, 45.7 percent was from boiler production, 42.5 percent from egg production, 11.6 percent from turkey production, and less than 1 percent was from the sale of other chickens.

Inventory of all chickens, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2009 was 28.0 million. Hens and pullets of laying age numbered 23.3 million, 7 percent higher than the previous year. Pullets not of laying age totaled 4.6 million on December 1, a 18 percent increase from 2008. Other chickens numbered 111,000. The total value of chicken inventory on December 1, 2009, was \$72.9 million. Pennsylvania ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the United States for all chicken inventory on December 1, 2009.

Pennsylvania laying flocks produced 6.51 billion eggs from December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009, up 5 percent from the 6.19 billion produced the previous year. The total value of egg production, based on an average price received by producers during the year of 67.4 cents per dozen for all egg, was \$365.4 million, down 25 percent from the previous year. An average of 22.6 million hens in Commonwealth flocks laid an average of 288 eggs each during the year. Pennsylvania ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in egg production in 2009.

Broiler production from December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009, was valued at \$392.8 million, down 8 percent from the previous year. A total of 153.5 million broilers were produced during the year. The average live weight of broilers produced was 5.6 pounds per bird, for a total production of 859.6 million pounds. The average price received per pound for live broilers was 45.7 cents. Pennsylvania ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in number of broilers produced in 2009.

Turkey producers raised 9.0 million poultts during 2009, down 22 percent from 2008. Producers received an average of 55.0 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in 2009. Total value of turkey production during 2009 (based on turkeys placed Sep 1 2008, through Aug 31, 2009) was \$100.0 million, a 28 percent decrease from the previous year. Pennsylvania was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the number of turkeys raised in 2009.

Commercial hatcheries hatched nearly 164.7 million broiler-type chicks during 2009, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Data in the following tables result from voluntary responses from Pennsylvania poultry producers and agribusinesses. Primary surveys used for these tables include the Weekly & Monthly Hatchery Reports, Monthly Turkey Hatchery Report, Monthly Chicken & Egg Survey, and Annual Turkeys Raised Inquiry. Additional data are obtained from Quarterly Agriculture Surveys and Acreage & Livestock Surveys conducted throughout 2009.

