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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 2011, was \$1.02 billion, an 11 percent increase from 2010. Of the combined total, 39.7 percent was from broiler production, 48.6 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, 2011 was 28.9 million. Hens and pullets of laying age numbered 25.2 million, slightly higher than the previous year. Pullets not of laying age totaled 3.6 million on December 1, an 18 percent decrease from 2010. Other chickens numbered 121,000. The total value of chicken inventory on December 1, 2011, was \$107 million. Pennsylvania ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the United States for all chicken inventory on December 1, 2011.

Pennsylvania laying flocks produced 7.31 billion eggs from December 1, 2010, through November 30, 2011, up 5 percent from the 6.98 billion produced the previous year. The total value of egg production, based on an average price received by producers during the year of 81.6 cents per dozen for all eggs, was \$497 million, up 22 percent from the previous year. An average of 25.1 million hens in Commonwealth flocks laid an average of 291 eggs each during the year. Pennsylvania ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in egg production in 2011.

Broiler production from December 1, 2010, through November 30, 2011, was valued at \$406.1 million, up slightly from the previous year. A total of 155.6 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 871.4 million pounds. The average price received per pound for live broilers was 46.5 cents. Pennsylvania ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in number of broilers produced in 2011.

Turkey producers raised 7.5 million poult during 2011, up slightly from 2010. Producers received an average of 68.2 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in 2011. Total value of turkey production during 2011 (based on turkeys placed Sep 1 2010, through Aug 31, 2011) was \$119.2 million, a 13 percent increase from the previous year. Pennsylvania was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the number of turkeys raised in 2011.

Commercial hatcheries hatched nearly 165.8 million broiler-type chicks during 2011, up 3 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 2011.

