2020 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Charleston, West Virginia – The combined value of production and value of sales from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2020, was $246.3 million, down 5 percent from the combined value of $258.7 million in 2019. Of the combined total, 41 percent was from broilers, 36 percent from turkeys, 23 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 70.2 million broilers produced in West Virginia during 2020, down 7 percent from the number of 75.5 million broilers produced in 2019. Total live weight was 273.8 million pounds, down 5 percent from 286.9 million pounds in 2019. Value of production totaled $99.9 million, down 28 percent from the 2019 value of $139.4 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 36.5 cents per pound is down from the 2019 average live weight equivalent price of 48.6 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.9 million, up 500,000 from the 2019 total. Total live weight was 126.0 million pounds, up 16 percent from 2019. Value of production totaled $89.3 million, up 42 percent from the 2019 value of production of $63.0 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 70.9 cents per pound, up 13.0 cents per pound from the 2019 price of 57.9 cents.

The number of chickens sold for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.59 million head, down 5 percent from the 2019 total of 1.68 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 12.8 million pounds, down 4 percent from the 2019 number of 13.4 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled $345.4 thousand, down from $761.3 thousand in 2019. Prices averaged 2.7 cents per pound, down from the 2019 price of 5.7 cents per pound.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 290.3 million eggs during 2020, down 5 percent from the 2019 production of 306.2 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 234.3 cents, up from the 2019 average price per dozen of 217.6 cents. The total value of production was $56.7 million, up 2 percent from the 2019 total of $55.5 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

United States – The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2020 was $35.5 billion, down 11 percent from $40.0 billion in 2019. Of the combined total, 61 percent was from broilers, 24 percent from eggs, 15 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2020 was $21.7 billion, down 23 percent from 2019. The total number of broilers produced in 2020 was 9.22 billion, up slightly from 2019. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2020 was 59.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2019.

The value of turkeys produced during 2020 was $5.19 billion, up 20 percent from the $4.32 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2020 was 224 million, down 2 percent from 2019. Turkey production in 2020 totaled 7.32 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 7.47 billion pounds produced in 2019.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2020 was $18.8 billion, down 50 percent from $37.6 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2020 totaled 185 million, down 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2020 was $8.66 billion, up 18 percent from $7.33 billion in 2019. Egg production totaled 112 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 113 billion eggs produced in 2019.