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## WEST VIRGINIA 2021 CHICKENS AND EGGS SUMMARY

**Charleston, West Virginia - Layers** during 2021 averaged 1.27 million, up 1 percent from the 2020 average of 1.26 million. The average annual production per layer was 234 eggs, up 4 eggs per layer from the 2020 total of 230 eggs per layer. Pullets for 2021 totaled 825,000, up 6 percent from the 2020 total of 779,000. Other chickens totaled 112,000 in 2021, up 6 percent from the 2020 total of 106,000.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2021 totaled 298.2 million eggs. This was 3 percent up from the 2020 production of 290.3 million eggs.

**The total number of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2021 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.30 million head, up 6 percent from the 2020 total of 2.18 million.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2021 was \$18.4 million, up 16 percent from the December 1, 2020 value of \$15.9 million. The average value of \$8.00 per head on December 1, 2021, was up \$.70 per head from the 2020 value of \$7.30 per bird.

**United States - Layers** during 2021 averaged 389 million, down 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2021 was 285 eggs, unchanged from 2020.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2021 totaled 111 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 2020. Table egg production, at 95.6 billion eggs, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 15.2 billion eggs, was up 3 percent from 2020.

**The total inventory of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2021 (excluding commercial broilers) was 523 million birds, up 1 percent from last year.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2021 was \$3.00 billion, up 16 percent from December 1, 2020. The average value increased from \$4.99 per bird on December 1, 2020, to \$5.75 per bird on December 1, 2021.