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WEST VIRGINIA 2014 CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2014 totaled 270 million eggs. This was 13 percent above the 2013 production of 238 million eggs.

Layer numbers during 2014 averaged 1.19 million, up 9 percent from the 2013 average of 1.09 million. The average annual production per layer was 227 eggs, up 4 percent from the 2013 total of 219 eggs. Pullets for 2014 totaled 715,000, down 4 percent from the 2013 total of 744,000. Other chickens totaled 102,000 in 2014, down 24 percent from the 2013 total of 135,000.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2014 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.02 million head, down 2 percent from the 2013 total of 2.07 million.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2014 was \$16.2 million, up 3 percent from the December 1, 2013 value of \$15.7 million. The average value of \$8.00 per bird on December 1, 2014 was up \$0.40 from the 2013 value.

United States – Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2014 totaled 99.8 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 2013. Table egg production, at 87.0 billion eggs, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.8 billion eggs, was up slightly from 2013.

Layer numbers during 2014 averaged 361 million, up 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2014 was 277 eggs, up 1 percent from 2013.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2014 (excluding commercial broilers) was 479 million birds, up 1 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2014 was \$1.96 billion, down slightly from December 1, 2013. The average value decreased from \$4.15 per bird on December 1, 2013, to \$4.10 per bird on December 1, 2014.