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WEST VIRGINIA 2015 CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Layer numbers during 2015 averaged 1.22 million, up 3 percent from the 2014 average of 1.19 million. The average annual production per layer was 224 eggs, down 3 eggs per layer from the 2014 total of 227 eggs per layer. Pullets for 2015 totaled 780,000, up 9 percent from the 2014 total of 715,000. Other chickens totaled 101,000 in 2015, down 1 percent from the 2014 total of 102,000.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2015 totaled 274 million eggs. This was 1 percent above the 2014 production of 270 million eggs.

The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2015 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.11 million head, up 4 percent from the 2014 total of 2.02 million.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2015 was \$16.5 million, up 2 percent from the December 1, 2014 value of \$16.2 million. The average value of \$7.80 per bird on December 1, 2015 was down \$0.20 per bird from the 2014 value.

United States – Layer numbers during 2015 averaged 350 million, down 4 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2015 was 276 eggs, down slightly from 2014.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2015 totaled 96.4 billion eggs, down 4 percent from 2014. Table egg production, at 83.1 billion eggs, was down 6 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.3 billion eggs, was up 4 percent from 2014.

The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2015 (excluding commercial broilers) was 471 million birds, down 3 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2015 was \$2.06 billion, up 3 percent from December 1, 2014. The average value increased from \$4.11 per bird on December 1, 2014, to \$4.36 per bird on December 1, 2015.