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WEST VIRGINIA 2017 CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Layer numbers during 2017 averaged 1.24 million, down 2 percent from the 2016 average of 1.26 million. The average annual production per layer was 221 eggs, down 6 eggs per layer from the 2016 total of 227 eggs per layer. Pullets for 2017 totaled 765,000, up 7 percent from the 2016 total of 715,000. Other chickens totaled 99,000 in 2017, down 9 percent from the 2016 total of 109,000.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2017 totaled 273.1 million eggs. This was 5 percent below the 2016 production of 287.1 million eggs.

The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2017 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.05 million head, down 4 percent from the 2016 total of 2.14 million.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2017 was \$15.8 million, up 1 percent from the December 1, 2016 value of \$15.6 million. The average value of \$7.70 per bird on December 1, 2017 was up \$0.40 per bird from the 2016 value.

United States - Layer numbers during 2017 averaged 376 million, up 3 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2017 was 281 eggs, up 1 percent from 2016.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2017 totaled 106 billion eggs, up 4 percent from 2016. Table egg production, at 92.1 billion eggs, was up 4 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.6 billion eggs, was down 1 percent from 2016.

The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2017 (excluding commercial broilers) was 505 million birds, up 2 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2017 was \$2.13 billion, up 2 percent from December 1, 2016. The average value decreased from \$4.22 per bird on December 1, 2016, to \$4.21 per bird on December 1, 2017.