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Summary

U.S. Value of Production and Sales Up 10 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2010 was \$34.7 billion, up 10 percent from the \$31.6 billion in 2009. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

U.S. Value of Broiler Production Up 9 Percent

The value of broilers produced during 2010 was \$23.7 billion, up 9 percent from 2009. The total number of broilers produced in 2010 was 8.63 billion, up 1 percent from 2009. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2010 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2009.

U.S. Value of Egg Production Up 6 Percent

Value of all egg production in 2010 was \$6.52 billion, up 6 percent from the \$6.17 billion in 2009. Egg production totaled 91.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 90.5 billion eggs produced in 2009.

U.S. Value of Turkey Production Up 22 Percent

The value of turkeys produced during 2010 was \$4.37 billion, up 22 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2010 totaled 7.11 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.15 billion pounds produced in 2009.

U.S. Value of Sales from Chickens Up 11 Percent

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2010 was \$72.0 million, up 11 percent from the \$65.1 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2010 totaled 172 million, down 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

**Value of Production: Broilers, Eggs, Turkeys, Chickens,
and Total, United States, 2009-2010**

Year	Broilers ¹	Eggs	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Total
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2009	21,822,804	6,166,038	3,573,392	65,115	31,627,349
2010	23,696,132	6,517,823	4,371,400	71,958	34,657,313

¹ Excludes States which produced less than 500,000 broilers.

² Value of sales.

**Broilers: Production and Value,
by State and Total, 2009** ^{1 2 3}

State	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	1,002,300	5,512,700	2,519,304
AR	1,050,900	5,780,000	2,641,460
DE	231,700	1,598,700	730,606
FL	42,000	252,000	115,164
GA	1,322,000	6,874,400	3,141,601
KY	307,000	1,657,800	757,615
MD	291,400	1,398,700	639,206
MN	44,800	246,400	112,605
MS	793,400	4,601,700	2,102,977
NC	759,600	5,317,200	2,429,960
OH	56,400	338,400	154,649
OK	226,000	1,220,400	557,723
PA	153,500	875,000	399,875
SC	237,800	1,521,900	695,508
TN	189,700	967,500	442,148
TX	668,700	3,611,000	1,650,227
VA	240,800	1,204,000	550,228
WV	82,700	330,800	151,176
WI	45,800	192,400	87,927
Oth Sts ⁴	803,700	4,251,300	1,942,845
Total ⁵	8,550,200	47,752,300	21,822,804
19 Weekly Sts ⁶	8,284,900	46,358,900	21,186,019

¹ Revised.

² December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009.

³ Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

⁴ CA, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NE, NY, OR, & WA combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁵ Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers.

⁶ 19 states in the weekly estimating program: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA and WV.

**Broilers: Production and Value,
by State and Total, 2010^{1 2}**

State	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	1,033,400	5,787,000	2,789,334
AR	1,043,500	5,937,500	2,861,875
DE	235,000	1,630,900	786,094
FL	51,700	314,300	151,493
GA	1,313,500	6,882,700	3,317,461
KY	309,900	1,673,500	806,627
MD	300,500	1,433,400	690,899
MN	42,100	231,100	111,390
MS	807,800	4,766,000	2,297,212
NC	766,500	5,419,200	2,612,054
OH	60,000	376,800	181,618
OK	225,000	1,503,000	724,446
PA	149,300	839,100	404,446
SC	241,000	1,556,900	750,426
TN	193,100	986,700	475,589
TX	653,500	3,646,500	1,757,613
VA	250,400	1,292,100	622,792
WV	87,600	346,000	166,772
WI	46,900	199,300	96,063
Oth Sts ³	814,500	4,340,100	2,091,928
Total ⁴	8,625,200	49,162,100	23,696,132
19 Weekly Sts ⁵	8,356,400	47,747,000	23,014,054

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**Turkeys: Production and Value,
by State and United States, 2009 ¹**

State	Number Raised ²	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AR	29,000	568,400	284,200
CA	15,000	390,000	202,800
IN	15,000	543,000	271,500
MN	45,000	1,161,000	580,500
MO	18,500	610,500	305,250
NC	35,500	1,089,850	523,128
OH	5,200	203,320	105,726
PA	9,000	181,800	99,990
SC	11,900	433,160	220,912
SD	4,500	186,750	82,170
UT	3,200	81,600	40,800
VA	17,000	448,800	215,424
WV	3,300	96,690	46,411
Oth Sts ³	35,259	1,154,585	594,581
US	247,359	7,149,455	3,573,392

¹ Revised.

² Based on turkeys placed Sep 1, 2008, through Aug 31, 2009. Excludes young turkeys lost.

³ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Turkeys: Production and Value,
by State and United States, 2010**

State	Number Raised ^{1 2}	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AR	28,000	548,800	340,256
CA	15,200	404,320	259,978
IN	16,000	572,800	349,408
MN	47,000	1,207,900	736,819
MO	18,000	588,600	364,932
NC	30,000	963,000	587,430
OH	4,600	177,560	110,087
PA	7,400	159,100	95,460
SC	11,900	429,590	262,050
SD	4,600	193,200	115,920
UT	4,600	102,580	65,754
VA	17,000	459,000	284,580
WV	3,100	89,900	53,940
Oth Sts ³	36,788	1,210,932	744,786
US	244,188	7,107,282	4,371,400

¹ Based on turkeys placed Sep 1, 2009, through Aug 31, 2010. Excludes young turkeys lost.

² Revised.

³ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Chickens: Lost, Sold for Slaughter, and Value,
by State and United States, 2009^{1 2}**

State	Number Lost ³	Number Sold for Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Value of Sales
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	2,564	12,401	89,287	9,643
AR	4,619	13,677	99,842	10,883
CA	3,219	9,401	31,023	31
CO	884	2,139	9,412	480
CT	569	1,507	4,973	20
FL	3,302	4,033	15,325	398
GA	5,996	13,730	97,483	10,431
HI	43	59	230	75
IL	822	2,318	8,345	134
IN	3,464	9,445	33,058	331
IA	26,663	6,622	22,515	113
KY	831	3,505	23,133	2,313
LA	304	1,637	9,986	799
ME	617	1,829	6,036	6
MD	237	1,416	5,239	120
MA	21	89	294	1
MI	923	3,090	10,197	10
MN	1,818	5,480	21,372	363
MS	2,001	6,474	47,260	5,151
MO	1,076	4,239	19,499	1,111
MT	72	108	410	0
NE	2,197	5,873	18,794	19
NY	352	3,010	9,933	20
NC	3,170	13,217	87,232	8,636
OH	8,150	10,798	36,713	184
OK	789	3,020	22,046	2,381
OR	1,704	289	983	10
PA	1,953	13,630	47,705	620
SC	725	3,022	17,225	1,481
SD	623	610	2,013	2
TN	442	1,770	13,629	1,554
TX	11,242	5,723	42,350	4,701
UT	492	1,657	5,468	5
VT	23	224	851	23
VA	841	2,553	16,595	1,626
WA	3,466	116	383	0
WV	246	1,766	11,126	1,046
WI	710	2,008	8,032	281
WY	1	7	23	0
Oth Sts ⁴	1,917	3,104	10,780	113
US ⁵	99,088	175,596	906,800	65,115

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² December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009. Excludes broilers.

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⁴ AK, AZ, DE, ID, KS, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NV, and RI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁵ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Chickens: Lost, Sold for Slaughter, and Value,
by State and United States, 2010¹**

State	Number Lost ²	Number Sold for Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Value of Sales
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	2,754	12,453	95,888	11,602
AR	4,678	12,401	93,008	10,975
CA	4,140	7,916	24,540	25
CO	1,065	1,816	8,717	610
CT	1,382	561	1,907	32
FL	3,637	3,935	14,166	382
GA	5,338	15,560	101,140	10,620
HI	73	116	371	134
IL	376	2,054	7,394	192
IN	3,820	11,598	38,273	344
IA	31,837	5,376	17,203	103
KY	1,554	3,342	23,060	2,537
LA	339	1,663	12,971	1,582
ME	421	1,214	3,763	11
MD	209	1,168	4,088	102
MA	9	78	257	1
MI	1,043	3,964	12,685	13
MN	2,546	4,779	17,204	447
MS	1,675	6,937	48,559	5,487
MO	1,155	4,350	20,010	1,241
MT	90	37	118	0
NE	1,918	5,648	17,509	18
NY	406	2,144	6,861	14
NC	3,287	12,958	88,114	9,604
OH	8,019	10,343	34,132	239
OK	884	3,236	23,623	2,740
OR	1,405	613	1,962	14
PA	2,267	12,509	42,531	595
SC	673	3,891	22,179	1,996
SD	523	676	2,163	2
TN	472	1,714	13,198	1,597
TX	9,826	5,306	38,203	4,393
UT	612	1,388	4,442	4
VT	23	184	681	20
VA	978	2,273	15,911	1,766
WA	3,792	30	96	0
WV	354	2,176	16,755	2,027
WI	960	2,205	8,600	327
WY	1	7	22	0
Oth Sts ³	2,456	3,168	10,822	162
US ⁴	106,997	171,787	893,126	71,958

¹ December 1, 2009, through November 30, 2010. Excludes broilers.

² Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

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⁴ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**All Eggs: Production and Value,
by State and United States, 2009-2010**^{1 2 3}

State	Eggs Produced		Value of Production	
	2009 ⁴	2010	2009 ⁴	2010
	<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	2,145	2,182	286,893	291,344
AR	2,935	2,894	362,727	356,273
CA	5,304	5,390	319,805	375,158
CO	1,110	1,066	70,308	77,131
CT	767	695	41,686	39,566
FL	2,670	2,592	152,616	150,746
GA	4,463	4,419	468,599	438,401
HI	69.5	69.5	8,759	4,800
IL	1,253	1,272	71,103	73,893
IN	6,460	6,493	353,020	373,592
IA	14,475	14,614	755,830	824,319
KY	1,130	1,119	110,285	101,530
LA	455	462	38,009	46,210
ME	916	1,034	63,226	57,690
MD	554	616	33,150	35,837
MA	36	36	2,603	2,010
MI	2,784	2,912	149,883	162,789
MN	2,777	2,869	165,025	167,922
MS	1,440	1,467	158,710	179,794
MO	1,973	1,949	125,456	151,788
MT	107	119	6,890	6,619
NE	2,749	2,751	146,859	152,857
NY	1,192	1,161	66,428	66,177
NC	3,148	3,251	349,371	327,373
OH	7,426	7,535	403,793	427,071
OK	769	769	70,175	84,499
OR	740	715	47,765	51,756
PA	6,543	6,976	367,224	408,227
SC	1,128	1,102	85,739	86,243
SD	696	672	37,936	37,696
TN	323	308	38,665	43,922
TX	4,985	4,811	347,480	395,052
UT	925	929	52,470	64,329
VT	57	59	3,782	3,769
VA	721	729	66,223	77,332
WA	1,705	1,739	106,499	120,732
WV	232	267	28,183	38,911
WI	1,350	1,312	78,301	78,316
WY	2.4	2.4	134	167
Oth Sts ⁵	1,970	2,042	124,428	135,982
US	90,484	91,398	6,166,038	6,517,823

¹ December 1, previous year through November 30.

² Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

³ Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁴ Revised.

⁵ AK, AZ, DE, ID, KS, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NV, and RI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Reliability of Poultry Production and Value Estimates

Survey Procedures: These estimates were based on inventory, disposition, production, and price estimates as published in various NASS poultry and agricultural prices reports, as well as information on imports, exports, and slaughter obtained from other sources. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known poultry operations and use known sources to update their lists. Data are collected from all known broiler hatcheries and turkey grow-out operations. Also, data are collected from layer and egg contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. In every situation, operations are contacted as close to the reference date as possible and given adequate time to respond via mail, fax, or electronic data reporting (EDR). Those that do not respond are contacted by phone. Care is exercised to ensure that all operations of interest are accounted for in the estimates.

Estimation Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve estimates and are generally the result of late or corrected data. For all species, previous year estimates are subject to revision when the current year estimates are made. Five years of estimates are also reviewed after the Census of Agriculture data are available. Estimates are considered final after Census review and no revisions are made after the final estimates are published.

Reliability: Estimates in this report have no sampling error since they are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, all known broiler hatcheries, and all known turkey grow-out operations. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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