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Summary

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 2017 was \$42.7 billion, up 10 percent from \$38.7 billion in 2016. Of the combined total, 71 percent was from broilers, 18 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2017 was \$30.2 billion, up 17 percent from 2016. The total number of broilers produced in 2017 was 8.91 billion, up 2 percent from 2016. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2017 was 55.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2016.

The value of turkeys produced during 2017 was \$4.84 billion, down 22 percent from the \$6.18 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2017 was 243 million, down 1 percent from 2016. Turkey production in 2017 totaled 7.49 billion pounds, up slightly from the 7.49 billion pounds produced in 2016.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2017 was \$46.7 million, down 47 percent from \$87.4 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2017 totaled 188 million, down 10 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2017 was \$7.55 billion, up 16 percent from \$6.51 billion in 2016. Egg production totaled 106 billion eggs, up 4 percent from 102 billion eggs produced in 2016.

Poultry Value of Production – United States: 2016 and 2017

Year	Broilers ¹	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Eggs	Total
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2016	25,935,852	6,184,247	87,423	6,514,074	38,721,596
2017	30,229,700	4,841,545	46,674	7,551,021	42,668,940

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

² Value of sales.

Broiler Production and Value – States and United States Total: 2016

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains. Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers]

State	Number produced (1,000 head)	Pounds produced (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,070,100	5,992,600	2,864,463
Arkansas	1,009,400	6,561,100	3,136,206
Delaware	252,500	1,843,300	881,097
Florida	63,200	366,600	175,235
Georgia	1,367,100	8,065,900	3,855,500
Kentucky	300,300	1,831,800	875,600
Maryland	303,500	1,851,400	884,969
Minnesota	48,400	295,200	141,106
Mississippi	739,400	4,658,200	2,226,620
Missouri	293,000	1,435,700	686,265
North Carolina	818,700	6,467,700	3,091,561
Ohio	88,000	475,200	227,146
Oklahoma	209,700	1,363,100	651,562
Pennsylvania	185,700	1,039,900	497,072
South Carolina	244,700	1,810,800	865,562
Tennessee	175,200	928,600	443,871
Texas	629,500	3,840,000	1,835,520
Virginia	269,100	1,533,900	733,204
West Virginia	90,300	352,200	168,352
Wisconsin	54,100	227,200	108,602
Other States ¹	564,800	3,318,700	1,586,339
United States	8,776,700	54,259,100	25,935,852

¹ California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler Production and Value – States and United States Total: 2017

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains. Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers]

State	Number produced (1,000 head)	Pounds produced (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,095,400	6,134,200	3,337,005
Arkansas	1,059,000	6,989,400	3,802,234
Delaware	259,800	1,870,600	1,017,606
Florida	65,200	371,600	202,150
Georgia	1,363,400	8,044,100	4,375,990
Kentucky	295,800	1,893,100	1,029,846
Maryland	306,700	1,840,200	1,001,069
Minnesota	59,700	358,200	194,861
Mississippi	741,100	4,743,000	2,580,192
Missouri	291,100	1,426,400	775,962
North Carolina	830,800	6,563,300	3,570,435
Ohio	99,300	526,300	286,307
Oklahoma	204,500	1,370,200	745,389
Pennsylvania	185,200	1,037,100	564,182
South Carolina	243,100	1,798,900	978,602
Tennessee	171,500	909,000	494,496
Texas	651,200	4,102,600	2,231,814
Virginia	277,400	1,608,900	875,242
West Virginia	86,100	335,800	182,675
Wisconsin	53,800	226,000	122,944
Other States ¹	572,900	3,420,400	1,860,699
United States	8,913,000	55,569,300	30,229,700

¹ California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, and Washington combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2016

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016]

State	Number raised (1,000 head)	Pounds produced (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	26,000	525,200	433,815
California	11,400	323,760	267,426
Indiana	19,500	758,550	626,562
Iowa	11,700	460,980	380,769
Michigan	5,400	216,540	178,862
Minnesota	44,500	1,103,600	911,574
Missouri	19,200	625,920	517,010
North Carolina	33,500	1,202,650	993,389
Ohio	5,800	236,640	195,465
Pennsylvania	7,300	189,800	156,775
South Dakota	4,200	180,180	148,829
Utah	4,700	121,730	100,549
Virginia	17,200	467,840	386,436
West Virginia	3,700	111,000	91,686
Other States ¹	29,900	962,588	795,100
United States	244,000	7,486,978	6,184,247

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2017

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017]

State	Number raised	Pounds produced	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	26,500	527,350	340,668
California	11,500	319,700	206,526
Indiana	20,000	792,000	511,632
Iowa	12,000	484,800	313,181
Michigan	5,100	206,040	133,102
Minnesota	42,000	1,058,400	683,726
Missouri	18,800	624,160	403,207
North Carolina	32,500	1,144,000	739,024
Ohio	6,700	280,730	181,352
Pennsylvania	7,500	204,750	132,269
South Dakota	4,100	176,300	113,890
Utah	5,200	134,160	86,667
Virginia	16,800	458,640	296,281
West Virginia	3,700	111,000	71,706
Other States ¹	30,100	972,621	628,314
United States	242,500	7,494,651	4,841,545

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Pounds Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2016

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Excludes broilers. Totals may not add due to rounding]

State	Number lost ¹	Number sold for slaughter	Pounds sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	2,891.0	11,430.5	88,586.4	11,959.2
Arkansas	3,849.1	16,425.5	120,234.7	15,510.3
California	4,361.3	5,606.4	19,454.2	214.0
Colorado	1,907.0	2,369.0	10,992.2	747.5
Florida	6,416.6	424.9	3,144.3	408.8
Georgia	6,084.4	17,221.7	114,352.1	13,493.5
Illinois	1,414.8	3,356.4	11,948.8	215.1
Indiana	11,589.8	15,668.4	53,429.2	374.0
Iowa	17,710.6	8,507.0	28,583.5	142.9
Kentucky	955.0	4,956.6	28,450.9	2,845.1
Louisiana	324.2	1,885.3	11,971.7	1,352.8
Maryland	255.9	1,571.5	5,688.8	113.8
Massachusetts	9.3	107.8	357.9	(Z)
Michigan	1,045.9	10,234.7	33,876.9	33.9
Minnesota	2,228.3	4,872.9	17,688.6	371.5
Mississippi	1,460.3	6,145.4	44,922.9	5,750.1
Missouri	1,432.4	8,183.4	37,889.1	2,576.5
Montana	296.6	51.6	170.8	(Z)
Nebraska	889.0	3,706.3	12,342.0	12.3
New York	837.7	3,899.3	13,023.7	26.0
North Carolina	3,946.2	15,106.5	104,083.8	12,698.2
Ohio	12,337.0	12,061.9	41,492.9	373.4
Oklahoma	677.8	2,637.1	19,910.1	2,648.0
Oregon	1,352.6	568.8	1,871.4	1.9
Pennsylvania	2,678.8	10,387.0	38,328.0	919.9
South Carolina	1,226.6	4,126.6	21,705.9	1,910.1
South Dakota	924.4	176.0	580.8	0.6
Tennessee	363.3	2,199.4	17,287.3	2,351.1
Texas	3,347.0	14,467.9	72,194.8	5,703.4
Utah	949.9	3,002.9	9,939.6	9.9
Vermont	10.5	87.7	338.5	11.8
Virginia	1,140.0	2,244.9	17,151.0	2,281.1
Washington	5,527.8	321.1	1,066.1	2.1
West Virginia	298.3	1,645.7	13,182.1	1,832.3
Wisconsin	1,096.6	2,771.6	10,642.9	351.2
Other States ²	4,471.4	8,986.6	30,465.6	179.7
United States	106,307.4	207,416.3	1,057,349.5	87,422.6

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

² Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and Wyoming combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Pounds Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2017

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Excludes broilers. Totals may not add due to rounding]

State	Number lost ¹	Number sold for slaughter	Pounds sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	3,195.9	11,002.1	87,466.7	6,472.5
Arkansas	3,459.4	16,212.6	121,594.5	8,633.2
California	5,975.7	3,012.6	11,056.2	132.7
Colorado	2,305.5	1,544.4	7,845.6	345.2
Florida	5,375.3	380.5	2,891.8	214.0
Georgia	5,962.2	15,057.3	105,250.5	7,051.8
Illinois	1,197.6	1,850.6	7,087.8	113.4
Indiana	13,929.7	10,536.6	36,878.1	221.3
Iowa	27,429.4	6,288.4	21,757.9	108.8
Kentucky	965.4	4,414.8	25,826.6	1,420.5
Louisiana	314.7	1,874.6	11,941.2	728.4
Maryland	277.4	1,497.9	5,527.3	66.3
Massachusetts	9.2	75.4	254.1	(Z)
Michigan	1,069.2	9,751.6	32,960.4	33.0
Minnesota	3,941.0	4,101.5	15,872.8	254.0
Mississippi	1,399.6	5,524.6	40,550.6	2,798.0
Missouri	3,143.1	8,568.0	41,040.7	1,600.6
Montana	322.7	52.4	176.6	(Z)
Nebraska	792.0	5,815.2	19,888.0	59.7
New York	504.1	3,871.9	13,087.0	13.1
North Carolina	4,039.8	14,957.6	103,207.4	6,811.7
Ohio	10,650.6	12,209.0	43,952.4	395.6
Oklahoma	726.4	2,562.8	20,118.0	1,488.7
Oregon	1,621.4	14.1	47.5	(Z)
Pennsylvania	2,753.0	11,048.4	41,100.0	534.3
South Carolina	1,961.3	1,915.2	12,602.0	806.5
South Dakota	908.1	1,075.2	3,623.4	3.6
Tennessee	519.7	1,793.8	14,045.5	1,039.4
Texas	4,138.9	14,300.0	69,927.0	2,797.1
Utah	1,598.0	2,647.5	8,922.1	8.9
Vermont	18.1	107.9	414.3	7.0
Virginia	1,519.7	2,116.9	17,041.0	1,278.1
Washington	4,852.1	33.3	112.2	(Z)
West Virginia	285.9	1,669.7	13,090.4	968.7
Wisconsin	1,045.4	2,462.2	9,528.7	162.0
Other States ²	8,103.3	7,312.0	25,292.4	105.5
United States	126,310.8	187,658.6	991,978.7	46,674.2

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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All Eggs Production and Value – States and United States: 2016 and 2017

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Includes hatching and market (table) eggs]

State	Eggs produced				Value of production	
	2016 (million eggs)	2017 (million eggs)	2016 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2017 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2016 (1,000 dollars)	2017 (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	2,110.7	2,072.3	175,891.8	172,691.8	367,961	349,437
Arkansas	3,411.4	3,376.9	284,283.5	281,408.6	485,411	479,956
California	3,473.5	3,758.5	289,458.4	313,208.3	210,160	267,581
Colorado	1,364.0	1,394.1	113,666.6	116,175.0	67,929	76,212
Florida	2,364.1	2,095.1	197,008.6	174,591.7	110,028	112,171
Georgia	5,054.5	4,964.1	421,208.9	413,675.4	597,102	578,298
Illinois	1,534.7	1,478.1	127,892.0	123,175.2	72,534	85,996
Indiana	8,910.4	9,581.6	742,533.3	798,467.1	403,938	528,743
Iowa	13,603.7	15,953.1	1,133,641.8	1,329,425.3	555,174	858,359
Kentucky	1,304.1	1,289.3	108,675.2	107,441.8	118,592	118,459
Louisiana	541.0	480.2	45,083.4	40,017.2	53,193	53,041
Maryland	795.9	833.7	66,325.2	69,475.3	31,449	44,046
Massachusetts	40.6	40.2	3,383.8	3,350.2	1,425	2,023
Michigan	3,963.9	4,224.7	330,325.0	352,058.8	163,234	220,346
Minnesota	2,813.9	3,103.1	234,491.8	258,592.0	126,454	173,204
Mississippi	1,391.9	1,392.6	115,991.3	116,050.2	221,704	211,033
Missouri	3,208.9	3,057.0	267,408.3	254,750.1	189,889	201,090
Montana	135.9	153.8	11,325.3	12,816.7	7,870	11,192
Nebraska	2,570.2	2,489.2	214,183.6	207,433.3	99,773	130,922
New York	1,673.8	1,694.1	139,483.2	141,175.0	63,470	89,145
North Carolina	3,731.4	3,935.3	310,950.2	327,941.9	444,441	460,106
Ohio	9,546.0	8,903.8	795,500.0	741,983.1	411,781	479,638
Oklahoma	691.8	666.5	57,649.7	55,541.6	79,048	78,838
Oregon	732.0	743.9	61,000.0	61,991.6	42,447	50,366
Pennsylvania	8,201.2	8,212.8	683,433.1	684,399.7	364,362	475,528
South Carolina	1,141.7	1,067.9	95,141.7	88,991.9	95,367	92,710
South Dakota	594.2	785.4	49,516.8	65,449.9	22,482	40,673
Tennessee	394.5	374.6	32,875.1	31,216.8	76,518	68,391
Texas	5,571.8	5,760.5	464,316.6	480,041.6	361,309	392,538
Utah	1,271.4	1,512.7	105,950.1	126,058.4	73,238	102,375
Vermont	38.4	43.9	3,200.7	3,659.1	1,829	2,628
Virginia	782.3	691.4	65,191.6	57,616.7	96,909	89,995
Washington	2,006.5	2,103.7	167,208.2	175,308.4	117,086	141,321
West Virginia	287.1	273.1	23,924.1	22,757.8	55,890	50,120
Wisconsin	1,618.8	1,759.4	134,899.7	146,616.5	79,083	103,278
Other States ¹	5,235.3	5,422.1	436,275.0	451,841.2	244,994	331,262
United States	102,111.5	105,688.7	8,509,293.6	8,807,395.2	6,514,074	7,551,021

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Statistical Methodology

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 Regional Field Offices (RFOs) maintain a list of all known poultry operations and use known sources to update their lists. Data are collected from broiler hatcheries which hatch over one million chicks annually and from turkey grow-out operations raising 1,000 or more turkeys annually. 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. RFOs 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: All 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; broiler hatcheries which hatch over one million chicks annually; and turkey grow-out operations raising 1,000 or more turkeys annually. 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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