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Summary

Value of Production and Sales Down 13 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2023 was \$67.1 billion, down 13 percent from \$77.2 billion in 2022. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from broilers, 27 percent from eggs, 10 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2023 was \$42.6 billion, down 16 percent from 2022. The total number of broilers produced in 2023 was 9.16 billion, down slightly from 2022. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2023 was 59.7 billion pounds, up slightly from 2022.

The value of turkeys produced during 2023 was \$6.57 billion, down 8 percent from the \$7.12 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2023 was 218 million, up 4 percent from 2022. Turkey production in 2023 totaled 6.99 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 6.67 billion pounds produced in 2022.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2023 was \$62.0 million, down 18 percent from \$75.4 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2023 totaled 178 million, up 4 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2023 was \$17.9 billion, down 8 percent from \$19.4 billion in 2022. Egg production totaled 110 billion eggs, down slightly from 110 billion eggs produced in 2022.

Poultry Value of Production – United States: 2022 and 2023

Year	Broilers ¹	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Eggs	Total
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2022	50,583,500	7,116,618	75,390	19,434,196	77,209,704
2023	42,565,744	6,566,760	61,984	17,859,735	67,054,223

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

² Value of sales.

Broiler Production and Value – States and United States: 2022

[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	Broilers	Production	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,204,700	6,746,300	5,734,355
Arkansas	1,051,400	7,359,800	6,255,830
Delaware	234,000	1,801,800	1,531,530
Florida	63,000	390,600	332,010
Georgia	1,308,400	7,850,400	6,672,840
Kentucky	254,400	1,679,000	1,427,150
Maryland	269,200	1,749,800	1,487,330
Minnesota	40,600	259,800	220,830
Mississippi	670,700	4,292,500	3,648,625
Missouri	318,300	1,750,700	1,488,095
North Carolina	976,200	8,102,500	6,887,125
Ohio	127,200	572,400	486,540
Oklahoma	215,300	1,507,100	1,281,035
Pennsylvania	224,300	1,278,500	1,086,725
South Carolina	235,600	1,814,100	1,541,985
Tennessee	190,700	1,144,200	972,570
Texas	723,300	4,918,400	4,180,640
Virginia	294,500	1,884,800	1,602,080
West Virginia	78,500	298,300	253,555
Wisconsin	57,100	228,400	194,140
Other States ¹	653,300	3,880,600	3,298,510
United States	9,190,700	59,510,000	50,583,500

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: 2023

[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	Broilers	Production	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,200,000	6,600,000	4,705,800
Arkansas	1,033,600	7,441,900	5,306,075
Delaware	245,300	1,888,800	1,346,714
Florida	62,900	396,300	282,562
Georgia	1,336,700	8,153,900	5,813,731
Kentucky	277,700	1,805,100	1,287,036
Maryland	278,000	1,751,400	1,248,748
Minnesota	61,400	393,000	280,209
Mississippi	660,000	4,422,000	3,152,886
Missouri	303,700	1,731,100	1,234,274
North Carolina	941,100	7,905,200	5,636,408
Ohio	127,400	573,300	408,763
Oklahoma	215,400	1,507,800	1,075,061
Pennsylvania	230,800	1,338,600	954,422
South Carolina	236,800	1,776,000	1,266,288
Tennessee	185,700	1,114,200	794,425
Texas	708,600	4,818,500	3,435,591
Virginia	274,500	1,811,700	1,291,742
West Virginia	83,500	325,700	232,224
Wisconsin	59,500	238,000	169,694
Other States ¹	632,400	3,707,000	2,643,091
United States	9,155,000	59,699,500	42,565,744

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

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2022

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. Dollar values based on data received from United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

State	Turkeys raised	Production	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	25,500	545,700	582,262
California	6,100	193,370	206,326
Indiana	19,500	772,200	823,937
Iowa	11,200	487,200	519,842
Michigan	5,200	219,440	234,142
Minnesota	37,500	978,750	1,044,326
Missouri	16,500	351,450	374,997
North Carolina	28,000	1,033,200	1,102,424
Ohio	6,200	279,000	297,693
Pennsylvania	7,800	214,500	228,872
South Dakota	2,500	112,000	119,504
Virginia	14,900	414,220	441,973
West Virginia	3,700	115,810	123,569
Other States ¹	25,400	952,906	1,016,751
United States	210,000	6,669,746	7,116,618

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

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2023

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. Dollar values based on data received from United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service]

State	Turkeys raised	Production	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	27,000	542,700	510,138
California	6,200	197,780	185,913
Indiana	20,000	834,000	783,960
Iowa	11,500	508,300	477,802
Michigan	5,200	219,960	206,762
Minnesota	38,500	1,054,900	991,606
Missouri	17,000	365,500	343,570
North Carolina	29,000	1,070,100	1,005,894
Ohio	6,500	291,200	273,728
Pennsylvania	8,000	222,400	209,056
South Dakota	3,300	142,230	133,696
Virginia	15,500	429,350	403,589
West Virginia	4,000	126,800	119,192
Other States ¹	26,300	980,696	921,854
United States	218,000	6,985,916	6,566,760

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

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2022

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

State	Chickens lost ¹	Sold for slaughter	Sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	4,525.9	13,092.3	107,225.9	11,473.2
Arkansas	5,041.5	18,502.0	136,544.8	13,381.4
California	9,010.8	2,026.1	7,841.0	164.7
Colorado	6,211.0	1,098.8	5,746.7	367.8
Georgia	6,192.2	17,283.4	123,576.3	11,863.3
Illinois	1,917.5	1,774.4	7,062.1	176.6
Indiana	19,606.3	8,556.2	31,230.1	312.3
Iowa	33,603.9	10,108.0	36,489.9	328.4
Kentucky	1,173.2	5,117.1	30,804.9	2,464.4
Louisiana	340.8	1,630.3	11,379.5	1,081.1
Maryland	1,697.8	493.0	1,967.1	51.1
Massachusetts	23.7	134.6	465.7	(Z)
Michigan	6,070.1	2,513.9	8,723.2	17.4
Minnesota	2,850.6	1,663.9	8,020.0	425.1
Mississippi	1,473.9	5,061.2	38,414.5	3,879.9
Missouri	8,155.6	6,518.4	36,046.8	2,523.3
Montana	785.0	10.8	37.4	(Z)
Nebraska	5,482.0	2,685.1	10,821.0	303.0
New York	608.2	2,694.8	9,431.8	28.3
North Carolina	4,246.4	15,646.5	111,559.5	10,709.7
Ohio	20,055.7	9,814.8	37,590.7	676.6
Oklahoma	593.2	2,297.6	17,025.2	1,685.5
Oregon	1,511.9	22.6	78.2	(Z)
Pennsylvania	9,161.5	9,062.9	36,795.4	1,030.3
South Carolina	1,992.8	2,136.4	14,869.3	1,382.8
South Dakota	857.1	181.4	624.0	0.6
Tennessee	699.9	2,010.0	15,758.4	1,654.6
Texas	3,715.5	16,040.9	82,931.5	5,141.8
Utah	3,023.4	1,880.2	6,505.5	6.5
Vermont	21.7	171.1	655.3	12.5
Virginia	1,334.2	2,055.1	16,708.0	1,771.0
Washington	4,561.1	42.6	155.5	(Z)
West Virginia	350.7	1,837.2	14,899.7	1,609.2
Wisconsin	3,823.2	2,115.3	9,455.4	397.1
Other States ²	10,259.5	4,648.1	18,572.6	468.2
United States	180,977.8	170,927.0	996,012.9	75,389.7

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

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2023

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

State	Chickens lost ¹	Sold for slaughter	Sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	4,672.0	13,954.5	113,589.6	9,541.5
Arkansas	4,307.1	18,910.4	136,154.9	10,211.6
California	9,630.7	2,027.7	8,698.8	261.0
Colorado	1,720.8	683.3	4,441.5	319.8
Georgia	7,181.3	18,149.1	132,669.9	10,082.9
Illinois	2,761.4	3,845.8	14,383.3	143.8
Indiana	17,058.4	9,333.1	34,252.5	308.3
Iowa	24,075.5	8,761.8	31,104.4	93.3
Kentucky	2,013.8	5,377.6	35,115.7	2,352.8
Louisiana	401.3	1,790.4	12,550.7	941.3
Maryland	264.6	1,021.1	4,084.4	73.5
Massachusetts	10.8	103.4	360.9	(Z)
Michigan	4,105.8	3,718.2	13,050.9	13.1
Minnesota	3,737.6	2,444.8	10,634.9	308.4
Mississippi	1,427.5	5,194.2	37,865.7	2,915.7
Missouri	8,617.3	7,608.8	40,098.4	2,004.9
Montana	741.6	10.8	37.7	(Z)
Nebraska	2,971.8	3,021.1	11,480.2	137.8
New York	760.4	2,542.4	8,949.2	17.9
North Carolina	4,536.0	15,715.3	113,778.8	8,647.2
Ohio	20,115.1	7,820.3	30,890.2	525.1
Oklahoma	602.9	2,508.1	19,287.3	1,543.0
Oregon	1,161.6	23.8	83.1	(Z)
Pennsylvania	3,499.0	7,299.1	31,824.1	954.7
South Carolina	1,935.7	2,422.5	16,109.6	1,111.6
South Dakota	1,914.9	201.0	691.4	0.7
Tennessee	709.0	2,836.1	22,660.4	1,858.2
Texas	4,304.9	16,272.9	86,409.1	4,320.5
Utah	1,855.4	2,055.2	7,193.2	7.2
Vermont	21.6	170.4	654.3	9.2
Virginia	1,273.7	2,193.1	17,479.0	1,433.3
Washington	4,383.3	155.1	538.2	(Z)
West Virginia	351.6	1,786.2	14,450.4	1,170.5
Wisconsin	2,086.0	2,641.1	11,251.1	315.0
Other States ²	9,167.7	5,159.7	20,270.9	359.4
United States	154,378.1	177,758.4	1,043,094.7	61,984.2

(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.

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All Eggs Production and Value – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

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

State	Egg production				Value of production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	2,601.9	2,574.6	216,824.3	214,549.8	544,210	611,627
Arkansas	4,151.6	3,865.1	345,966.6	322,091.8	912,606	843,153
California	3,915.9	3,202.7	326,324.8	266,891.4	879,013	752,961
Colorado	1,045.1	824.3	87,091.6	68,691.5	161,666	109,243
Georgia	5,191.5	5,190.2	432,624.8	432,516.6	958,085	987,876
Illinois	1,882.0	1,883.1	156,833.6	156,925.1	314,096	273,832
Indiana	10,796.6	10,640.9	899,716.9	886,741.4	1,794,261	1,537,039
Iowa	12,406.3	13,421.4	1,033,858.3	1,118,450.1	2,010,392	1,883,631
Kentucky	1,477.7	1,407.6	123,141.8	117,299.9	255,791	245,746
Louisiana	500.8	497.4	41,733.3	41,449.6	100,131	96,459
Maryland	604.3	774.4	50,358.7	64,533.2	94,300	104,325
Massachusetts	47.4	41.8	3,949.8	3,482.9	7,247	5,494
Michigan	5,068.8	4,965.4	422,399.8	413,783.6	835,310	707,278
Minnesota	2,627.0	2,363.7	218,916.9	196,974.9	437,610	349,046
Mississippi	1,451.8	1,403.6	120,983.0	116,966.9	289,256	306,909
Missouri	4,119.7	4,144.0	343,308.6	345,333.6	729,075	641,521
Montana	391.0	376.0	32,583.5	31,333.7	87,996	88,046
Nebraska	1,989.8	2,237.4	165,816.5	186,449.9	324,123	310,002
New York	1,774.6	1,754.3	147,883.4	146,191.6	275,005	233,664
North Carolina	4,066.5	4,167.2	338,875.3	347,266.8	753,086	797,069
Ohio	11,761.0	11,778.8	980,083.2	981,566.8	1,926,229	1,646,274
Oklahoma	569.2	552.9	47,433.4	46,074.9	120,490	116,998
Oregon	627.2	684.4	52,266.6	57,033.3	139,817	152,693
Pennsylvania	8,339.8	7,991.9	694,983.4	665,991.4	1,278,095	1,087,818
South Carolina	1,002.3	1,009.1	83,525.1	84,091.6	173,567	171,558
South Dakota	592.5	448.6	49,375.2	37,383.4	96,374	59,616
Tennessee	364.8	380.6	30,399.9	31,716.6	75,473	90,799
Texas	6,624.0	6,446.2	552,000.2	537,183.5	1,180,911	1,026,291
Utah	1,758.9	1,866.2	146,575.1	155,516.3	391,520	422,766
Vermont	55.5	55.2	4,625.2	4,600.3	8,656	7,432
Virginia	742.1	733.2	61,841.7	61,100.0	138,917	144,364
Washington	2,051.8	1,749.1	170,983.2	145,758.4	459,707	405,894
West Virginia	306.2	293.9	25,516.8	24,491.9	64,852	71,432
Wisconsin	1,894.4	2,399.0	157,866.6	199,916.7	314,631	329,617
Other States ¹	7,149.0	7,401.8	595,749.6	616,816.5	1,301,698	1,241,262
United States	109,949.0	109,526.0	9,162,416.7	9,127,165.9	19,434,196	17,859,735

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

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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