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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 <sup>1</sup>	Turkeys	Chickens <sup>2</sup>	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

<sup>1</sup> Excludes States which produced less than 500,000 broilers.

<sup>2</sup> 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 (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (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 <sup>1</sup> .....	653,300	3,880,600	3,298,510
United States .....	9,190,700	59,510,000	50,583,500

<sup>1</sup> 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 (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (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 <sup>1</sup> .....	632,400	3,707,000	2,643,091
United States .....	9,155,000	59,699,500	42,565,744

<sup>1</sup> 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 (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (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 <sup>1</sup> .....	25,400	952,906	1,016,751
United States .....	210,000	6,669,746	7,116,618

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> .....	26,300	980,696	921,854
United States .....	218,000	6,985,916	6,566,760

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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.

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## 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 (million eggs)	2023 (million eggs)	2022 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2023 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2022 (1,000 dollars)	2023 (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 <sup>1</sup> .....	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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Information Contacts

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