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Summary

Value of Production and Sales Up 8 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2012 was \$38.1 billion, up 8 percent from \$35.3 billion in 2011. Of the combined total, 65 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 14 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2012 was \$24.8 billion, up 8 percent from 2011. The total number of broilers produced in 2012 was 8.44 billion, down 2 percent from 2011. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2012 was 49.5 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2011.

The value of turkeys produced during 2012 was \$5.44 billion, up 10 percent from the \$4.96 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2012 totaled 7.55 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 7.27 billion pounds produced in 2011.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2012 was \$79.0 million, down 3 percent from \$81.1 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2012 totaled 178 million, down 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2012 was \$7.82 billion, up 7 percent from \$7.32 billion in 2011. Egg production totaled 92.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 91.9 billion eggs produced in 2011.

Poultry Value of Production – United States: 2011 and 2012

Year	Broilers ¹	Eggs	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Total
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2011	22,987,822	7,315,796	4,960,593	81,073	35,345,284
2012	24,764,850	7,823,140	5,441,171	78,971	38,108,132

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

² Value of sales.

Broiler Production and Value – States, Total, and 19 Weekly States: 2011

[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	1,021,100	5,820,300	2,671,518
Arkansas	1,027,300	5,855,600	2,687,720
Delaware	217,800	1,524,600	699,791
Florida	61,800	383,200	175,889
Georgia	1,375,200	7,426,100	3,408,580
Kentucky	310,000	1,705,000	782,595
Maryland	311,100	1,648,800	756,799
Minnesota	41,600	241,300	110,757
Mississippi	784,000	4,625,600	2,123,150
Missouri	285,200	1,369,000	628,371
North Carolina	786,900	5,587,000	2,564,433
Ohio	59,600	375,500	172,355
Oklahoma	214,700	1,588,800	729,259
Pennsylvania	155,600	871,400	399,973
South Carolina	223,400	1,541,500	707,549
Tennessee	190,300	989,600	454,226
Texas	630,500	3,656,900	1,678,517
Virginia	243,800	1,292,100	593,074
West Virginia	85,400	341,600	156,794
Wisconsin	46,500	195,300	89,643
Other States ¹	535,800	3,043,200	1,396,829
Total	8,607,600	50,082,400	22,987,822
19 Weekly States ²	8,336,100	48,664,100	22,336,822

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

² States in the 19 weekly estimating program include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Broiler Production and Value – States, Total, and 19 Weekly States: 2012

[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	1,003,600	5,620,200	2,810,100
Arkansas	977,100	5,764,900	2,882,450
Delaware	212,000	1,505,200	752,600
Florida	59,500	357,000	178,500
Georgia	1,361,700	7,625,500	3,812,750
Kentucky	309,500	1,733,200	866,600
Maryland	304,000	1,611,200	805,600
Minnesota	45,500	263,900	131,950
Mississippi	751,300	4,507,800	2,253,900
Missouri	271,600	1,303,700	651,850
North Carolina	799,700	5,677,900	2,838,950
Ohio	63,200	379,200	189,600
Oklahoma	211,800	1,419,100	709,550
Pennsylvania	154,500	865,200	432,600
South Carolina	222,800	1,537,300	768,650
Tennessee	167,600	871,500	435,750
Texas	602,500	3,494,500	1,747,250
Virginia	240,500	1,298,700	649,350
West Virginia	94,000	376,000	188,000
Wisconsin	51,700	217,100	108,550
Other States ¹	533,800	3,100,600	1,550,300
Total	8,437,900	49,529,700	24,764,850
19 Weekly States ²	8,149,100	47,971,300	23,985,650

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

² States in the 19 weekly estimating program include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2011

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011. Excludes young turkeys lost]

State	Number raised	Pounds produced	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	30,500	606,950	413,940
California	15,000	421,500	287,463
Indiana	16,000	577,600	393,923
Minnesota	46,500	1,162,500	792,825
Missouri	17,500	565,250	385,501
North Carolina	32,000	1,030,400	702,733
Ohio	5,000	201,000	137,082
Pennsylvania	7,500	175,500	119,691
South Carolina	11,500	480,700	327,837
South Dakota	4,400	185,680	126,634
Utah	4,300	105,350	71,849
Virginia	17,500	460,250	313,891
West Virginia	3,300	92,400	63,017
Other States ¹	37,500	1,208,515	824,207
United States	248,500	7,273,595	4,960,593

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

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2012

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012. Excludes young turkeys lost]

State	Number raised	Pounds produced	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	29,000	577,100	416,089
California	15,500	430,900	310,679
Indiana	16,500	605,550	436,602
Minnesota	46,000	1,163,800	839,100
Missouri	17,500	575,750	415,116
North Carolina	36,000	1,177,200	848,761
Ohio	5,500	219,450	158,223
Pennsylvania	7,000	166,600	120,119
South Carolina	12,000	498,000	359,058
South Dakota	4,600	194,120	139,961
Utah	4,100	102,500	73,903
Virginia	17,000	448,800	323,585
West Virginia	3,300	95,700	69,000
Other States ¹	39,500	1,291,225	930,975
United States	253,500	7,546,695	5,441,171

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: 2011

[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	3,431	11,490	89,622	11,830
Arkansas	4,826	14,179	106,343	13,718
California	5,194	6,847	21,910	22
Colorado	1,138	2,027	8,513	426
Connecticut	1,826	66	304	21
Florida	3,292	4,079	15,500	543
Georgia	5,114	15,806	105,900	12,496
Illinois	765	1,998	7,193	158
Indiana	3,882	13,061	43,101	388
Iowa	27,926	8,109	26,760	107
Kentucky	2,250	2,484	19,375	2,577
Louisiana	301	1,166	9,095	1,210
Maine	505	1,009	3,229	3
Maryland	629	1,399	5,316	170
Massachusetts	7	85	272	(Z)
Michigan	1,115	5,235	16,752	17
Minnesota	2,728	5,350	19,260	462
Mississippi	1,729	6,947	49,324	6,166
Missouri	971	5,219	25,573	1,995
Montana	186	88	282	(Z)
Nebraska	1,282	6,332	20,262	20
New York	376	3,632	11,622	23
North Carolina	4,305	12,933	89,238	10,798
Ohio	9,211	9,469	31,248	250
Oklahoma	829	3,257	23,776	2,996
Oregon	1,258	305	1,007	11
Pennsylvania	2,230	13,682	47,887	814
South Carolina	883	3,404	22,126	2,522
South Dakota	946	584	1,869	2
Tennessee	465	1,984	15,475	2,058
Texas	9,214	7,585	47,027	5,079
Utah	340	1,883	6,026	6
Vermont	19	181	652	17
Virginia	669	2,947	19,156	2,184
Washington	4,202	31	99	(Z)
West Virginia	234	1,440	11,088	1,464
Wisconsin	1,611	1,507	6,329	335
Wyoming	1	7	22	(Z)
Other States ²	1,757	3,778	12,882	185
United States	107,647	181,585	941,415	81,073

(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, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Pounds Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2012

[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	2,748	11,314	85,986	11,952
Arkansas	4,095	12,924	95,638	12,911
California	6,554	4,600	14,720	15
Colorado	1,015	2,135	9,608	663
Connecticut	1,801	64	288	20
Florida	3,249	3,560	13,172	435
Georgia	4,394	14,200	96,560	12,263
Illinois	667	2,067	7,235	130
Indiana	5,065	11,300	37,290	410
Iowa	26,710	10,609	33,949	136
Kentucky	2,235	2,384	17,642	2,399
Louisiana	391	1,454	9,596	1,180
Maine	508	1,279	4,093	4
Maryland	207	759	2,884	110
Massachusetts	5	92	294	(Z)
Michigan	1,112	4,716	15,091	15
Minnesota	2,632	4,981	17,932	466
Mississippi	1,331	6,751	46,582	6,009
Missouri	998	5,839	26,859	2,014
Montana	241	45	144	(Z)
Nebraska	1,110	5,973	19,114	19
New York	384	3,274	10,477	21
North Carolina	3,072	12,587	85,592	10,870
Ohio	9,121	11,026	36,386	364
Oklahoma	758	2,675	18,993	2,526
Oregon	1,410	548	1,808	14
Pennsylvania	2,304	13,617	46,298	741
South Carolina	1,691	2,748	19,236	2,501
South Dakota	962	749	2,472	2
Tennessee	405	1,743	13,421	1,866
Texas	5,372	10,677	54,453	4,955
Utah	520	1,869	5,981	6
Vermont	27	130	507	22
Virginia	835	2,265	15,629	2,001
Washington	4,177	84	260	(Z)
West Virginia	181	1,373	10,435	1,450
Wisconsin	1,787	1,337	5,749	345
Wyoming	1	7	22	(Z)
Other States ²	1,823	4,558	15,118	136
United States	101,898	178,313	897,514	78,971

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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All Eggs Production and Value – States and United States: 2011 and 2012

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Includes hatching and market (table) eggs. Totals may not add due to rounding]

State	Eggs produced		Value of production	
	2011 (million eggs)	2012 (million eggs)	2011 (1,000 dollars)	2012 (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	2,115	2,139	322,651	351,929
Arkansas	2,951	3,011	406,514	438,769
California	5,287	5,451	387,265	393,245
Colorado	1,163	1,297	85,801	96,215
Connecticut	638	651	41,948	46,490
Florida	2,666	2,514	177,861	183,166
Georgia	4,289	4,303	488,812	532,387
Illinois	1,260	1,217	82,016	86,158
Indiana	6,508	6,804	420,434	473,931
Iowa	14,467	14,499	923,278	990,487
Kentucky	1,111	1,037	115,438	116,078
Louisiana	508	533	55,356	58,699
Maine	1,003	998	64,544	69,041
Maryland	569	647	38,008	46,665
Massachusetts	36	36	2,321	2,498
Michigan	3,005	3,460	189,442	229,689
Minnesota	2,827	2,830	185,335	200,705
Mississippi	1,407	1,381	195,053	208,645
Missouri	2,054	1,968	171,872	171,113
Montana	119	119	8,682	8,553
Nebraska	2,697	2,723	169,837	180,755
New York	1,256	1,312	82,740	93,713
North Carolina	3,220	3,086	375,573	392,458
Ohio	7,607	7,685	486,185	523,067
Oklahoma	745	741	88,168	90,477
Oregon	676	694	52,462	54,039
Pennsylvania	7,306	7,139	490,511	525,166
South Carolina	1,153	1,129	101,561	109,365
South Dakota	698	666	44,110	44,493
Tennessee	363	311	59,717	55,725
Texas	4,909	5,098	421,982	439,020
Utah	968	1,005	70,840	72,537
Vermont	60	60	4,384	4,855
Virginia	716	696	88,362	91,440
Washington	1,924	1,905	140,429	137,149
West Virginia	237	224	39,398	40,760
Wisconsin	1,277	1,372	85,397	101,214
Wyoming	2.4	2.4	175	172
Other States ¹	2,065	2,153	151,334	162,272
United States	91,861	92,894	7,315,796	7,823,140

¹ Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing 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 field offices 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 a sample of all known 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.

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Reliability: All chicken 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, and broiler hatcheries which hatch over one million chicks annually. Since all known turkey grow-out operations are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. 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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