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Special Note

Beginning with this publication, at the request of industry, egg production is also reported in dozen eggs. Please contact the Livestock Branch at (202) 720-3570 or email at HQ_SD_LB@nass.usda.gov with any questions or concerns.

Summary

The total value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2015 was \$48.0 billion, down 1 percent from \$48.4 billion in 2014. Of the combined total, 60 percent was from broilers, 28 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2015 was \$28.7 billion, down 12 percent from 2014. The total number of broilers produced in 2015 was 8.69 billion, up 2 percent from 2014. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2015 was 53.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2014.

The value of turkeys produced during 2015 was \$5.71 billion, up 8 percent from the \$5.30 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2015 was 233 million, down 2 percent from 2014. Turkey production in 2015 totaled 7.04 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 7.22 billion pounds produced in 2014.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2015 was \$101 million, up 5 percent from \$96.2 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2015 totaled 194 million, up 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2015 was \$13.5 billion, up 32 percent from \$10.3 billion in 2014. Egg production totaled 96.4 billion eggs, down 4 percent from 101 billion eggs produced in 2014.

Poultry Value of Production – United States: 2014 and 2015

Year	Broilers ¹	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Eggs	Total
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2014	32,728,234	5,304,501	96,151	10,257,972	48,386,858
2015	28,709,834	5,707,871	100,899	13,499,904	48,018,508

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

² Value of sales.

Broiler Production and Value – States, 19 States, and United States Total: 2014

[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	1,061,500	6,050,600	3,854,232
Arkansas	970,100	6,014,600	3,831,300
Delaware	244,100	1,733,100	1,103,985
Florida	66,700	386,900	246,455
Georgia	1,324,200	7,547,900	4,808,012
Kentucky	308,000	1,724,800	1,098,698
Maryland	287,900	1,554,700	990,344
Minnesota	46,800	280,800	178,870
Mississippi	727,200	4,508,600	2,871,978
Missouri	288,500	1,384,800	882,118
North Carolina	795,200	6,043,500	3,849,710
Ohio	75,600	430,900	274,483
Oklahoma	205,800	1,337,700	852,115
Pennsylvania	181,300	997,200	635,216
South Carolina	232,500	1,650,800	1,051,560
Tennessee	180,600	939,100	598,207
Texas	591,800	3,550,800	2,261,860
Virginia	262,000	1,441,000	917,917
West Virginia	95,300	371,700	236,773
Wisconsin	53,400	224,300	142,879
Other States ¹	546,500	3,204,900	2,041,522
United States	8,545,000	51,378,700	32,728,234

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

Broiler Production and Value – States, 19 States, and United States Total: 2015

[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	1,082,900	6,172,500	3,320,805
Arkansas	962,000	6,156,800	3,312,358
Delaware	244,300	1,759,000	946,342
Florida	65,100	377,600	203,149
Georgia	1,339,600	7,903,600	4,252,137
Kentucky	307,700	1,784,700	960,169
Maryland	303,500	1,730,000	930,740
Minnesota	46,400	278,400	149,779
Mississippi	722,500	4,551,800	2,448,868
Missouri	294,600	1,414,100	760,786
North Carolina	822,700	6,417,100	3,452,400
Ohio	80,400	450,200	242,208
Oklahoma	217,000	1,432,200	770,524
Pennsylvania	190,400	1,066,200	573,616
South Carolina	242,600	1,746,700	939,725
Tennessee	185,200	981,600	528,101
Texas	608,700	3,773,900	2,030,358
Virginia	262,800	1,471,700	791,775
West Virginia	93,700	356,100	191,582
Wisconsin	53,900	226,400	121,803
Other States ¹	560,600	3,313,400	1,782,609
United States	8,686,600	53,364,000	28,709,834

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: 2014

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014]

State	Number raised (1,000 head)	Pounds produced (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	30,000	612,000	449,820
California	11,000	310,200	227,997
Indiana	19,000	754,300	554,411
Iowa	10,500	435,750	320,276
Michigan	5,100	205,530	151,065
Minnesota	45,500	1,178,450	866,161
Missouri	17,000	545,700	401,090
North Carolina	28,500	997,500	733,163
Ohio	5,100	209,100	153,689
Pennsylvania	6,900	173,190	127,295
South Dakota	4,500	187,650	137,923
Utah	4,000	96,800	71,148
Virginia	16,800	443,520	325,987
West Virginia	3,100	81,840	60,152
Other States ¹	30,500	985,476	724,324
United States	237,500	7,217,006	5,304,501

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

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2015

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2015]

State	Number raised	Pounds produced	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	27,500	561,000	454,971
California	11,500	338,100	274,199
Indiana	19,300	752,700	610,440
Iowa	9,100	353,990	287,086
Michigan	5,200	204,880	166,158
Minnesota	41,000	988,100	801,349
Missouri	19,000	600,400	486,924
North Carolina	31,000	1,091,200	884,963
Ohio	5,200	209,040	169,531
Pennsylvania	6,500	163,150	132,315
South Dakota	4,300	181,460	147,164
Utah	3,600	91,440	74,158
Virginia	17,000	460,700	373,628
West Virginia	3,000	90,600	73,477
Other States ¹	29,900	951,305	771,508
United States	233,100	7,038,065	5,707,871

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: 2014

[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	2,739	10,736	82,667	13,475
Arkansas	3,916	13,389	100,418	15,966
California	6,461	4,196	13,847	208
Colorado	484	3,536	14,144	834
Florida	3,378	1,964	7,463	343
Georgia	4,641	15,191	106,337	16,057
Illinois	722	2,410	8,194	197
Indiana	7,803	11,796	38,927	506
Iowa	25,766	15,484	49,549	149
Kentucky	1,591	4,278	25,668	3,363
Louisiana	340	2,014	12,688	1,738
Maryland	234	892	3,300	129
Massachusetts	7	97	310	(Z)
Michigan	2,232	6,206	19,859	20
Minnesota	1,952	7,457	25,354	482
Mississippi	1,410	6,062	44,253	6,859
Missouri	1,428	8,243	39,566	3,759
Montana	323	55	176	(Z)
Nebraska	1,054	5,624	17,997	18
New York	708	3,801	12,163	36
North Carolina	2,900	12,524	83,911	12,251
Ohio	11,624	8,733	29,692	475
Oklahoma	709	2,176	16,538	2,663
Oregon	1,045	207	642	1
Pennsylvania	2,794	10,438	36,533	950
South Carolina	1,337	2,626	16,281	2,214
South Dakota	760	1,142	3,654	4
Tennessee	424	1,987	15,300	2,479
Texas	4,138	12,091	59,246	5,747
Utah	1,208	1,593	5,098	5
Vermont	18	92	405	31
Virginia	890	2,268	16,103	2,448
Washington	5,505	146	496	9
West Virginia	284	1,599	12,632	2,072
Wisconsin	378	3,495	12,932	504
Other States ²	4,415	6,035	19,793	159
United States	105,618	190,583	952,136	96,151

(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: 2015

[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	2,696	11,466	88,288	14,568
Arkansas	3,372	14,387	105,025	16,699
California	6,446	5,033	16,106	48
Colorado	673	3,025	12,705	826
Florida	5,345	352	2,605	417
Georgia	6,037	16,296	109,183	16,159
Illinois	978	2,514	9,050	244
Indiana	8,676	12,442	42,303	550
Iowa	43,125	11,293	37,267	149
Kentucky	807	4,089	24,125	3,136
Louisiana	342	2,120	13,356	1,843
Maryland	226	1,301	4,684	150
Massachusetts	8	95	304	(Z)
Michigan	1,104	9,305	30,707	31
Minnesota	4,980	5,923	20,731	518
Mississippi	1,419	5,583	40,756	6,480
Missouri	1,322	8,023	36,906	3,174
Montana	323	54	173	(Z)
Nebraska	4,222	4,094	13,101	13
New York	631	3,282	10,502	21
North Carolina	3,225	13,578	93,688	14,241
Ohio	11,874	10,345	35,173	457
Oklahoma	711	2,653	20,428	3,371
Oregon	748	819	2,621	3
Pennsylvania	2,394	10,452	38,672	1,470
South Carolina	1,549	2,743	16,732	2,242
South Dakota	1,517	336	1,075	1
Tennessee	349	1,904	14,851	2,495
Texas	2,983	12,783	62,637	6,138
Utah	863	2,484	7,949	8
Vermont	17	108	486	39
Virginia	611	2,440	16,836	2,576
Washington	3,484	300	960	1
West Virginia	263	1,568	12,387	2,093
Wisconsin	1,651	4,205	15,559	529
Other States ²	4,505	6,125	20,681	209
United States	129,476	193,520	978,612	100,899

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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All Eggs Production and Value – States and United States: 2014 and 2015

[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	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	2,126	2,185	177,150	182,084	396,045	404,148
Arkansas	3,057	3,277	254,601	273,000	490,121	572,613
California	4,589	3,306	382,230	275,233	422,607	528,471
Colorado	1,449	1,325	120,359	110,235	130,350	177,461
Florida	2,390	2,463	198,900	205,258	219,087	315,615
Georgia	4,729	4,832	393,990	402,601	666,920	763,068
Illinois	1,409	1,359	117,207	113,034	124,361	181,327
Indiana	7,762	8,005	646,836	667,060	676,030	1,066,202
Iowa	16,449	12,463	1,370,767	1,038,552	1,404,761	1,533,821
Kentucky	1,219	1,280	101,533	106,617	154,883	191,743
Louisiana	541	561	44,846	46,737	72,790	89,256
Maryland	785	772	65,559	64,443	70,726	98,876
Massachusetts	44	47	3,427	3,726	3,842	5,921
Michigan	3,866	3,846	321,906	320,389	325,518	495,170
Minnesota	3,071	2,876	255,924	239,572	266,139	366,883
Mississippi	1,354	1,407	112,709	117,125	235,306	248,452
Missouri	3,019	3,058	251,608	254,700	302,887	421,590
Montana	143	142	11,750	11,839	12,965	22,477
Nebraska	2,860	2,291	238,366	190,893	240,640	281,171
New York	1,493	1,527	124,265	126,934	133,207	194,339
North Carolina	3,381	3,661	281,484	304,942	501,063	588,679
Ohio	9,059	9,316	754,758	776,265	772,430	1,211,830
Oklahoma	713	702	59,233	58,258	102,284	115,393
Oregon	727	732	60,600	60,928	65,778	116,161
Pennsylvania	7,595	7,751	632,907	645,876	717,181	1,004,626
South Carolina	1,117	1,166	92,908	96,959	130,092	167,836
South Dakota	752	603	62,658	50,375	63,348	73,589
Tennessee	341	347	28,592	29,094	67,998	66,755
Texas	5,109	5,118	425,607	426,332	525,954	720,036
Utah	1,187	1,252	98,809	104,350	107,255	199,439
Vermont	36	36	3,574	3,201	4,274	5,258
Virginia	766	752	63,873	62,665	114,471	122,456
Washington	1,953	2,095	162,663	174,577	177,074	331,824
West Virginia	270	274	22,896	23,268	55,887	53,872
Wisconsin	1,449	1,405	120,710	117,193	129,992	187,368
Other States ¹	4,069	4,205	338,954	349,287	373,706	576,178
United States	100,879	96,437	8,404,159	8,033,602	10,257,972	13,499,904

¹ 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.

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.

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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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