

COMMERCIAL BROILERS
Production in 22 States - 1959

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The preliminary estimate of commercial broiler production during 1959 in 22 important producing States covered by weekly chick placement reports totaled 1,566,256,000 birds--up 4 percent from the number produced in 1958 and the largest number of record for these States. Of the 22 States 9 produced fewer broilers than in 1958, but increases in the other States and particularly the sharp increases in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas resulted in an over-all increase of about 66 million birds. These 22 States produced 90 percent of the Nation's broilers in 1958.

Georgia, the leading State, produced 303,031,000 birds in 1959, followed by Arkansas with 163,997,000, Alabama with 154,221,000, North Carolina with 137,400,000, Texas with 109,058,000, and Mississippi with 107,469,000.

The average price received for the 1959 production was 15.9 cents per pound live weight--2.4 cents per pound less than the average price received per pound in 1958. Primarily because of the lower price received for birds produced in 1959, the gross income from production in 1959 was 8 percent less than the gross income from production in 1958. Gross income from the production of broilers in the 22 States totaled \$821,931,000, compared with \$890,974,000 in 1958. The average weight per bird produced averaged 3.3 pounds in 1959, compared with 3.2 pounds in 1958.

COMMERCIAL BROILER PRODUCTION AND GROSS INCOME IN 22 STATES, 1958-59 1/									
State	1958				1959 2/				
and	Number	Pounds	Price	Gross	Number	Pounds	Price	Gross	
total	produced	produced	per lb.	income 3/	produced	produced	per lb.	income 3/	
	Thou.	Thou.	Cents	dollars	Thou.	Thou.	Cents	dollars	
Maine	56,475	214,605	19.4	41,633	57,604	218,895	17.4	38,088	
Conn.	30,356	103,210	19.8	20,436	26,410	87,153	17.4	15,165	
Pa.	42,349	148,222	20.4	30,237	38,543	138,755	19.3	26,780	
Ind.	44,912	152,701	18.8	28,708	39,523	134,378	16.0	21,500	
Ill.	8,419	26,941	18.3	4,930	7,064	22,605	15.9	3,594	
Mo.	33,900	105,090	17.8	18,706	37,465	119,888	15.0	17,983	
Del.	94,250	329,875	19.0	62,676	84,825	296,888	17.0	50,471	
Md.	86,209	293,111	19.0	55,691	92,244	322,854	17.0	54,885	
Va.	63,495	196,834	18.3	36,021	53,971	167,310	16.1	26,937	
W.Va.	27,252	89,932	18.8	16,907	27,797	91,730	16.9	15,502	
N.C.	134,600	444,180	17.6	78,176	137,400	453,420	15.2	68,920	
S.C.	17,561	57,951	18.0	10,431	17,100	56,430	15.5	8,747	
Ga.	292,119	934,781	17.6	164,521	303,031	1,000,002	15.3	153,000	
Fla.	11,319	35,089	18.3	6,421	10,413	33,322	16.1	5,365	
Ala.	131,640	421,248	17.6	74,140	154,221	508,929	15.1	76,848	
Miss.	85,424	264,814	17.7	46,872	107,469	333,154	15.2	50,639	
Ark.	133,331	399,993	17.6	70,399	163,997	508,391	15.0	76,259	
Ia.	20,479	63,485	18.0	11,427	21,437	68,598	15.5	10,633	
Texas	114,855	344,565	18.5	63,745	109,058	338,080	15.5	52,402	
Wash.	14,939	50,793	20.7	10,514	15,985	52,750	18.6	9,812	
Oreg.	8,340	26,688	19.6	5,231	10,946	36,122	17.8	6,430	
Calif.	47,839	157,869	21.0	33,152	49,753	169,160	18.9	31,971	
Total	1,500,063	4,861,977	18.3	890,974	1,566,256	5,158,814	15.9	821,931	

1/ States having weekly chick placement reports. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes consumption in households of producers which is less than 1 percent of total production.