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COMMERCIAL BROILERS

Production in 22 States 1958

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The preliminary estimate of commercial broiler production during 1958 in 22 important States covered by weekly chick placement reports totaled 1,496,864,000 birds--up 15 percent from the number produced in 1957 and the largest number of record for these States. These 22 States produced 90 percent of the Nation's broilers in 1957.

Georgia, the leading State, produced 292,119,000 birds in 1958 followed by North Carolina with 134,185,000, Arkansas with 133,331,000, Alabama with 130,024,000 and Texas with 114,327,000.

The average price received for the 1958 production was 18.3 cents per pound live weight--0.5 of a cent less than the average price received per pound in 1957. Because of the large number of birds produced in 1958, the gross income from sales in 1958 was 14 percent larger than the gross income received from sales in 1957. Gross income from the sales of broilers in the 22 States totaled \$890,245,000, compared with \$784,099,000 in 1957. The average weight per bird sold averaged 3.2 pounds in 1958--the same as in 1957.

COMMERCIAL BROILER PRODUCTION AND GROSS INCOME IN 22 STATES, 1957-1958 1/

State and total	1957				1958 2/			
	Number produced	Pounds produced	Price per lb.	Gross income 3/	Number produced	Pounds produced	Price per lb.	Gross income 3/
	Thou.	Thou.	Cents	dollars	Thou.	Thou.	Cents	dollars
Maine	50,424	191,611	19.5	37,364	56,475	208,958	19.4	40,538
Conn.	28,370	99,295	20.4	20,256	30,356	106,246	19.8	21,037
Pa.	35,291	123,518	20.5	25,321	42,349	143,987	20.4	29,373
Ind.	42,370	139,821	19.2	26,846	44,912	152,701	18.8	28,708
Ill.	8,337	26,678	18.7	4,989	8,224	25,494	18.3	4,665
Mo.	28,200	84,600	18.1	15,313	33,900	105,090	17.8	18,706
Del.	93,537	318,026	19.4	61,697	94,250	329,875	19.0	62,676
Md.	74,288	252,579	19.4	49,000	86,209	293,111	19.0	55,691
Va.	61,646	191,103	18.5	35,354	62,879	207,501	18.3	37,973
W.Va.	25,233	83,269	19.1	15,904	27,252	89,932	18.8	16,907
N.C.	106,352	329,691	17.9	59,015	134,185	442,810	17.6	77,935
S.C.	15,690	50,208	18.5	9,288	17,561	57,951	18.0	10,431
Ga.	261,000	835,200	18.0	150,336	292,119	934,781	17.6	164,521
Fla.	10,884	33,740	19.3	6,512	11,319	35,089	18.3	6,421
Ala.	103,875	332,400	18.0	59,832	130,024	429,079	17.6	75,518
Miss.	66,597	206,451	18.3	37,781	85,424	264,814	17.7	46,872
Ark.	110,191	319,554	18.2	58,159	133,331	386,660	17.6	68,052
La.	17,428	52,284	18.8	9,829	20,650	66,080	17.5	11,564
Texas	100,826	302,478	18.9	57,168	114,327	342,981	18.5	63,451
Wash.	11,671	39,681	22.0	8,730	14,939	52,286	20.7	10,823
Oreg.	7,697	24,630	21.7	5,345	8,340	26,688	19.6	5,231
Calif.	43,490	139,168	21.6	30,060	47,839	157,869	21.0	33,152
Total	1,303,397	4,175,985	18.8	784,099	1,496,864	4,859,983	18.3	890,245

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.