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Production and Value by States, 1997-98

Value of Production and Sales Up 3 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 1998, was \$22.2 billion, up 3 percent from the \$21.7 billion in 1997. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 20 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens.

Value of Broiler Production Up 7 Percent

The value of broilers produced during 1998 was \$15.1 billion, up 7 percent from the \$14.2 billion in 1997. The total number of broilers produced in 1998 was 7.93 billion, up 2 percent from 1997. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 1998 was 38.6 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 1997. The 1998 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 39.3 cents per pound, compared to 37.7 cents per pound in 1997.

Value of Egg Production Down 4 Percent

Value of egg production in 1998 was \$4.35 billion, down 4 percent from the \$4.54 billion in 1997. Egg production totaled 79.7 billion eggs, up 3 percent from the 77.5 billion eggs produced in 1997. In 1998, eggs averaged 65.5 cents per dozen, compared with 70.3 cents in 1997.

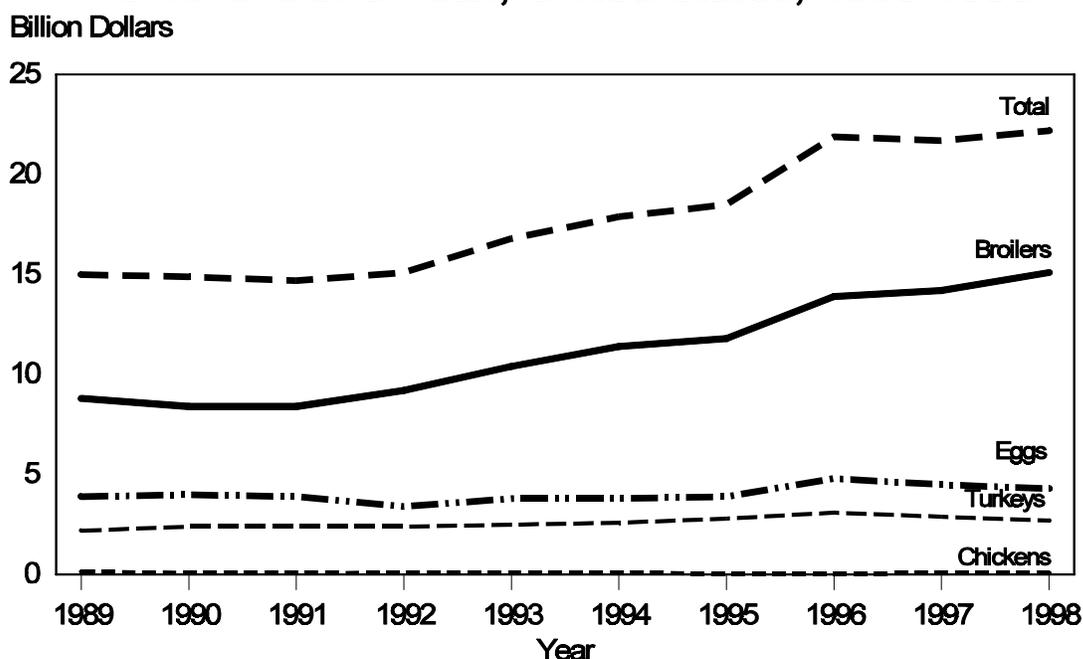
Value of Turkey Production Down 8 Percent

The value of turkeys produced during 1998 was \$2.66 billion, down 8 percent from the \$2.88 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 1998 totaled 7.00 billion pounds live weight, compared with 7.23 billion pounds in 1997. The average price received by producers during 1998 was 38.0 cents per pound, compared with 39.9 cents in 1997.

Value of Sales of Chicken Up 6 Percent

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 1998 was \$75.5 million, up 6 percent from the \$71.5 million a year ago. Prices averaged 8.0 cents per pound, compared with 7.7 cents in 1997. The number of chickens sold in 1998 totaled 194 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of Production: Broilers, Eggs, Turkeys, Chickens and Total, United States, 1989-1998



Value of Production: Broilers, Eggs, Turkeys, Chickens, and Total, United States, 1989-98

Year	Broilers ¹	Eggs	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Total
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
1989	8,777,915	3,876,822	2,235,145	142,409	15,032,291
1990	8,365,704	4,021,355	2,393,375	94,392	14,874,826
1991	8,383,046	3,914,659	2,352,986	72,199	14,722,890
1992	9,174,136	3,397,462	2,396,364	89,105	15,057,067
1993	10,416,962	3,800,237	2,509,127	96,409	16,822,735
1994	11,371,723	3,789,834	2,643,057	73,050	17,877,664
1995	11,762,222	3,892,912	2,769,397	60,153	18,484,684
1996	13,903,479	4,776,252	3,124,496	59,187	21,863,414
1997	14,158,926	4,539,929	2,884,377	71,461	21,654,693
1998	15,144,551	4,349,521	2,661,706	75,542	22,231,320

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

² Value of sales.

**Eggs: Production, Price, and Value
by State and United States, 1997-98 ¹**

State	Eggs Produced		Price per Dozen ²		Value of Production	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	2,499	2,518	1.060	1.030	220,745	216,128
AR	3,215	3,233	1.030	0.978	275,954	263,490
CA	6,663	6,608	0.621	0.561	344,810	308,924
CO	857	945	0.720	0.671	51,420	52,841
CT	917	839	0.598	0.589	45,697	41,181
DE	112	92	1.150	1.380	10,733	10,580
FL	2,499	2,528	0.594	0.535	123,701	112,707
GA	4,867	5,126	0.885	0.880	358,941	375,907
HI	172	156	0.906	0.871	12,986	11,323
ID	236	248	0.707	0.696	13,904	14,384
IL	841	838	0.622	0.618	43,592	43,157
IN	5,652	5,831	0.637	0.588	300,027	285,709
IA	5,527	5,969	0.526	0.452	242,267	224,832
KS	323	392	0.566	0.468	15,225	15,269
KY	710	863	0.744	0.725	44,020	52,140
LA	460	475	0.908	0.848	34,807	33,567
ME	1,434	1,373	0.694	0.630	82,933	72,083
MD	882	867	0.732	0.697	53,802	50,358
MA	156	139	0.610	0.642	7,930	7,431
MI	1,327	1,395	0.560	0.500	61,927	58,104
MN	2,957	3,152	0.559	0.480	137,747	126,080
MS	1,547	1,578	1.130	1.210	145,676	159,115
MO	1,719	1,732	0.592	0.530	84,804	76,497
MT	88	84	0.570	0.550	4,180	3,850
NE	2,469	2,706	0.520	0.430	106,990	96,965
NH	46	42	0.825	0.750	3,163	2,613
NJ	463	488	0.623	0.570	24,037	23,180
NM	302	299	0.593	0.550	14,924	13,704
NY	931	986	0.666	0.620	51,671	50,943
NC	2,794	2,555	0.875	0.890	203,729	189,496
ND	49	60	0.530	0.450	2,164	2,250
OH	6,976	7,395	0.614	0.570	356,939	351,263
OK	901	927	0.873	0.780	65,548	60,255
OR	783	758	0.644	0.590	42,021	37,268
PA	5,900	5,983	0.653	0.610	321,058	304,136
RI	24	22	0.589	0.639	1,178	1,172
SC	1,228	1,189	0.768	0.696	78,592	68,962
SD	542	618	0.500	0.430	22,583	22,145
TN	255	299	0.931	0.926	19,784	23,073
TX	4,186	4,257	0.768	0.715	267,904	253,646
UT	483	478	0.576	0.520	23,184	20,713
VT	56	55	0.608	0.628	2,827	2,852
VA	806	860	0.951	0.933	63,876	66,865
WA	1,379	1,394	0.653	0.594	75,024	69,023
WV	245	241	1.210	1.250	24,704	25,104
WI	998	1,031	0.564	0.514	46,906	44,161
WY	3.5	3.6	0.630	0.570	184	171
Oth St ³	61	86	0.610	0.545	3,111	3,904
US ⁴	77,532	79,717	0.703	0.655	4,539,929	4,349,521

¹ Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec 1, previous year through Nov 30.

² Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.

³ AK, AZ and NV combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

⁴ States may not add to U.S. total due to rounding.

**Broilers: Production, Price, and Value
by State and Total, 1997^{1 2}**

State	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price per Pound ³	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	906,200	4,349,800	0.380	1,652,924
AR	1,164,600	5,590,100	0.375	2,096,288
CA	237,300	1,210,200	0.390	471,978
DE	256,900	1,413,000	0.375	529,875
FL	132,400	595,800	0.385	229,383
GA	1,182,800	5,914,000	0.385	2,276,890
HI	1,000	4,400	0.520	2,288
KY	110,600	497,700	0.370	184,149
MD	295,300	1,417,400	0.375	531,525
MI	640	2,900	0.365	1,059
MN	46,300	240,800	0.375	90,300
MS	720,300	3,313,400	0.370	1,225,958
MO	250,000	1,075,000	0.375	403,125
NE	1,600	8,200	0.375	3,075
NY	1,400	7,000	0.390	2,730
NC	665,000	3,657,500	0.375	1,371,563
OH	45,800	229,000	0.365	83,585
OK	197,400	868,600	0.375	325,725
OR	21,700	108,500	0.385	41,773
PA	135,200	689,500	0.375	258,563
SC	182,800	829,900	0.385	319,512
TN	138,600	623,700	0.380	237,006
TX	455,100	2,093,500	0.370	774,595
VA	259,400	1,219,200	0.365	445,008
WA	38,800	194,000	0.385	74,690
WV	90,800	381,400	0.365	139,211
WI	32,900	157,900	0.375	59,213
Oth Sts ⁴	193,360	848,350	0.385	326,935
Total ⁵	7,764,200	37,540,750	0.377	14,158,926
15 Weekly Sts ⁶	6,822,700	33,298,400	0.377	12,560,279

¹ December 1, 1996, through November 30, 1997.

² Broiler production including other domestic meat-type breeds.

³ Liveweight equivalent prices, derived from ready-to-cook (RTC) prices using the following formulas: RTC price minus processing cost X (dressing percentage) = liveweight equivalent price.

⁴ IA, IL, IN, LA, & ME, combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁵ Excludes States producing less than 500,000 birds.

⁶ 15 states in the weekly estimating program: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA and WV.

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	921,800	4,516,800	0.400	1,806,720
AR	1,170,600	5,618,900	0.380	2,135,182
DE	259,800	1,428,900	0.390	557,271
FL	129,000	632,100	0.400	252,840
GA	1,202,500	5,892,300	0.405	2,386,382
HI	1,000	4,400	0.525	2,310
KY	172,000	842,800	0.395	332,906
MD	290,900	1,367,200	0.390	533,208
MI	580	2,800	0.365	1,022
MN	42,300	207,300	0.390	80,847
MS	722,400	3,467,500	0.395	1,369,663
MO	255,000	1,096,500	0.380	416,670
NE	1,200	7,200	0.390	2,808
NY	1,900	9,900	0.410	4,059
NC	653,000	3,591,500	0.395	1,418,643
OH	46,000	234,600	0.390	91,494
OK	216,000	993,600	0.380	377,568
PA	135,500	691,100	0.385	266,074
SC	180,500	848,400	0.395	335,118
TN	159,200	716,400	0.395	282,978
TX	480,000	2,160,000	0.390	842,400
VA	263,300	1,263,800	0.385	486,563
WV	89,600	358,400	0.400	143,360
WI	34,100	163,700	0.365	59,751
Oth Sts ⁴	506,100	2,437,500	0.393	958,714
Total ⁵	7,934,280	38,553,600	0.393	15,144,551
15 Weekly Sts ⁶	6,906,100	33,818,100	0.394	13,322,322

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⁶ 15 states in the weekly estimating program: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA and WV.

**Turkeys: Production, Price, and Value
by State and United States, 1997**

State	Number Raised ¹	Pounds Produced	Price per Pound ²	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AR	30,000	525,000	0.41	215,250
CA	21,000	480,900	0.42	201,978
CO ³	3,900	147,030		
CT	5	125	1.07	134
GA	175	5,758	0.45	2,591
IL	3,500	86,800	0.41	35,588
IN	14,500	359,600	0.41	147,436
IA	7,000	187,600	0.43	80,668
KS	1,900	52,250	0.41	21,423
MD & DE	740	13,335	0.43	5,734
MA	82	2,050	1.28	2,624
MN	45,500	1,014,650	0.39	395,714
MO	21,000	562,800	0.40	225,120
NH	15	368	1.35	497
NJ	74	1,576	0.85	1,340
NY	510	12,087	0.42	5,077
NC	53,500	1,353,550	0.39	527,885
ND	2,600	57,980	0.39	22,612
OH	6,700	217,750	0.35	76,213
PA	11,600	235,480	0.41	96,547
SC	11,200	368,480	0.39	143,707
SD	3,600	115,200	0.40	46,080
VT	39	936	1.18	1,104
VA	26,000	504,400	0.39	196,716
WV	4,500	87,300	0.39	34,047
Oth Sts ⁴	31,611	832,054	0.41	398,292
US	301,251	7,225,059	0.399	2,884,377

¹ Based on turkeys placed Sep 1, 1996, through Aug 31, 1997. Excludes young turkeys lost.

² IN, IA, MN, & PA are actual live weight prices. All other States' prices are equivalent live weight returns to producers.

³ Price and value not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Value of production included in other States.

⁴ MI, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Turkeys: Production, Price, and Value
by State and United States, 1998**

State	Number Raised ¹	Pounds Produced	Price per Pound ²	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AR	28,000	495,600	0.40	198,240
CA	19,000	442,700	0.41	181,507
CT	5	130	1.00	130
IL	3,200	80,960	0.39	31,574
IN	13,500	352,350	0.39	137,417
MD & DE	600	15,000	0.43	6,450
MA	80	2,040	1.25	2,550
MN	44,500	1,027,950	0.35	359,783
MO	22,000	598,400	0.40	239,360
NH	14	336	1.40	470
NJ	71	1,512	0.80	1,210
NY	500	11,950	0.40	4,780
NC	50,000	1,270,000	0.37	469,900
ND	1,800	41,580	0.35	14,553
OH	5,500	178,750	0.33	58,988
PA	10,500	233,100	0.38	88,578
SC	10,600	356,160	0.38	135,341
SD	3,800	123,120	0.35	43,092
VT	41	984	1.04	1,023
VA	26,000	533,000	0.39	207,870
WV	4,300	88,150	0.39	34,379
Oth Sts ³	39,492	1,148,996	0.39	444,511
US	283,503	7,002,768	0.380	2,661,706

¹ Based on turkeys placed Sep 1, 1997, through Aug 31, 1998. Excludes young turkeys lost.

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³ CO, GA, IA, KS, MI, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Chickens: Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Price, and Value
by State and United States, 1997 ¹**

State	Number Lost ²	Number Sold for Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	1,700	8,820	66,150	0.170	11,246
AR	2,200	10,600	63,600	0.090	5,724
CA	3,500	15,300	53,550	0.023	1,232
CO	600	2,300	8,050	0.030	242
CT	440	2,192	9,645	0.025	241
DE	57	230	1,748	0.102	178
FL	3,100	4,900	22,050	0.002	44
GA	2,500	15,500	106,950	0.160	17,112
HI	152	232	812	0.149	121
ID	87	577	2,193	0.030	66
IL	680	1,540	8,316	0.059	491
IN	2,569	11,611	39,477	0.020	790
IA	3,250	11,150	44,600	0.031	1,383
KS	224	605	2,420	0.050	121
KY	300	1,500	4,950	0.050	248
LA	250	1,450	8,410	0.072	606
ME	558	3,578	15,743	0.020	315
MD	486	2,105	11,578	0.056	648
MA	66	390	1,716	0.020	34
MI	1,000	2,900	13,340	0.040	534
MN	1,900	5,800	20,300	0.031	629
MS	1,410	5,290	34,914	0.144	5,028
MO	1,550	3,300	18,150	0.090	1,634
MT	39	319	1,276	0.020	26
NE	1,750	4,320	17,280	0.031	536
NH	22	140	616	0.025	15
NJ	330	950	3,135	0.040	125
NM	520	340	1,190	0.005	6
NY	450	2,800	12,320	0.026	320
NC	1,850	10,000	69,000	0.110	7,590
ND	60	160	720	0.031	22
OH	3,280	16,430	55,862	0.013	726
OK	780	2,670	16,554	0.090	1,490
OR	485	1,500	7,800	0.020	156
PA	3,900	12,400	62,000	0.075	4,650
RI	8	67	295	0.025	7
SC	900	2,850	14,535	0.111	1,613
SD	475	900	3,420	0.030	103
TN	173	904	4,158	0.120	499
TX	2,970	11,691	53,779	0.036	1,936
UT	250	1,068	4,272	0.030	128
VT	17	90	396	0.025	10
VA	513	3,210	14,766	0.110	1,624
WA	1,000	3,000	10,200	0.020	204
WV	170	1,160	4,872	0.110	536
WI	700	1,990	7,761	0.059	458
WY	6	7	32	0.050	2
Oth Sts ³	29	150	598	0.020	12
US	49,256	190,986	925,499	0.077	71,461

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² Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during the 12-month period.

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**Chickens: Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Price, and Value
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State	Number Lost ²	Number Sold for Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	1,750	9,200	65,320	0.175	11,431
AR	3,264	11,812	86,228	0.096	8,278
CA	3,373	13,749	48,122	0.034	1,636
CO	550	2,170	9,331	0.030	280
CT	562	2,345	8,677	0.017	148
DE	59	267	1,522	0.129	196
FL	2,570	4,667	18,201	0.058	1,056
GA	2,806	15,590	109,130	0.169	18,443
HI	196	236	779	0.151	118
ID	86	508	1,930	0.036	69
IL	322	2,152	7,962	0.027	215
IN	3,200	12,200	41,480	0.020	830
IA	4,339	10,907	37,084	0.024	890
KS	168	791	2,373	0.020	47
KY	449	1,787	11,258	0.113	1,272
LA	241	976	5,661	0.069	391
ME	530	3,485	13,243	0.017	225
MD	822	1,869	8,037	0.062	498
MA	58	410	1,558	0.017	26
MI	466	3,086	12,653	0.027	342
MN	2,300	6,100	21,960	0.026	571
MS	1,460	5,702	41,625	0.174	7,243
MO	820	4,827	21,239	0.096	2,039
MT	38	192	768	0.020	15
NE	1,900	5,530	22,120	0.024	531
NH	25	134	630	0.017	11
NJ	152	725	2,465	0.036	89
NM	257	490	1,666	0.005	8
NY	327	3,030	13,332	0.021	280
NC	1,800	9,825	68,775	0.070	4,814
ND	50	150	600	0.026	16
OH	4,127	16,654	59,954	0.024	1,439
OK	876	2,820	17,484	0.096	1,678
OR	291	1,349	4,587	0.010	46
PA	5,200	12,935	46,566	0.073	3,399
RI	8	53	201	0.016	3
SC	1,036	2,497	12,735	0.111	1,414
SD	635	900	3,420	0.020	68
TN	210	962	6,349	0.133	844
TX	3,681	10,404	50,980	0.039	1,988
UT	164	1,021	4,084	0.030	123
VT	15	140	574	0.016	9
VA	509	2,867	17,775	0.070	1,244
WA	648	3,209	10,911	0.020	218
WV	222	1,024	5,018	0.130	652
WI	843	1,853	7,597	0.051	387
WY	1	11	37	0.050	2
Oth Sts ³	22	157	567	0.035	20
US	53,428	193,768	934,568	0.080	75,542

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