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## Summary

### U.S. Value of Production and Sales Down 12 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2009 was \$31.6 billion, down 12 percent from the \$36.0 billion in 2008. Of the combined total, 69 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

### U.S. Value of Broiler Production Down 6 Percent

The value of broilers produced during 2009 was \$21.8 billion, down 6 percent from 2008. The total number of broilers produced in 2009 was 8.55 billion, down 5 percent from 2008. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2009 was 47.7 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 2008.

### U.S. Value of Egg Production Down 25 Percent

Value of all egg production in 2009 was \$6.16 billion, down 25 percent from the \$8.22 billion in 2008. Egg production totaled 90.4 million eggs, up slightly percent from the 90.0 million eggs produced in 2008. In 2009, all eggs averaged 81.7 cents per dozen, compared with \$1.09 in 2008.

### U.S. Value of Turkey Production Down 20 Percent

The value of turkeys produced during 2009 was \$3.57 billion, down 20 percent from the \$4.48 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2009 totaled 7.15 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the 7.92 billion pounds produced in 2008. The average price received by producers during 2009 was 50.0 cents per pound, compared with 56.5 cents in 2008.

### U.S. Value of Sales from Chickens Up 5 Percent

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2009 was \$65.1 million, up 5 percent from the \$62.2 million a year ago. Prices averaged 7.2 cents per pound, compared with 6.6 cents in 2008. The number of chickens sold in 2009 totaled 175 million, down slightly from the total sold during the previous year.

This report no longer contains annual estimates for **Puerto Rico** chickens and eggs, this information can be found in *Puerto Rico - Various Agricultural Statistics*.

**Value of Production: Broilers, Eggs, Turkeys, Chickens,  
and Total, United States, 2008-2009**

Year	Broilers <sup>1</sup>	Eggs	Turkeys	Chickens <sup>2</sup>	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>
2008	23,203,136	8,215,999	4,477,054	62,164	35,958,353
2009	21,811,013	6,155,825	3,573,637	65,127	31,605,602

<sup>1</sup> Excludes States which produced less than 500,000 broilers.

<sup>2</sup> Value of sales.

**Broilers: Production and Value,  
by State and Total, 2008** <sup>1 2 3</sup>

State	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	1,062,900	5,846,000	2,689,160
AR	1,160,000	6,380,000	2,934,800
DE	242,900	1,578,900	726,294
FL	63,800	376,400	173,144
GA	1,409,200	7,468,800	3,435,648
KY	306,100	1,652,900	760,334
MD	298,600	1,612,400	741,704
MN	44,900	238,000	109,480
MS	840,700	4,876,100	2,243,006
NC	796,100	5,493,100	2,526,826
OH	57,500	327,800	150,788
OK	237,800	1,260,300	579,738
PA	160,900	933,200	429,272
SC	236,900	1,516,200	697,452
TN	199,700	1,018,500	468,510
TX	641,000	3,461,400	1,592,244
VA	250,300	1,251,500	575,690
WV	85,700	351,400	161,644
WI	51,700	217,100	99,866
Oth Sts <sup>4</sup>	862,600	4,581,600	2,107,536
Total <sup>5</sup>	9,009,300	50,441,600	23,203,136
19 Weekly Sts <sup>6</sup>	8,016,800	49,060,800	22,567,968

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2007, through November 30, 2008.

<sup>3</sup> Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

<sup>4</sup> CA, CT, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NE, NY, OR, & WA, combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>5</sup> Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers.

<sup>6</sup> 19 states in the weekly estimating program: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA and WV.

**Broilers: Production and Value,  
by State and Total, 2009<sup>1 2</sup>**

State	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	1,002,300	5,512,700	2,519,304
AR	1,050,900	5,780,000	2,641,460
DE	231,500	1,597,400	730,012
FL	42,000	252,000	115,164
GA	1,322,000	6,874,400	3,141,601
KY	307,000	1,657,800	757,615
MD	291,900	1,401,100	640,303
MN	44,800	241,000	110,137
MS	793,400	4,601,700	2,102,977
NC	759,600	5,317,200	2,429,960
OH	56,400	338,400	154,649
OK	226,000	1,220,400	557,723
PA	153,500	859,600	392,837
SC	237,800	1,521,900	695,508
TN	189,700	967,500	442,148
TX	668,700	3,611,000	1,650,227
VA	240,800	1,204,000	550,228
WV	82,700	330,800	151,176
WI	45,800	192,400	87,927
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	803,700	4,245,200	1,940,057
Total <sup>4</sup>	8,550,500	47,726,500	21,811,013
19 Weekly Sts <sup>5</sup>	8,285,200	46,344,600	21,179,484

<sup>1</sup> December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

<sup>3</sup> CA, CT, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NE, NY, OR, & WA, combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers.

<sup>5</sup> 19 states in the weekly estimating program: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA and WV.

**Table Eggs: Price, by State and United States, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

State	2008 <sup>2</sup>	2009
	<i>Dollars per Dozen</i>	<i>Dollars per Dozen</i>
AL	1.030	0.663
AR	0.979	0.658
CA	1.000	0.721
CO	0.984	0.661
CT	0.917	0.640
FL	1.010	0.666
GA	1.040	0.671
HI	1.420	1.510
IL	0.970	0.642
IN	0.985	0.647
IA	0.918	0.609
KY	0.966	0.658
LA	0.961	0.646
ME	1.220	0.824
MD	1.120	0.688
MA	1.240	0.868
MI	0.956	0.645
MN	1.020	0.672
MS	0.993	0.651
MO	0.924	0.605
MT	0.998	0.773
NE	0.973	0.641
NY	0.991	0.658
NC	0.970	0.645
OH	0.970	0.638
OK	0.974	0.654
OR	0.985	0.739
PA	0.917	0.643
SC	0.912	0.663
SD	0.968	0.654
TN	0.970	0.645
TX	0.985	0.646
UT	0.951	0.681
VT	1.010	0.684
VA	1.020	0.692
WA	1.070	0.750
WV	1.050	0.683
WI	0.982	0.650
WY	0.965	0.670
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	1.060	0.726
US	0.974	0.655

<sup>1</sup> December 1, previous year through November 30.<sup>2</sup> Revised.<sup>3</sup> AK, AZ, DE, ID, KS, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NV, and RI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**All Eggs: Production, Price, and Value,  
by State and United States, 2008-2009**<sup>1 2 3</sup>

State	Eggs Produced		Price per Dozen		Value of Production	
	2008 <sup>4</sup>	2009	2008 <sup>4</sup>	2009	2008 <sup>4</sup>	2009
	<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	2,150	2,106	1.670	1.600	298,550	281,043
AR	3,139	2,935	1.600	1.480	418,062	362,727
CA	5,271	5,304	1.000	0.723	440,438	319,771
CO	1,090	1,110	1.070	0.760	96,842	70,308
CT	780	767	0.925	0.652	60,116	41,686
FL	2,749	2,670	1.020	0.686	234,515	152,616
GA	4,576	4,467	1.480	1.260	564,244	469,266
HI	73.3	69.5	1.420	1.510	8,678	8,759
IL	1,309	1,253	1.000	0.681	109,290	71,103
IN	6,523	6,460	0.985	0.656	535,571	353,020
IA	14,407	14,475	0.931	0.627	1,117,850	755,830
KY	1,140	1,130	1.370	1.170	130,387	110,285
LA	479	455	1.190	1.000	47,694	38,009
ME	1,028	916	1.220	0.828	104,433	63,226
MD	666	554	1.130	0.718	62,682	33,150
MA	36	36	1.240	0.868	3,718	2,603
MI	2,653	2,784	0.957	0.646	211,524	149,883
MN	2,767	2,777	1.030	0.713	237,237	165,025
MS	1,511	1,440	1.420	1.320	179,075	158,710
MO	1,885	1,973	1.050	0.763	165,703	125,456
MT	115	107	0.998	0.773	9,567	6,890
NE	2,777	2,749	0.973	0.641	225,242	146,859
NY	1,167	1,192	0.996	0.669	96,871	66,428
NC	3,063	3,148	1.470	1.330	373,944	349,371
OH	7,168	7,392	0.980	0.653	585,477	402,103
OK	774	769	1.250	1.100	80,888	70,175
OR	769	732	1.010	0.774	64,775	47,204
PA	6,189	6,509	0.946	0.674	488,056	365,430
SC	1,143	1,128	1.090	0.912	104,178	85,739
SD	691	696	0.968	0.654	55,752	37,936
TN	351	323	1.460	1.440	42,815	38,665
TX	4,954	4,985	1.120	0.836	462,283	347,480
UT	914	918	0.951	0.681	72,422	52,079
VT	55	57	1.150	0.796	5,252	3,782
VA	726	741	1.270	1.110	77,103	68,723
WA	1,533	1,705	1.070	0.750	136,448	106,499
WV	247	212	1.480	1.450	30,390	25,683
WI	1,220	1,350	1.010	0.696	102,910	78,301
WY	2.4	2.4	0.965	0.670	193	134
Oth Sts <sup>5</sup>	1,951	1,963	1.070	0.757	174,824	123,868
US	90,040	90,359	1.090	0.817	8,215,999	6,155,825

<sup>1</sup> December 1, previous year through November 30.

<sup>2</sup> Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>4</sup> Revised.

<sup>5</sup> AK, AZ, DE, ID, KS, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NV, and RI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Turkeys: Production, Price, and Value,  
by State and United States, 2008**

State	Number Raised <sup>1</sup>	Pounds Produced	Price per Pound <sup>2</sup>	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AR	31,000	610,700	0.57	348,099
CA	16,000	435,200	0.58	252,416
IN	14,500	519,100	0.59	306,269
IA	9,000	360,000	0.56	201,600
MN	48,000	1,305,600	0.57	744,192
MO	21,000	651,000	0.57	371,070
NC	40,000	1,208,000	0.54	652,320
OH	6,000	230,400	0.58	133,632
PA	11,500	216,200	0.64	138,368
SC	12,500	477,500	0.56	267,400
SD	4,700	189,410	0.47	89,023
UT	4,100	104,960	0.58	60,877
VA	18,000	484,200	0.56	271,152
WV	3,800	102,220	0.56	57,243
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	32,988	1,027,597	0.57	583,393
US	273,088	7,922,087	0.565	4,477,054

<sup>1</sup> Based on turkeys placed Sep 1, 2007, through Aug 31, 2008. Excludes young turkeys lost.

<sup>2</sup> Live weight equivalent price to producers is used when actual live weight price is not available for the State.

<sup>3</sup> Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure.

**Turkeys: Production, Price, and Value,  
by State and United States, 2009**

State	Number Raised <sup>1 2</sup>	Pounds Produced	Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of Production
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AR	29,000	568,400	0.50	284,200
CA	15,000	390,000	0.52	202,800
IN	15,000	543,000	0.50	271,500
MO	18,500	610,500	0.50	305,250
NC	35,500	1,089,850	0.48	523,128
OH	5,200	203,320	0.52	105,726
PA	9,000	181,800	0.55	99,990
SC	11,900	433,160	0.51	220,912
SD	4,500	186,750	0.44	82,170
UT	3,200	81,600	0.50	40,800
VA	17,000	448,800	0.48	215,424
WV	3,300	96,690	0.48	46,411
Oth Sts <sup>4</sup>	80,259	2,316,072	0.51	1,175,326
US	247,359	7,149,942	0.500	3,573,637

<sup>1</sup> Based on turkeys placed Sep 1, 2008, through Aug 31, 2009. Excludes young turkeys lost.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

<sup>3</sup> Live weight equivalent price to producers is used when actual live weight price is not available for the State.

<sup>4</sup> Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure.

**Chickens: Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Price, and Value,  
by State, United States, 2008<sup>1 2</sup>**

State	Number Lost <sup>3</sup>	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	2,642	11,291	86,941	0.099	8,607
AR	5,873	15,078	111,577	0.096	10,711
CA	2,511	8,872	29,278	0.001	29
CO	1,151	1,646	8,230	0.059	486
CT	804	1,362	4,631	0.004	19
FL	4,189	4,448	16,902	0.023	389
GA	7,132	15,417	109,461	0.093	10,180
HI	57	70	287	0.206	59
IL	586	1,855	6,864	0.019	130
IN	3,739	9,729	33,079	0.007	232
IA	26,148	6,311	21,457	0.005	107
KY	1,349	3,027	21,794	0.094	2,049
LA	309	2,061	12,366	0.078	965
ME	842	2,337	7,712	0.001	8
MD	268	1,758	6,505	0.021	137
MA	12	115	380	0.003	1
MI	887	2,423	7,996	0.001	8
MN	2,938	3,941	14,582	0.019	277
MS	2,408	6,588	52,045	0.101	5,257
MO	923	5,099	23,965	0.051	1,222
MT	72	108	410	0.001	0
NE	1,784	6,248	20,618	0.001	21
NY	596	3,060	10,098	0.002	20
NC	2,791	14,306	94,420	0.086	8,120
OH	5,977	8,863	30,134	0.006	181
OK	911	3,191	22,975	0.093	2,137
OR	1,654	444	1,510	0.004	6
PA	1,854	12,791	46,048	0.014	645
SC	1,167	3,387	18,629	0.070	1,304
SD	750	716	2,363	0.001	2
TN	503	2,214	16,826	0.098	1,649
TX	10,456	5,434	42,385	0.100	4,239
UT	932	1,747	5,765	0.001	6
VT	25	81	389	0.053	21
VA	522	2,921	17,818	0.080	1,425
WA	3,661	384	1,267	0.001	1
WV	244	1,408	10,982	0.100	1,098
WI	1,019	1,695	7,289	0.042	306
WY	1	7	23	0.001	0
Oth Sts <sup>4</sup>	2,145	3,140	11,044	0.010	110
US <sup>5</sup>	101,832	175,573	937,045	0.066	62,164

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2007, through November 30, 2008. Excludes broilers.

<sup>3</sup> Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

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<sup>5</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Chickens: Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Price, and Value,  
by State, United States, 2009<sup>1</sup>**

State	Number Lost <sup>2</sup>	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	2,555	12,182	88,929	0.109	9,693
AR	4,619	13,677	99,842	0.109	10,883
CA	3,219	9,401	31,023	0.001	31
CO	884	2,139	9,412	0.051	480
CT	569	1,526	5,036	0.004	20
FL	3,302	4,033	15,325	0.026	398
GA	5,991	13,746	97,597	0.106	10,345
HI	43	59	230	0.324	75
IL	822	2,318	8,345	0.016	134
IN	3,464	9,445	33,058	0.010	331
IA	26,663	6,622	22,515	0.005	113
KY	831	3,505	23,133	0.100	2,313
LA	304	1,637	9,986	0.080	799
ME	617	1,829	6,036	0.001	6
MD	237	1,416	5,239	0.023	120
MA	21	89	294	0.005	1
MI	923	3,090	10,197	0.001	10
MN	1,818	5,480	21,372	0.017	363
MS	2,001	6,474	47,260	0.109	5,151
MO	1,076	4,239	19,499	0.057	1,111
MT	72	108	410	0.001	0
NE	2,197	5,873	18,794	0.001	19
NY	352	3,010	9,933	0.002	20
NC	3,170	13,217	87,232	0.099	8,636
OH	8,113	10,761	36,587	0.006	220
OK	789	3,020	22,046	0.108	2,381
OR	1,826	270	891	0.007	6
PA	1,943	13,549	47,422	0.013	616
SC	725	3,022	17,225	0.086	1,481
SD	623	610	2,013	0.001	2
TN	442	1,770	13,629	0.114	1,554
TX	11,242	5,723	42,350	0.111	4,701
UT	495	1,623	5,356	0.001	5
VT	23	224	851	0.027	23
VA	826	2,651	16,966	0.097	1,646
WA	3,466	116	383	0.001	0
WV	224	1,585	10,461	0.100	1,046
WI	710	2,008	8,032	0.035	281
WY	1	7	23	0.001	0
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	1,971	3,150	10,932	0.010	113
US <sup>4</sup>	99,169	175,204	905,864	0.072	65,127

<sup>1</sup> December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009. Excludes broilers.

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<sup>4</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

## Reliability of Poultry Production and Value Estimates

**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 all known broiler hatcheries and 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.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve estimates and are generally the result of late or corrected data. For all species, previous year estimates are subject to revision when the current year estimates are made. Five years of estimates are also reviewed after the Census of Agriculture data are available. Estimates are considered final after Census review and no revisions are made after the final estimates are published.

**Reliability:** 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, all known broiler hatcheries, and all known turkey grow-out operations. However, 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.

### Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information.

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