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## Special Note

Production and value data for broilers, chickens, and eggs are now available on quick stats starting with 2008. Quick stats data for turkeys is available back to 1929. Please contact the Livestock Branch at (202) 720-3570 or email at [HQ\\_SD\\_LB@nass.usda.gov](mailto:HQ_SD_LB@nass.usda.gov) with any questions or concerns.

## Summary

### Value of Production and Sales Up 9 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2014 was \$48.3 billion, up 9 percent from \$44.4 billion in 2013. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2014 was \$32.7 billion, up 6 percent from 2013. The total number of broilers produced in 2014 was 8.54 billion, up slightly from 2013. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2014 was 51.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2013.

The value of turkeys produced during 2014 was \$5.30 billion, up 10 percent from the \$4.84 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2014 was 238 million, down 1 percent from 2013. Turkey production in 2014 totaled 7.22 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.28 billion pounds produced in 2013.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2014 was \$96.6 million, up 10 percent from \$87.9 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2014 totaled 188 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2014 was \$10.2 billion, up 17 percent from \$8.68 billion in 2013. Egg production totaled 99.8 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 97.6 billion eggs produced in 2013.

### Poultry Value of Production – United States: 2013 and 2014

Year	Broilers <sup>1</sup>	Turkeys	Chickens <sup>2</sup>	Eggs	Total
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2013 .....	30,761,669	4,839,562	87,939	8,678,859	44,368,029
2014 .....	32,724,667	5,304,537	96,557	10,166,321	48,292,082

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

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

## Broiler Production and Value – States, 19 States, and United States Total: 2013

[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 .....	1,048,600	5,872,200	3,564,425
Arkansas .....	996,400	5,978,400	3,628,889
Delaware .....	215,600	1,530,800	929,196
Florida .....	64,400	392,800	238,430
Georgia .....	1,334,600	7,607,200	4,617,570
Kentucky .....	309,500	1,671,300	1,014,479
Maryland .....	305,200	1,617,600	981,883
Minnesota .....	48,200	284,400	172,631
Mississippi .....	734,100	4,478,000	2,718,146
Missouri .....	277,400	1,331,500	808,221
North Carolina .....	786,600	5,899,500	3,580,997
Ohio .....	69,800	404,800	245,714
Oklahoma .....	206,100	1,360,300	825,702
Pennsylvania .....	170,700	955,900	580,231
South Carolina .....	226,700	1,586,900	963,248
Tennessee .....	182,500	949,000	576,043
Texas .....	610,100	3,599,600	2,184,957
Virginia .....	250,100	1,350,500	819,754
West Virginia .....	96,300	385,200	233,816
Wisconsin .....	51,300	215,500	130,809
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	549,600	3,206,800	1,946,528
19 State Total <sup>2</sup> .....	8,235,800	49,080,800	29,792,046
United States .....	8,533,800	50,678,200	30,761,669

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

<sup>2</sup> States in the 19 State Total include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

## 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 .....	969,800	6,012,800	3,830,154
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 .....	287,800	1,554,100	989,962
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 .....	205,300	1,334,500	850,077
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	546,500	3,204,900	2,041,521
19 State Total <sup>2</sup> .....	8,241,500	49,759,000	31,696,483
United States .....	8,544,100	51,373,100	32,724,667

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

<sup>2</sup> States in the 19 State Total include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

## Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2013

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2013]

State	Number raised	Pounds produced	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas .....	28,000	560,000	372,400
California .....	13,000	365,300	242,925
Indiana .....	17,500	663,250	441,061
Michigan .....	5,200	210,600	140,049
Minnesota .....	44,000	1,126,400	749,056
Missouri .....	17,000	544,000	361,760
North Carolina .....	33,500	1,139,000	757,435
Ohio .....	5,700	233,130	155,031
Pennsylvania .....	7,000	170,800	113,582
South Carolina .....	12,000	478,800	318,402
South Dakota .....	4,300	176,300	117,240
Utah .....	4,000	108,800	72,352
Virginia .....	15,500	403,000	267,995
West Virginia .....	3,100	80,600	53,599
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	30,200	1,017,556	676,675
United States .....	240,000	7,277,536	4,839,562

<sup>1</sup> Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for 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	Pounds produced	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(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	544,000	399,840
North Carolina .....	28,500	997,500	733,163
Ohio .....	5,100	209,100	153,689
Pennsylvania .....	7,000	175,700	129,140
South Dakota .....	4,500	188,550	138,584
Utah .....	4,000	96,800	71,148
Virginia .....	16,800	443,520	325,987
West Virginia .....	3,100	81,840	60,152
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	30,400	983,816	723,104
United States .....	237,500	7,217,056	5,304,537

<sup>1</sup> 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: 2013

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Excludes broilers. Totals may not add due to rounding]

State	Number lost <sup>1</sup>	Number sold for slaughter	Pounds sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama .....	2,628	10,893	82,787	12,749
Arkansas .....	3,866	12,058	89,229	13,563
California .....	7,289	5,848	19,298	174
Colorado .....	462	2,968	12,169	694
Connecticut .....	1,805	34	194	23
Florida .....	3,603	2,556	9,713	447
Georgia .....	4,229	16,025	107,368	15,032
Illinois .....	751	2,607	9,125	219
Indiana .....	4,322	13,263	43,768	481
Iowa .....	26,396	9,717	32,066	160
Kentucky .....	2,450	2,385	18,842	2,996
Louisiana .....	272	1,674	10,211	1,307
Maine .....	507	1,225	3,920	4
Maryland .....	250	1,752	5,957	107
Massachusetts .....	9	83	266	(Z)
Michigan .....	1,129	5,737	18,358	18
Minnesota .....	2,217	5,072	17,245	310
Mississippi .....	1,346	5,849	42,113	6,233
Missouri .....	1,086	6,155	32,006	3,329
Montana .....	281	52	166	(Z)
Nebraska .....	807	5,862	18,758	19
New York .....	384	4,111	13,155	26
North Carolina .....	3,319	11,021	76,045	10,874
Ohio .....	9,035	11,393	37,597	376
Oklahoma .....	729	2,558	18,418	2,744
Oregon .....	1,116	495	1,634	15
Pennsylvania .....	3,033	12,062	42,217	929
South Carolina .....	1,526	2,839	18,454	2,528
South Dakota .....	907	707	2,262	2
Tennessee .....	287	1,846	14,583	2,319
Texas .....	5,758	12,964	62,227	5,600
Utah .....	788	2,281	7,299	7
Vermont .....	12	159	588	19
Virginia .....	887	2,521	17,143	2,417
Washington .....	4,781	32	109	2
West Virginia .....	217	1,443	11,255	1,767
Wisconsin .....	546	2,799	10,076	312
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	2,136	4,791	15,925	137
United States .....	101,166	185,837	922,546	87,939

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<sup>1</sup> Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

<sup>2</sup> Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, 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: 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 <sup>1</sup>	Number sold for slaughter	Pounds sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama .....	2,762	10,855	83,584	13,624
Arkansas .....	3,834	13,270	100,852	16,136
California .....	6,405	3,569	12,135	206
Colorado .....	484	3,536	14,144	834
Connecticut .....	1,818	25	123	12
Florida .....	3,378	1,964	7,463	343
Georgia .....	4,636	15,226	106,582	16,094
Illinois .....	625	2,410	8,194	197
Indiana .....	7,781	11,768	38,834	505
Iowa .....	25,811	15,502	49,606	149
Kentucky .....	1,591	4,278	25,668	3,363
Louisiana .....	340	2,014	12,688	1,738
Maine .....	507	1,225	3,920	4
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 .....	1,173	6,916	35,963	3,812
Montana .....	324	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 .....	11,206	8,236	28,002	476
Oklahoma .....	709	2,176	16,538	2,663
Oregon .....	1,045	207	642	1
Pennsylvania .....	2,786	10,404	36,414	947
South Carolina .....	1,337	2,626	16,281	2,214
South Dakota .....	780	1,150	3,680	4
Tennessee .....	424	1,987	15,300	2,479
Texas .....	4,138	12,091	59,246	5,747
Utah .....	1,201	1,857	5,942	6
Vermont .....	18	92	405	31
Virginia .....	890	2,268	16,103	2,448
Washington .....	5,267	146	496	9
West Virginia .....	284	1,599	12,632	2,072
Wisconsin .....	378	3,496	12,935	504
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	2,090	4,801	15,804	144
United States .....	104,519	188,412	947,499	96,557

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<sup>1</sup> Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

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## All Eggs Production and Value – States and United States: 2013 and 2014

[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	
	2013 (million eggs)	2014 (million eggs)	2013 (1,000 dollars)	2014 (1,000 dollars)
Alabama .....	2,207	2,148	388,780	400,702
Arkansas .....	2,952	2,962	454,913	482,351
California .....	5,048	4,551	382,690	419,135
Colorado .....	1,289	1,450	103,782	130,584
Connecticut .....	668	669	52,024	61,646
Florida .....	2,198	2,390	167,335	218,994
Georgia .....	4,525	4,723	585,797	665,866
Illinois .....	1,216	1,409	92,194	124,258
Indiana .....	7,382	7,747	545,130	674,076
Iowa .....	16,156	16,449	1,166,457	1,403,504
Kentucky .....	1,143	1,219	131,969	154,849
Louisiana .....	532	541	62,904	72,828
Maine .....	989	989	72,208	86,266
Maryland .....	686	785	52,925	70,753
Massachusetts .....	48	44	3,496	3,844
Michigan .....	3,818	3,867	271,400	325,322
Minnesota .....	2,899	3,071	214,011	265,908
Mississippi .....	1,395	1,351	222,415	234,653
Missouri .....	2,396	2,407	225,228	252,305
Montana .....	143	143	10,705	12,966
Nebraska .....	2,776	2,860	197,279	240,418
New York .....	1,416	1,493	107,145	133,257
North Carolina .....	3,184	3,381	431,359	500,989
Ohio .....	8,171	8,731	587,562	744,317
Oklahoma .....	746	712	97,227	102,226
Oregon .....	719	727	56,228	65,781
Pennsylvania .....	7,467	7,570	599,377	715,299
South Carolina .....	1,139	1,117	116,175	130,060
South Dakota .....	814	752	57,804	63,293
Tennessee .....	329	341	61,387	67,997
Texas .....	5,098	5,109	471,264	526,459
Utah .....	1,084	1,180	81,139	106,640
Vermont .....	42	36	3,701	4,275
Virginia .....	719	765	99,390	114,346
Washington .....	1,962	1,950	147,396	176,805
West Virginia .....	238	270	46,209	55,886
Wisconsin .....	1,532	1,449	115,879	129,890
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2,429	2,410	195,975	227,573
United States .....	97,555	99,768	8,678,859	10,166,321

<sup>1</sup> Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, 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.

**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:** 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.

## Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to [nass@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass@nass.usda.gov)

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