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Summary

Value of Production and Sales Down 11 Percent

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2020 was \$35.5 billion, down 11 percent from \$40.0 billion in 2019. Of the combined total, 61 percent was from broilers, 24 percent from eggs, 15 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2020 was \$21.7 billion, down 23 percent from 2019. The total number of broilers produced in 2020 was 9.22 billion, up slightly from 2019. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2020 was 59.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2019.

The value of turkeys produced during 2020 was \$5.19 billion, up 20 percent from the \$4.32 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2020 was 224 million, down 2 percent from 2019. Turkey production in 2020 totaled 7.32 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 7.47 billion pounds produced in 2019.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2020 was \$18.8 million, down 50 percent from \$37.6 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2020 totaled 185 million, down 1 from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2020 was \$8.66 billion, up 18 percent from \$7.33 billion in 2019. Egg production totaled 112 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 113 billion eggs produced in 2019.

Poultry Value of Production – United States: 2019 and 2020

Year	Broilers ¹	Turkeys	Chickens ²	Eggs	Total
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2019	28,313,919	4,323,977	37,560	7,334,686	40,010,142
2020	21,683,052	5,189,938	18,777	8,655,581	35,547,348

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

² Value of sales.

Broiler Production and Value – States and United States Total: 2019

[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	Broilers (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,134,600	6,240,300	3,032,786
Arkansas	1,108,800	7,429,000	3,610,494
Delaware	268,800	1,935,400	940,604
Florida	61,700	357,900	173,939
Georgia	1,360,300	8,297,800	4,032,731
Kentucky	299,200	1,914,900	930,641
Maryland	295,600	1,832,700	890,692
Minnesota	63,900	389,800	189,443
Mississippi	769,000	4,844,700	2,354,524
Missouri	290,900	1,454,500	706,887
North Carolina	916,100	7,420,400	3,606,314
Ohio	109,700	570,400	277,214
Oklahoma	211,300	1,500,200	729,097
Pennsylvania	201,200	1,126,700	547,576
South Carolina	245,000	1,837,500	893,025
Tennessee	177,700	941,800	457,715
Texas	675,000	4,455,000	2,165,130
Virginia	281,300	1,744,100	847,633
West Virginia	75,500	286,900	139,433
Wisconsin	58,500	228,200	110,905
Other States ¹	573,100	3,450,900	1,677,136
United States	9,177,200	58,259,100	28,313,919

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

Broiler Production and Value – States and United States Total: 2020

[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	Broilers (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	1,200,900	6,605,000	2,410,825
Arkansas	1,049,700	7,347,900	2,681,984
Delaware	250,500	1,928,900	704,049
Florida	65,200	391,200	142,788
Georgia	1,325,100	8,083,100	2,950,332
Kentucky	299,000	1,943,500	709,378
Maryland	287,300	1,867,500	681,638
Minnesota	57,800	358,400	130,816
Mississippi	732,200	4,612,900	1,683,709
Missouri	292,100	1,489,700	543,741
North Carolina	961,300	7,882,700	2,877,186
Ohio	108,200	551,800	201,407
Oklahoma	204,700	1,494,300	545,420
Pennsylvania	221,100	1,260,300	460,010
South Carolina	243,500	1,875,000	684,375
Tennessee	187,400	1,030,700	376,206
Texas	702,500	4,636,500	1,692,323
Virginia	276,200	1,712,400	625,026
West Virginia	70,200	273,800	99,937
Wisconsin	55,000	225,500	82,308
Other States ¹	632,200	3,834,500	1,399,594
United States	9,222,100	59,405,600	21,683,052

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

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2019

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019]

State	Turkeys raised (1,000 head)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Value of production (1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	30,000	576,000	333,504
California	8,500	254,150	147,153
Indiana	20,000	804,000	465,516
Iowa	11,700	498,420	288,585
Michigan	5,400	237,060	137,258
Minnesota	40,000	1,104,000	639,216
Missouri	17,000	606,900	351,395
North Carolina	32,000	1,203,200	696,653
Ohio	6,500	289,900	167,852
Pennsylvania	6,200	169,880	98,361
South Dakota	4,500	200,250	115,945
Virginia	16,000	446,400	258,466
West Virginia	3,400	108,800	62,995
Other States ¹	27,300	969,041	561,078
United States	228,500	7,468,001	4,323,977

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Turkey Production and Value – States and United States: 2020

[Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020]

State	Turkeys raised	Production	Value of production
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Arkansas	31,000	595,200	421,997
California	8,000	232,000	164,488
Indiana	20,000	814,000	577,126
Iowa	11,700	505,440	358,357
Michigan	5,200	232,440	164,800
Minnesota	40,000	1,092,000	774,228
Missouri	17,000	581,400	412,213
North Carolina	30,000	1,134,000	804,006
Ohio	6,000	271,200	192,281
Pennsylvania	6,700	190,950	135,384
South Dakota	4,500	205,650	145,806
Virginia	16,000	446,400	316,498
West Virginia	3,900	125,970	89,313
Other States ¹	24,000	893,425	633,441
United States	224,000	7,320,075	5,189,938

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2019

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

State	Chickens lost ¹	Sold for slaughter	Sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	3,603.7	11,412.1	92,209.8	5,348.2
Arkansas	4,096.9	16,719.9	124,897.7	6,744.5
California	9,820.5	1,808.2	8,046.5	193.1
Colorado	1,829.3	2,116.7	9,038.3	180.8
Georgia	6,443.0	16,604.4	119,717.7	6,345.0
Illinois	2,168.1	1,504.9	5,929.3	83.0
Indiana	13,173.7	10,852.1	38,742.0	155.0
Iowa	32,825.0	10,882.0	38,087.0	76.2
Kentucky	1,283.7	4,869.2	28,290.1	1,159.9
Louisiana	364.0	1,758.5	11,676.4	572.1
Maryland	253.3	1,339.5	5,009.7	40.1
Massachusetts	120.3	0.9	3.1	(Z)
Michigan	6,269.6	4,846.9	16,770.3	16.8
Minnesota	5,785.6	3,948.9	15,677.1	203.8
Mississippi	1,441.0	5,124.2	37,150.5	1,969.0
Missouri	3,562.2	8,908.3	41,958.1	1,132.9
Montana	702.7	6.1	21.1	(Z)
Nebraska	1,815.2	4,294.0	15,329.6	61.3
New York	506.5	3,716.0	12,931.7	25.9
North Carolina	3,866.4	13,224.2	97,065.6	5,241.5
Ohio	15,431.7	12,320.8	45,833.4	366.7
Oklahoma	833.0	2,471.4	19,252.2	1,078.1
Oregon	1,595.2	14.6	50.5	(Z)
Pennsylvania	3,061.9	13,191.6	49,468.5	395.7
South Carolina	2,204.5	2,171.6	15,070.9	768.6
South Dakota	1,397.2	327.9	1,111.6	1.1
Tennessee	421.8	1,783.7	13,805.8	773.1
Texas	3,516.4	15,557.6	77,165.7	2,392.1
Utah	1,230.2	1,764.0	6,068.2	6.1
Vermont	24.4	95.4	469.4	14.6
Virginia	1,486.8	2,296.4	18,141.6	1,034.1
Washington	4,972.4	34.4	119.0	(Z)
West Virginia	306.1	1,680.0	13,356.0	761.3
Wisconsin	3,601.4	2,150.9	9,528.5	219.2
Other States ²	10,902.2	7,037.6	26,138.8	199.9
United States	150,915.9	186,834.9	1,014,131.7	37,559.9

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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

² Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Chickens Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Sold, and Value – States and United States: 2020

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

State	Chickens lost ¹	Sold for slaughter	Sold	Value of sales
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	4,444.1	12,212.8	98,679.4	2,664.3
Arkansas	3,719.9	16,451.2	122,232.4	3,055.8
California	8,811.8	2,191.2	8,458.0	50.7
Colorado	2,340.1	2,636.7	10,889.6	98.0
Georgia	6,168.1	18,784.8	133,184.2	3,329.6
Illinois	2,427.3	1,177.4	5,004.0	50.0
Indiana	17,493.1	10,184.2	36,663.1	110.0
Iowa	32,692.8	13,741.1	48,506.1	97.0
Kentucky	1,092.6	5,083.4	30,703.7	614.1
Louisiana	358.2	1,692.7	11,933.5	286.4
Maryland	249.8	844.3	3,267.4	19.6
Massachusetts	94.4	10.2	35.2	(Z)
Michigan	4,950.4	3,395.9	11,749.8	11.7
Minnesota	3,184.8	3,430.0	14,097.3	112.8
Mississippi	1,428.9	5,044.3	37,630.5	940.8
Missouri	3,973.3	7,389.7	36,948.5	554.2
Montana	807.5	8.4	29.1	(Z)
Nebraska	2,262.9	5,210.9	19,801.4	79.2
New York	528.5	4,771.1	16,603.4	16.6
North Carolina	3,953.7	15,055.3	108,548.7	2,713.7
Ohio	19,022.9	6,635.2	26,275.4	183.9
Oklahoma	657.9	2,724.4	19,969.9	519.2
Oregon	1,666.6	12.7	43.9	(Z)
Pennsylvania	4,697.7	13,128.5	49,363.2	246.8
South Carolina	1,868.1	1,958.2	14,197.0	369.1
South Dakota	2,070.3	424.4	1,468.4	1.5
Tennessee	515.4	1,796.7	14,176.0	340.2
Texas	4,161.3	14,165.2	73,942.3	1,257.0
Utah	2,168.4	1,744.6	6,018.9	6.0
Vermont	26.1	142.4	553.9	3.3
Virginia	1,445.4	2,160.6	17,047.1	460.3
Washington	4,574.1	35.2	121.8	(Z)
West Virginia	364.7	1,590.9	12,790.8	345.4
Wisconsin	1,947.5	2,770.3	11,773.8	106.0
Other States ²	10,251.6	6,198.4	23,645.8	133.2
United States	156,420.2	184,803.3	1,026,353.5	18,776.5

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ 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: 2019 and 2020

[Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Includes hatching and market (table) eggs]

State	Egg production				Value of production	
	2019 (million eggs)	2020 (million eggs)	2019 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2020 (1,000 dozen eggs)	2019 (1,000 dollars)	2020 (1,000 dollars)
Alabama	2,275.4	2,435.3	189,616.8	202,941.4	387,984	447,257
Arkansas	3,573.7	3,816.3	297,808.1	318,025.0	499,162	567,680
California	3,899.7	3,932.9	324,974.9	327,741.7	318,184	424,976
Colorado	1,494.4	1,604.4	124,533.1	133,700.0	65,455	84,833
Georgia	5,046.8	5,100.4	420,566.6	425,033.3	564,014	626,561
Illinois	1,911.7	1,893.0	159,308.4	157,749.9	88,725	108,442
Indiana	10,048.1	10,376.5	837,341.6	864,708.2	467,896	584,563
Iowa	17,083.8	15,385.0	1,423,649.8	1,282,083.5	778,055	872,367
Kentucky	1,477.6	1,579.6	123,133.3	131,632.9	122,464	145,659
Louisiana	524.8	517.8	43,733.4	43,150.1	55,217	60,111
Maryland	792.6	795.7	66,050.2	66,308.3	33,306	40,478
Massachusetts	47.3	42.0	3,941.4	3,499.8	1,746	1,934
Michigan	4,516.6	4,331.0	376,383.2	360,916.4	196,213	230,751
Minnesota	3,255.7	2,558.5	271,308.4	213,208.8	154,930	151,274
Mississippi	1,407.8	1,391.7	117,316.7	115,975.0	212,832	223,301
Missouri	3,722.3	3,804.8	310,191.4	317,067.0	204,174	246,700
Montana	330.8	357.1	27,566.9	29,757.7	26,277	38,073
Nebraska	2,660.8	2,434.5	221,733.3	202,874.7	130,434	153,307
New York	1,674.3	1,751.1	139,525.0	145,924.9	69,648	88,098
North Carolina	3,791.3	4,075.2	315,941.5	339,600.0	443,693	504,777
Ohio	10,705.4	10,146.7	892,116.5	845,558.4	480,542	563,795
Oklahoma	705.5	631.1	58,792.0	52,591.7	81,125	83,396
Oregon	703.1	683.5	58,591.5	56,958.4	56,226	72,999
Pennsylvania	8,901.1	9,247.9	741,758.1	770,658.0	407,695	498,067
South Carolina	1,063.5	999.9	88,624.9	83,325.0	83,830	92,559
South Dakota	854.0	830.5	71,166.7	69,208.4	36,160	44,071
Tennessee	344.6	348.2	28,716.5	29,016.6	59,194	64,413
Texas	6,057.9	6,254.3	504,825.2	521,191.2	370,840	454,660
Utah	1,449.7	1,446.5	120,808.3	120,541.5	115,415	153,633
Vermont	58.3	60.6	4,857.9	5,050.3	3,119	3,279
Virginia	741.2	716.3	61,766.5	59,691.6	86,369	94,379
Washington	2,079.1	2,062.6	173,258.2	171,883.2	165,929	220,203
West Virginia	306.2	290.3	25,516.7	24,191.6	55,512	56,688
Wisconsin	2,163.1	2,274.9	180,257.8	189,574.8	104,750	132,154
Other States ¹	7,537.9	7,397.2	628,158.7	616,434.6	407,571	520,143
United States	113,206.1	111,573.3	9,433,839.5	9,297,773.9	7,334,686	8,655,581

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for 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.

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