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## 2021 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2021, was \$291.4 million, up 19 percent from the combined value of \$244.4 million in 2020. Of the combined total, 47 percent was from broilers, 33 percent from turkeys, 20 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 66.2 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2021, down 6 percent from the number of 70.2 million broilers produced in 2020. Total live weight was 258.2 million pounds, down 6 percent from 273.8 million pounds in 2020. Value of production totaled \$137.4 million, up 40 percent from the 2020 value of \$98.0 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 53.2 cents per pound is up from the 2020 average live weight equivalent price of 35.8 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

**Turkeys raised** in West Virginia totaled 3.6 million head, down 8 percent from 3.9 million in 2020 total. Total live weight was 116.3 million pounds, down 8 percent from 126.0 million pounds in 2020. Value of production totaled \$95.5 million, up 7 percent from the 2020 value of production of \$89.3 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 82.1 cents per pound, up 11.2 cents per pound from the 2020 price of 70.9 cents per pound.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.56 million head, down 2 percent from the 2020 total of 1.59 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 12.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2020 number of 12.8 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$276.2 thousand, down from \$345.4 thousand in 2020. Prices averaged 2.2 cents per pound, down from the 2020 price of 2.7 cents per pound.

**Egg production** in West Virginia totaled 298.2 million eggs during 2021, up 3 percent from the 2020 production of 290.3 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 234.8 cents, up from the 2020 average price per dozen of 234.4 cents. The total value of production was \$58.3 million, up 3 percent from the 2020 total of \$56.7 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

**United States** – The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2021 was \$46.1 billion, up 31 percent from \$35.1 billion in 2020. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

**The value of broilers** produced during 2021 was \$31.5 billion, up 48 percent from 2020. The total number of broilers produced in 2021 was 9.13 billion, down 1 percent from 2020. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2021 was 59.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2020.

**The value of turkeys** produced during 2021 was \$5.89 billion, up 14 percent from the \$5.17 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2021 was 217 million, down 3 percent from 2020. Turkey production in 2021 totaled 7.18 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 7.29 billion pounds produced in 2020.

**The value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2021 was \$14.9 million, down 20 percent from \$18.6 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2021 totaled 180 million, down 3 from the total sold during the previous year.

**Value of all egg production** in 2021 was \$8.68 billion, up slightly percent from \$8.66 billion in 2020. Egg production totaled 111 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 112 billion eggs produced in 2020.