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## WEST VIRGINIA 2022 CHICKENS AND EGGS SUMMARY

**Charleston, West Virginia - Layers** during 2022 averaged 1.31 million, up 3 percent from the 2021 average of 1.27 million. The average annual production per layer was 234 eggs, unchanged from 2021. Pullets for 2022 totaled 766,000, down 7 percent from the 2021 total of 825,000. Other chickens totaled 108,000 in 2022, up 10 percent from the 2021 total of 98,000.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2022 totaled 306.3 million eggs. This was 3 percent up from the 2021 production of 298.2 million eggs.

**The total number of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2022 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.12 million head, down 7 percent from the 2021 total of 2.29 million.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2022 was \$19.9 million, up 10 percent from the December 1, 2021 value of \$18.1 million. The average value of \$9.40 per head on December 1, 2022, was up \$1.50 per head from the 2021 value of \$7.90 per head.

**United States - Layers** during 2022 averaged 379 million, down 3 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2022 was 289 eggs, up 1 percent from 2021.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2022 totaled 110 billion eggs, down 2 percent from 2021. Table egg production, at 94.0 billion eggs, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 15.5 billion eggs, was up 2 percent from 2021.

**The total inventory of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2022 (excluding commercial broilers) was 513 million birds, down 2 percent from last year.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2022 was \$3.46 billion, up 18 percent from December 1, 2021. The average value increased from \$5.56 per bird on December 1, 2021, to \$6.74 per bird on December 1, 2022.