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2022 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 2022, was \$443.6 million, up 52 percent from the combined value of \$291.4 million in 2021. Of the combined total, 57 percent was from broilers, 28 percent from turkeys, 15 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 78.5 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2022, up 19 percent from the number of 66.2 million broilers produced in 2021. Total live weight was 298.3 million pounds, up 16 percent from 258.2 million pounds in 2021. Value of production totaled \$253.6 million, up 85 percent from the 2021 value of \$137.4 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 85.0 cents per pound is up from the 2021 average live weight equivalent price of 53.2 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.7 million head, up 3 percent from 3.6 million in 2021. Total live weight was 115.8 million pounds, down less than 1 percent from 116.3 million pounds in 2021. Value of production totaled \$123.6 million, up 29 percent from the 2021 value of production of \$95.5 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 1.07 dollars per pound, up 24.9 cents per pound from the 2021 price of 82.1 cents per pound.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.83 million head, up 19 percent from the 2021 total of 1.54 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 14.9 million pounds, up 20 percent from the 2021 number of 12.4 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$1.61 million, up from \$273.3 thousand in 2021. Prices averaged 10.8 cents per pound, up from the 2021 price of 2.2 cents per pound.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 306.3 million eggs during 2022, up 3 percent from the 2021 production of 298.2 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 254.2 cents, up from the 2021 average price per dozen of 234.7 cents. The total value of production was \$64.9 million, up 11 percent from the 2021 total of \$58.3 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 2022 was \$77.0 billion, up 67 percent from \$46.1 billion in 2021. Of the combined total, 66 percent was from broilers, 25 percent from eggs, 9 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2022 was \$50.4 billion, up 60 percent from 2021. The total number of broilers produced in 2022 was 9.17 billion, up slightly from 2021. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2022 was 59.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2021.

The value of turkeys produced during 2022 was \$7.10 billion, up 21 percent from the \$5.89 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2022 was 210 million, down 3 percent from 2021. Turkey production in 2022 totaled 6.66 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the 7.18 billion pounds produced in 2021.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2022 was \$74.7 million, up 401 percent from \$14.9 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2022 totaled 168 million, down 8 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2022 was \$19.4 billion, up 122 percent from \$8.71 billion in 2021. Egg production totaled 110 billion eggs, down 2 percent from 111 billion eggs produced in 2021.