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2023 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 2023, was \$424.0 million, down 4 percent from the combined value of \$443.6 million in 2022. Of the combined total, 55 percent was from broilers, 28 percent from turkeys, 17 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 83.5 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2023, up 6 percent from the number of 78.5 million broilers produced in 2022. Total live weight was 325.7 million pounds, up 9 percent from 298.3 million pounds in 2022. Value of production totaled \$232.2 million, down 8 percent from the 2022 value of \$253.6 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 71.3 cents per pound is down from the 2022 average live weight equivalent price of 85.0 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 4.0 million head, up 8 percent from 3.7 million in 2022. Total live weight was 126.8 million pounds, up 9 percent from 115.8 million pounds in 2022. Value of production totaled \$119.2 million, down 4 percent from the 2022 value of production of \$123.6 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 94.0 cents per pound, down 13.0 cents per pound from the 2022 price of 1.07 dollars per pound.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.79 million head, down 3 percent from the 2022 total of 1.84 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 14.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 2022 number of 14.9 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$1.17 million, down from \$1.61 million in 2022. Prices averaged 8.1 cents per pound, down from the 2022 price of 10.8 cents per pound.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 293.9 million eggs during 2023, down 4 percent from the 2022 production of 306.2 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 291.7 cents, up from the 2022 average price per dozen of 254.2 cents. The total value of production was \$71.4 million, up 10 percent from the 2022 total of \$64.9 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 2023 was \$67.1 billion, down 13 percent from \$77.2 billion in 2022. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from broilers, 27 percent from eggs, 10 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2023 was \$42.6 billion, down 16 percent from 2022. The total number of broilers produced in 2023 was 9.16 billion, down slightly from 2022. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2023 was 59.7 billion pounds, up slightly from 2022.

The value of turkeys produced during 2023 was \$6.57 billion, down 8 percent from the \$7.12 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2023 was 218 million, up 4 percent from 2022. Turkey production in 2023 totaled 6.99 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 6.67 billion pounds produced in 2022.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2023 was \$62.0 million, down 18 percent from \$75.4 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2023 totaled 178 million, up 4 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2023 was \$17.9 billion, down 8 percent from \$19.4 billion in 2022. Egg production totaled 110 billion eggs, down slightly from 110 billion eggs produced in 2022.