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The 1952 gross farm income from eggs and chickens (including commercial broilers) totaled \$3,399,948,000 -- 7 percent less than in 1951. Most of the decrease was due to lower chicken and egg prices in 1952. Of the 1952 total gross income, 62 percent was from eggs, 23 percent from commercial broilers and 15 percent from farm chickens, compared with 64 percent from eggs, 19 percent from commercial broilers and 17 percent from farm chickens in 1951. Cash receipts from sales in 1952 accounted for \$3,048,625,000, or 90 percent of the gross income. The remainder represented the value of products consumed on farms where produced.

Chicken production on farms in 1952 amounted to 524,677,000 birds -- 9 percent less than in 1951. In addition a record 886,036,000 commercial broilers were produced -- 10 percent more than in 1951. Income from commercial broilers also reached a record high of \$776,929,000 -- 10 percent more than in 1951.

Farm Chicken and Egg Prices Down: The average price per pound live weight of farm chickens sold in 1952 was 22.3 cents, compared with 25.1 cents in 1951. Egg prices averaged 41.6 cents per dozen, compared with 47.8 cents in 1951.

Sales of Farm Chickens Decrease: Farm chickens sold in 1952 numbered 387,590,000 -- 6 percent less than in 1951. Of this number 55 percent were young chickens and 45 percent mature, compared with 56 percent young and 44 percent mature in 1951. Average live weight of all chickens sold in 1952 was 4.6 pounds, compared with 4.5 pounds in 1951. Young chickens sold averaged 3.9 pounds and mature chickens 5.3 pounds, the same as in 1951. About 1,767 million pounds live weight of chickens were sold in 1952 -- 6 percent less than in 1951. Of the pounds sold in 1952 about 47 percent were young and 53 percent mature chickens.

Egg Production Up Slightly: Egg production in 1952 amounted to 61,016 million eggs -- 3 percent more than in 1951. The increased egg production in 1952 was due to a 2 percent increase in the number of layers on January 1 and a 1 percent increase in the rate of lay. The annual rate of lay per hen and pullet on hand January 1, 1952 was 145 eggs, compared with 144 in 1951. Gross income from eggs in 1952 was \$2,104,694,000 -- 10 percent less than in 1951. This decrease in gross income was due to a 13 percent decrease in the average price received for eggs, which more than offset a 3 percent increase in the number of eggs produced.

Chicken Inventories Increase: Chickens, excluding commercial broilers, on farms January 1, 1953 totaled 431,410,000 -- 4 percent less than a year earlier. Of the chickens on farms January 1, 35 percent were hens, 59 percent pullets and 6 percent other chickens. This compares with 32 percent hens, 61 percent pullets and 7 percent other chickens on January 1, 1952. Hens on farms January 1, 1953 numbered 151,029,000 -- 5 percent more than a year earlier and pullets on farms totaled 254,606,000 -- 8 percent less. Holdings of other chickens totaled 25,775,000, down 14 percent.

Farmers Eat More Eggs and Less Chickens: Farmers consumed 6,686 million eggs in 1952 -- 2 percent more than in 1951. Chickens consumed in households of farm producers totaled about 156 million birds -- 1 percent less than in 1951.

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CHICKENS: NUMBER ON FARMS JANUARY 1, AND VALUE, BY STATES, 1952-53

State and Division :	1952			1953		
	Hens	Pullets	Other	All chickens	Hens	Others
	Thousands	Dollars	Thousands	Total	Value per head	Total
Me.	1,495	2,320	148	3,963	2.20	8,719
N.H.	972	1,741	147	2,860	2.25	6,425
Vt.	300	648	41	989	2.30	2,275
Mass.	1,357	4,127	203	5,687	2.25	12,796
R.I.	181	446	24	651	2.25	1,465
Conn.	1,613	2,514	148	4,275	2.25	9,405
N.Y.	5,359	9,646	1,003	16,008	2.05	32,816
N.J.	4,501	10,180	1,169	15,850	2.20	34,870
Pa.	7,200	15,485	2,468	26,852	1.85	42,678
N.J. Atl.	6,03	12,465	865	251	2.05	159,522
Ohio	5,071	12,041	599	17,711	1.50	32,064
Ind.	5,585	15,54	728	21,433	1.75	42,197
Ill.	3,370	7,349	606	11,325	1.65	20,665
Mich.	4,892	8,851	526	14,269	1.60	22,830
Wis.	2,502	5,260	3,224	81,605	1.55	131,893
E.N. Cent.	6,557	17,28	578	24,163	1.50	36,444
Minn.	6,226	23,229	946	30,501	1.50	45,752
Iowa	5,070	13,944	1,013	20,027	1.25	25,934
No. Dak.	1,139	3,051	223	4,413	1.25	5,516
S. Dak.	1,994	6,687	355	9,016	1.30	11,721
Nebr.	2,885	9,741	536	13,162	1.25	16,452
Ans.	2,225	2,912	2,944	12,696	1.20	16,435
W. N. Cent.	22,856	82,722	4,295	14,973	1.32	152,154
N. Dak.	327	640	83	1,050	1.70	1,785
N. Md.	1,228	2,476	339	4,043	1.65	6,971
Ve.	3,135	5,252	715	9,102	1.40	12,743
W. Va.	1,504	1,922	300	3,726	1.40	5,216
N.C.	4,811	6,113	1,824	12,748	1.45	18,435
S.C.	2,034	2,495	821	5,350	1.50	8,025
Ga.	3,088	3,971	1,239	8,298	1.40	11,617
Fla.	1,455	2,702	2,402	5,292	1.55	12,792
S. Atl.	12,582	28,521	5,904	48,052	1.46	70,329
Ky.	3,225	6,521	956	10,702	1.20	12,842
Tenn.	3,646	5,270	855	9,771	1.15	11,237
A.La.	3,134	3,576	1,231	7,941	1.30	10,323
Miss.	3,214	3,276	843	7,333	1.25	9,166
Ark.	2,882	3,696	737	7,315	1.10	8,046
La.	1,567	2,407	1,016	4,990	1.50	7,485
Okla.	2,667	4,722	2,64	8,653	1.20	10,384
Tex.	11,402	32,732	10,972	21,518	1.21	22,320
S. Cent.	518	1,247	82	1,847	1.60	2,122
Mont.	536	1,264	80	1,880	1.50	2,555
Idaho	256	449	36	741	1.45	1,074
Wyo.	256	472	59	1,691	1.22	2,802
Colo.	484	270	303	1,015	1.50	1,522
N. Mex.	1,325	1,437	135	631	1.75	1,104
Ariz.	68	68	21	2,897	1.40	4,056
Utah	2,004	2,797	330	5,131	1.60	7,294
Was.	1,678	1,772	310	3,761	1.80	6,770
Calif.	8,246	14,380	1,432	24,563	1.65	40,529
Wash.	16,874	22,208	2,690	43,452	1.44	72,215
S. D.	14,2748	27,6113	30,264	44,925	1.53	689,293
						151,1029
						24,666
						23,725
						151,029
						491,410
						1,411
						609,185
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2/Average reported annually by crop correspondents.

1/Does not include commercial broilers.

SALES AND AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT OF FARM CHICKENS SOLD, 1951-52

	Percent of chickens sold	Average live weight per bird sold	Pounds of chicken sold	Percent of chickens sold	Average live weight per bird sold	Pounds of chicken sold	Percent of chickens sold	Average live weight per bird sold	Pounds of chicken sold
State and Division	Percent of chickens sold	Number of chickens sold	Young : Nature	Percent of chickens sold	Young : Nature	Percent of chickens sold	Young : Nature	Percent of chickens sold	Young : Nature
Percent	Thousands	Pounds	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent	Thousands
Me.	75	25	3,842	1,295	5.5	19,495	8,759	76	24
N.H.	73	27	3,416	1,262	4.7	16,322	8,789	75	25
Vt.	71	29	1,084	443	5.0	5,459	2,939	73	27
Mass.	56	44	4,221	3,355	4.8	20,455	42	36	24
R.I.	61	39	3,582	1,536	4.7	2,517	2,059	592	339
Conn.	75	25	4,622	1,594	5.2	22,195	9,927	75	25
N.Y.	59	41	9,573	4,397	5.9	4,397	38	671	1,793
N.J.	38	62	1,722	6,312	5.3	17,792	36,123	62	4,347
Pa.	61	39	10,967	4,056	5.6	18,185	62,060	60	40
N.Dak.	60	—	4,932	3,217	5.7	5.1	28,517	189,782	60
E. Dak.	57	—	4,792	2,847	5.7	5.1	49,721	—	40
Ohio	57	43	10,854	3,721	4.4	5.1	42,783	—	47
Ind.	56	56	8,622	10,817	5.9	4.7	42,889	41,688	45
Ill.	44	56	9,322	4,599	5.6	4.6	32,191	57,228	41
Mich.	68	32	9,957	4,612	4.4	4.6	44,017	25,852	67
Wash.	62	38	9,642	6,012	4.2	5.0	40,04	30,729	65
E. Tenn.	57	—	4,722	3,604	4.2	4.2	4,7	20,1,034	55
Kans.	40	60	8,157	1,517	4.7	5.7	26,767	20,1,816	65
Iowa	45	55	15,155	18,327	4.2	5.3	4.8	64,286	42
Mo.	48	52	9,755	10,661	3.4	5.3	4.4	33,253	56,621
N. Dak.	54	41	2,504	1,746	5.3	4.7	10,787	9,188	57
S.Dak.	55	46	5,387	4,641	4.3	5.0	23,064	23,065	49
Nebr.	55	45	8,625	7,004	3.8	5.1	3,009	35,759	50
Idaho	48	—	4,525	6,027	3.8	5.2	4,266	3,266	51
Mont.	55	—	4,255	6,234	4.2	5.3	2,138	2,016	51
N.M.	48	—	4,255	7,851	3.9	5.2	4,721	2,016	51
Wyo.	55	—	4,255	6,234	4.2	5.2	4,266	3,266	51
N.W. Cent.	48	—	4,255	7,851	3.9	5.2	4,721	2,016	51
Del.	66	34	5,245	5,786	5.1	4.5	27,164	21,091	44
Md.	49	51	8,822	1,813	5.5	6.0	4.5	2,948	20,412
Va.	22	78	8,400	9,969	5.0	5.3	4.8	6,059	50
W. Va.	49	51	1,207	1,250	3.8	5.2	4.8	2,533	15,558
N.C.	51	48	777	3,092	2.7	5.7	4.2	8,734	49
S.C.	52	48	777	723	2.6	5.1	3.8	1,995	5,705
Ga.	39	61	1,276	1,981	2.6	5.2	4.2	2,833	10,396
P.L.	71	29	2,297	2,944	2.6	5.2	3.6	6,010	4,986
S.Atl.	48	—	52	1,217	2.6	5.2	3.6	3,740	7,182
Ky.	31	—	2,024	1,756	2.6	5.4	2.3	5,915	—
Tenn.	57	43	4,243	3,213	3.1	5.7	4.6	15,752	58
Ala.	58	42	2,591	1,892	5.5	3.9	7,168	10,316	61
Miss.	67	33	3,407	1,694	5.5	3.7	9,626	9,248	75
Ark.	59	41	3,857	2,672	5.4	4.0	11,752	14,364	45
Ia.	36	64	4,832	1,489	5.6	4.5	4.0	2,247	7,117
Okla.	65	35	5,415	2,929	5.1	5.4	3.9	17,044	15,732
Tex.	72	—	28	10,963	4,325	5.7	5.7	18,163	42
S. Cent.	60	—	40	1,527	2,725	2.9	5.7	12,285	12,291
Mont.	74	26	1,743	603	3.7	5.6	4.2	5,055	3,350
Idaho	67	33	1,263	614	5.0	5.1	5.6	4,541	4,541
Wyo.	60	40	2,992	2,571	5.0	4.1	1,384	1,277	62
Colo.	74	26	2,999	1,051	5.3	5.1	3.8	9,929	5,347
N.Mex.	76	24	555	1,173	3.3	5.3	1,853	913	69
Ariz.	69	31	402	182	3.4	5.0	3.6	9,219	3,609
Utah	77	23	7,410	840	5.4	4.3	4.0	6,094	694
Nebr.	72	28	1,190	73	3.7	4.0	4.0	7,035	73
Wash.	79	21	5,099	1,343	2.9	5.2	20,021	7,035	70
Oreg.	80	20	3,049	781	4.2	5.5	4.5	12,926	4,209
Calif.	57	42	1,437	8,745	3.8	4.7	4.2	4,744	1,171
West.	—	—	33	29,879	1,171	5.6	5.7	26,192	63
U.S.	—	—	44	23,016	1,987	2.9	2.9	21,205	52

¹ Percentages obtained by dividing young and mature by total number sold.

² Average obtained by dividing pounds sold by number sold.

EGGS: FARM PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, CASH RECEIPTS AND GROSS INCOME, BY STATES, 1951

State and Division:	Hens and pullets Number	Rate of lay per hen and pullet: Jan. 1/	Per layer: during year 2/	Eggs produced in Jan. 1/	Eggs used for farm hatching household Millions 3/	Eggs consumed in farm household Gross income thousand dollars	Value of eggs:		
							Eggs sold	Price per dozen	Cash receipts
							Eggs sold	Price per dozen	Cash receipts
Me.	3,269	182	200	61.2	1	27	584	62.8	30,563
N.H.	2,586	164	195	424	1	16	407	63.1	21,401
Vt.	931	168	156	0	19	137	61.0	6,964	941
Mass.	5,541	178	205	984	2	25	957	65.1	51,917
R.I.	614	176	201	108	0	3	105	63.8	5,583
Conn.	3,746	176	201	661	1	20	640	34.027	1,063
N.Y.	14,128	153	187	2,168	2	140	2,026	59.8	100,962
N.J.	13,300	177	187	2,358	5	37	2,316	60.8	117,344
Pa.	21,234	152	181	3,330	18	206	3,118	60.8	147,385
N.Atl.	66,149	163	182	10,801	10	280	10,200	60.2	516,346
Ohio	17,525	153	183	2,687	3	261	2,123	48.1	97,122
Ind.	16,711	155	185	2,589	3	208	2,378	43.6	86,401
Ill.	20,597	145	174	2,989	4	277	2,078	41.2	9,975
Mich.	10,403	154	182	1,603	2	167	1,434	48.0	57,360
Wis.	14,242	124	182	2,211	2	215	1,223	45.6	75,234
E.N.Cent.	72,565	152	181	12,072	15	128	10,936	44.9	409,592
Iowa	24,547	155	187	2,800	2	276	3,522	40.8	119,748
No.	19,726	159	189	4,740	6	128	4,406	39.7	14,765
N.Dak.	19,169	160	173	2,685	6	325	2,354	39.5	77,486
S.Dak.	3,928	135	161	510	1	96	433	35.6	12,846
Nebr.	8,302	142	173	1,175	2	100	1,073	36.6	32,726
Kans.	12,334	145	178	1,781	3	178	1,600	37.6	50,133
W.Va.	12,994	148	174	1,922	3	226	1,698	39.1	55,326
W.N.Cent.	10,290	150	181	1,638	23	1,086	1,086	39.1	55,326
Del.	945	140	158	132	0	9	123	52.0	42,126
Md.	3,670	142	166	522	1	47	474	52.1	20,580
Ta.	8,234	139	170	1,144	3	189	952	53.1	5,330
W.Wa.	3,575	144	171	515	1	99	415	51.9	17,949
N.C.	10,606	116	174	1,229	5	297	927	53.0	40,963
S.C.	4,224	110	140	4,665	4	125	336	55.0	15,400
Ga.	6,850	116	144	793	6	196	591	54.9	20,038
Fla.	2,032	118	158	252	2	51	304	58.1	14,219
S.Atl.	41,146	125	157	5,157	22	1,013	4,122	53.6	184,055
Ky.	9,562	125	162	1,194	6	285	903	43.8	32,960
Tenn.	8,804	115	145	1,010	8	273	729	45.1	27,398
Ala.	6,512	110	139	719	7	209	503	49.3	17,470
Kiss.	6,356	98	131	625	10	168	447	46.9	17,740
Ark.	6,620	110	138	728	7	179	542	44.2	19,944
La.	3,857	98	128	378	5	190	196	48.7	10,389
Okla.	8,705	113	161	1,160	4	190	966	40.7	32,764
Tex.	21,272	126	152	2,629	9	389	2,241	44.2	82,343
S.Cent.	71,693	118	142	8,453	59	1,310	6,387	44.5	24,151
Kent.	1,668	110	170	233	1	56	176	43.9	6,439
Idaho	1,735	154	185	267	1	45	221	47.6	8,766
Wyo.	4,486	159	176	1,08	0	20	88	45.9	3,366
Colo.	3,318	156	194	516	1	70	445	55.6	11,716
N.Mex.	2,770	138	166	383	1	23	309	45.5	3,618
Ariz.	958	128	160	123	0	29	94	48.6	3,807
Utah	619	131	155	81	0	10	71	61.6	3,645
Nev.	1,762	160	186	442	1	31	410	51.0	17,425
Wash.	4,191	141	184	27	0	20	57.8	51.8	1,785
Oreg.	4,486	159	202	715	4	81	630	55.9	29,347
Calif.	21,414	151	182	2,182	1	14	152	44.2	129,113
Kali.	40,637	151	185	6,122	14	572	5,544	52.1	24,520
U.S.	41,290	144	172	2,265	142	6,522	5,565	47.8	2,92,411

1/Number of eggs produced during the year divided by number of hens and pullets on hand January 1.

2/Number of eggs produced during the year divided by the average number of hens and pullets of laying age on hand during the year.

3/Rounded to nearest whole million, less than a half million being shown as 0.

EGGS: FARM PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, CASH RECEIPTS AND GROSS INCOME, BY STATES, 1952

State and Division	Hens and pullets Thousand Number	Rate of lay Per hen and pullet Jan. 1 to Jan. 1 of Year	Per Layer: Eggs produced during the year	Eggs used for farm hatching millions 1/	Eggs consumed in farm household millions 2/	Price per dozen cents	Cash receipts in household thousand dollars	Value of eggs consumed in farm household thousand dollars
Me.	3,815	174	198	663	1	29	633	55.2
N. E.	2,713	159	196	431	1	15	415	56.2
Vt.	948	180	210	171	0	20	151	53.2
Mass.	5,484	166	207	911	1	23	887	6,694
R. I.	627	172	208	108	0	3	41,763	56.5
Conn.	4,127	173	204	713	1	18	105	56.2
N. Y.	15,005	158	194	2,368	2	148	694	56.5
N. J.	14,681	170	190	2,503	4	38	2,218	53.3
Pa.	23,385	157	186	3,683	5	214	2,461	53.6
N. Atl.	70,782	163	192	11,251	12	508	3,464	50.8
Ohio	18,568	151	188	2,795	3	256	2,536	53.3
Ind.	17,112	160	188	2,734	3	204	2,527	36.8
Ill.	21,139	149	181	3,148	4	291	2,853	34.6
Mich.	10,719	169	186	1,601	2	175	1,424	41.9
Wis.	13,743	156	186	2,332	2	212	1,919	49.721
E. N. Cent.	81,281	153	185	12,412	15	1,143	11,259	62.22
Minn.	23,385	158	189	3,730	3	262	3,465	38.5
Iowa	29,555	159	191	4,692	5	321	4,366	34.9
No.	19,014	136	175	2,583	5	332	2,246	32.1
N. Dak.	4,190	142	169	594	1	94	499	29.6
S. Dak.	8,661	143	176	1,238	2	103	1,133	30.2
Neb.	12,626	139	179	1,758	2	182	1,574	30.6
Kan.	12,552	144	178	1,862	2	231	1,629	31.2
W. N. Cent.	110,583	149	183	16,457	20	1,523	14,629	24.2
Del.	9,667	145	167	1,138	0	10	128	47.0
Md.	3,704	139	166	515	1	48	466	47.7
Va.	8,387	137	171	1,149	3	193	953	47.6
W. Va.	3,426	140	172	478	1	99	378	30.2
N. C.	10,924	119	157	1,297	4	297	997	47.0
S. C.	4,559	102	140	462	4	132	326	51.6
Ga.	7,059	117	148	828	6	200	622	49.4
Fla.	3,152	121	161	2,250	2	52	328	53.4
S. Atl.	42,153	125	192	1,251	6	1,021	4,288	52.8
Ky.	9,446	128	165	1,244	6	305	933	37.4
Tenn.	8,916	115	146	1,023	8	281	734	38.8
Ala.	6,710	109	141	732	6	215	511	44.6
Miss.	6,490	100	133	649	9	185	455	43.0
Ark.	6,578	107	139	705	6	195	504	38.3
La.	3,974	97	132	385	5	118	262	44.5
Okla.	8,389	134	166	1,123	4	201	918	34.6
Tex.	21,474	136	160	2,224	8	292	2,916	38.9
S. Cont.	72,272	122	176	8,282	52	1,897	6,833	39.0
Mont.	1,765	144	176	294	1	94	199	39.7
Idaho	1,800	151	188	271	1	46	224	43.8
Wyo.	705	148	184	104	0	20	405	84
Colo.	2,680	147	173	393	1	71	321	39.9
N. Mex.	956	120	162	115	0	32	83	45.9
Ariz.	573	140	168	80	0	10	70	58.2
Utah	2,762	157	188	434	0	29	405	43.3
Nebr.	1,63	147	189	24	0	7	17	51.0
Wash.	4,801	163	201	782	1	79	702	51.0
Oreg.	3,451	160	199	552	1	71	480	50.8
Calif.	23,126	144	192	3,250	7	163	3,280	47.0
West.	42,282	153	190	6,559	12	582	5,665	46.8
U. S.	412,861	145	178	62,010	135	6,681	54,125	41.6

1/ Number of eggs produced during the year divided by number of hens and pullets on hand January 1.
 2/ Number of eggs produced during the year divided by the average number of hens and pullets of laying age on hand during the year.

1/ Rounded to nearest whole million, less than a half million being shown as 0.

Commercial Broiler Production at a Record High: About 2,695 million pounds live weight of commercial broilers were produced in 42 States in 1952 -- 9 percent more than in 1951. The average live weight price was 28.8 cents per pound, compared with 28.5 cents in 1951. Gross income from broilers was \$776,929,000 -- 10 percent more than in 1951.

Georgia led all States in the number of commercial broilers produced in 1952, with about 13 percent of the Nation's broilers followed by Arkansas with 8 percent, Delaware and Texas with 7 percent each, Maryland and Virginia with 6 percent each, California and North Carolina with 5 percent each, Indiana with 4 percent and Mississippi with 3 percent. These 10 States accounted for 65 percent of the 1952 broiler production.

The term commercial broiler as used here, includes all young chickens of the heavy or cross breeds, raised for meat from which pullets as well as cockerels are sold as broilers. Commercial broiler production is not included in the production estimates for farm chickens.

Rate of Death Loss of Layers Up: Death loss of layers on farms in 1952 was 21 percent of the number of all chickens on farms at the beginning of the year, compared with 19 percent in 1951. In this estimate 1 percent is equivalent to a loss of about 4½ million birds.

Fewer Eggs Used for Farm Hatching: Farmers used 135 million eggs for farm and custom hatching in 1952 -- 9 percent less than in 1951. Of the total chickens raised on farms during 1952 about 7 percent were hatched on farms and 93 percent were purchased or custom hatched, compared with 8 percent hatched on farms and 92 percent purchased in 1951.

Total Sales Farm Chickens and Commercial Broilers Up: Combined sales of farm chickens and commercial broilers in 1952 amounted to 4,463 million pounds -- 3 percent more than combined sales in 1951. The average price per pound live weight received for these sales was 26.2 cents, compared with 27.1 cents in 1951. Total value of sales was \$1,170,413,000 -- about the same as in 1951. Commercial broiler sales in 1952 amounted to 60 percent of total pounds sold, compared with 57 percent in 1951.