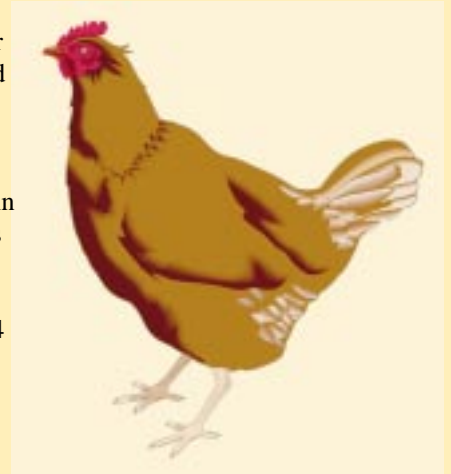


Broiler Production in 2000 Tops 8.2 Billion Birds

U.S. broiler production last year, December 1, 1999, through November 30, 2000, reached more than 41.516 billion pounds, liveweight, 1.7 percent more than the 40.830 billion pounds in 1999, according to *Poultry-Production and Value 2000 Summary* issued in April by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS). The number of broilers also increased in 2000 with 8.263 billion birds, 1.4 percent ahead of the 8.146 billion in 1999.

Georgia was the top broiler producing state in 2000 with 1.230 billion broilers weighing 6.148 billion pounds, liveweight. Arkansas followed with 1.192 billion broilers weighing 5.839 billion pounds and Alabama with 1.039 billion broilers weighing 5.297 billion pounds. Ranking for 23 states and eight "other" states is as follows:



Top 23 Broiler Producing States in 2000¹

State	Number Broilers ²	Pounds Liveweight
		million
Georgia	1,229.7	6,148.5
Arkansas	1,191.7	5,839.3
Alabama	1,038.7	5,297.4
Mississippi	739.9	3,699.5
North Carolina	698.4	4,050.7
Texas	551.0	2,589.7
Maryland	283.3	1,359.8
Virginia	264.9	1,298.0
Delaware	247.7	1,461.4
Missouri	240.0	1,080.0
Oklahoma	223.1	1,093.2
Kentucky	208.2	1,041.0
South Carolina	196.8	1,003.7
Tennessee	151.3	696.0
Pennsylvania	133.3	693.2
Florida	119.9	647.5
West Virginia	91.3	365.2
Ohio	45.7	223.9
Minnesota	44.2	221.0
Wisconsin	32.8	147.6
Nebraska	3.4	19.0
New York	2.1	11.8
Hawaii	0.9	3.7
Other ³	524.3	2,525.2
U.S. Total	8,262.6	41,516.3

¹ December 1, 1999, through November 30, 2000.

² Includes domestic meat-type breeds.

³ CA, IA, IN, LA, ME, MI, OR, and WA combined.

Source: *Poultry - Production and Value 2000 Summary*, USDA/NASS (April 2001).