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This report contains the results from our poultry surveys conducted in 2018 and earlier years, as well as results from the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The data also are posted on our Web site at the Internet address shown on the bottom of this page, and in more detailed U.S. statistics at www.nass.usda.gov. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Delta Regional Office, appreciates the cooperation of all the producers and integrators who responded to USDA NASS surveys used in the production of this report. Thank you.

Arkansas Poultry Highlights, 2016 and 2017

Arkansas: Cash receipts from farm marketing totaled \$8.21 billion for the State in 2016. Livestock and livestock products totaled \$4.71 billion collectively, which comprised 57.4 percent of Arkansas total agricultural receipts in 2016. Poultry was the largest agricultural product produced in Arkansas in terms of cash receipts, providing 49.6 percent of the total in 2016. Of the poultry cash receipts, broilers were the largest contributor, providing 38.2 percent of the State's total agricultural cash receipts and 77.0 percent of the total cash receipts from poultry and poultry products in Arkansas, at \$3.14 billion.



Typically, Arkansas produces over 6 billion pounds of broiler meat (liveweight) each year. In 2017, Arkansas producers produced 6.99 billion pounds, up 7 percent from last year. Arkansas ranked second in the nation in the value of broiler production. The value of production for broilers during 2017 was \$3.80 billion, up \$666 million from 2016. Arkansas ranked third in the Nation in the number of broilers produced with 1.06 billion birds. Broiler chicks hatched during 2017 numbered 1,009 million, up 4 percent from the previous year.

In 2017, Arkansas ranked in the top five nationally for commercial turkeys, raising 26.5 million turkeys with a production value of \$341 million.

In 2017, Arkansas ranked fourth nationally in terms of value of egg production, with a production value of \$480 million.

Census: According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, a total of 5,895 farms in Arkansas produced some type of poultry in 2012. Census data showed that 3,549 farms produced layers, 458 produced turkeys, and 2,150 farms produced broilers. Benton County had the largest one-day broiler inventory with 17.8 million birds, followed by Washington County with 14.7 million birds. The other top producing counties were Carroll, Yell, Hempstead, Sevier, and Logan Counties, in rank order, and all had over 7 million birds.

U.S.: The value of U.S. broilers produced during 2017 was \$30.2 billion, up 17 percent from \$25.9 billion in 2016. The total number of broilers produced in 2017 was 8.91 billion, up 2 percent from 2016. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2017 was 55.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2016. Broiler-type chicks hatched during 2017 totaled 9.62 billion, up 2 percent from 2016. Egg type chicks hatched during 2017 totaled 582 million, down 1 percent from 2016. Leading U.S. breeders had intended placements of 93.3 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during 2017, up 1 percent from 2016. Egg type chick breeders had intended placements of 2.68 million egg type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks in 2017.

Cash Receipts From Arkansas Farm Marketings: Percent of Total and Total, 2012-2016

Year	Crops		Poultry and Eggs		All Other Livestock Excluding Poultry and Eggs		Total Cash Receipts from All Commodities
	Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)
2012	4,817,983	51.3	3,746,969	39.9	832,854	8.8	9,397,806
2013	5,061,532	49.2	4,469,765	43.4	761,771	7.4	10,293,068
2014	4,470,300	43.7	4,787,207	46.8	965,513	9.5	10,223,020
2015	3,625,324	41.0	4,356,623	49.2	863,402	9.8	8,845,349
2016	3,499,332	42.6	4,070,661	49.6	644,011	7.8	8,214,004

Cash Receipts from Arkansas Farm Marketings: By Commodity and Group ^{1/}, 2012 – 2016

Commodity	2012 ^{2/}	2013 ^{2/}	2014 ^{2/}	2015 ^{2/}	2016 ^{3/}	Commodity	2012 ^{2/}	2013 ^{2/}	2014 ^{2/}	2015 ^{2/}	2016 ^{3/}
----- Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) -----						----- Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) -----					
Total All Commodities	9,397,806	10,293,068	10,223,020	8,845,349	8,214,004	Total All Commodities	9,397,806	10,293,068	10,223,020	8,845,349	8,214,004
Livestock and Livestock Products	4,579,823	5,231,536	5,752,720	5,220,026	4,714,671	All Crops ^{4/}	4,817,983	5,061,532	4,470,300	3,625,324	3,499,332
Poultry and Eggs	3,746,969	4,469,765	4,787,207	4,356,623	4,070,661	Cotton	602,950	414,882	414,198	210,273	259,815
Broilers	2,879,200	3,628,889	3,831,300	3,312,358	3,136,206	Rice	1,058,195	1,388,840	1,394,888	1,212,772	1,028,251
Other Poultry	867,769	840,876	955,907	1,044,265	934,455	Wheat	217,627	255,074	150,404	72,273	28,307
Cattle and Calves	637,591	543,327	773,085	699,631	489,068	Corn	632,833	775,977	647,670	365,488	400,381
Hogs	85,072	111,018	88,263	69,532	63,915	Peanuts	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,164
Dairy Products, Milk	24,104	21,424	23,970	16,109	12,782	Other Feed Crops	109,360	154,579	162,456	252,493	66,845
Miscellaneous Livestock	86,087	86,002	80,195	78,131	78,245	Oil Crops	2,051,880	1,938,864	1,568,084	1,379,082	1,596,428
						Fruits and Nuts	7,647	8,051	8,466	8,062	(NA)
						Vegetables and Melons	48,974	34,032	34,442	34,411	16,415
						All Other Crops	88,517	91,233	89,692	90,470	98,726

^{1/} Cash receipts shown in this table are on a calendar-year basis, not on a crop year basis, and may not agree with other NASS data published on the Arkansas Web site. Group totals and all totals may differ due to rounding.

^{2/} April 9, 2017.

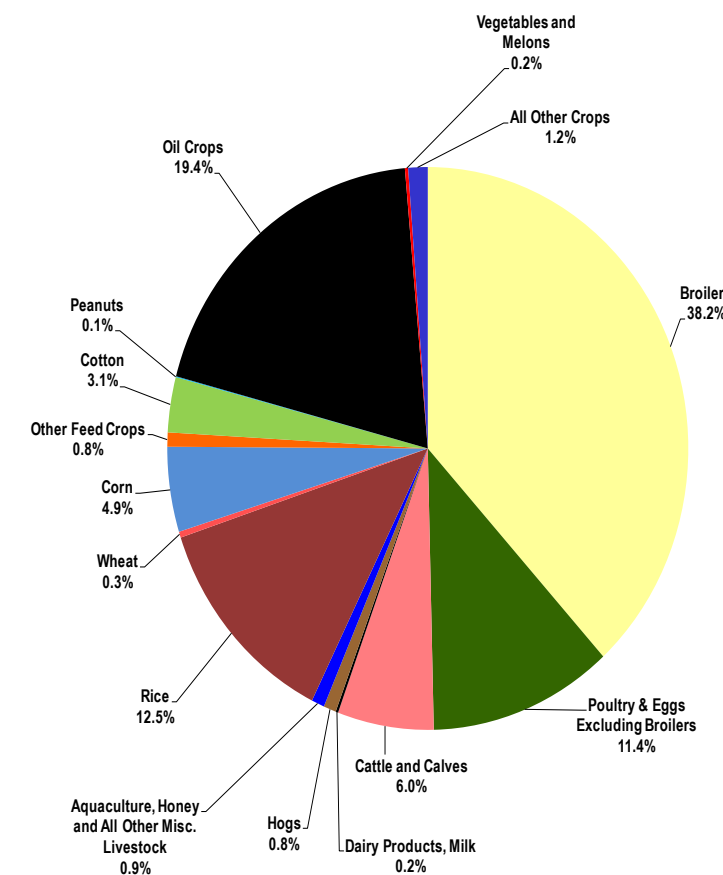
^{3/} Preliminary data.

^{4/} "All Crops" includes cotton, food grains, feed crops, oil crops, fruits and nuts, vegetables, and all other crops; excludes forest products.

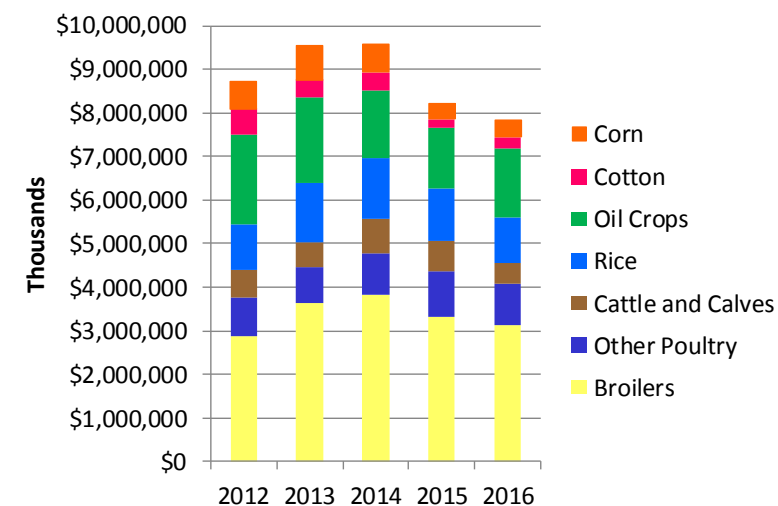
Cash Receipts from Arkansas Farm Marketing: Top Six Commodities, 2016

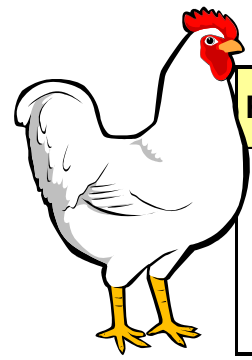
Commodity	Value of AR Cash Receipts for Commodity (\$1,000)	Percent of AR Total Cash Receipts (percent)	Percent of U.S. Total Cash Receipts for (percent)
Broilers	3,136,206	38.2	12.1
Oil Crops	1,596,428	19.4	4.5
Rice	1,028,251	12.5	42.4
Other Poultry	934,455	11.4	4.8
Cattle & Calves	489,068	6.0	0.8
Corn	400,381	4.9	0.9

Cash Receipts from Arkansas Farm Marketing:



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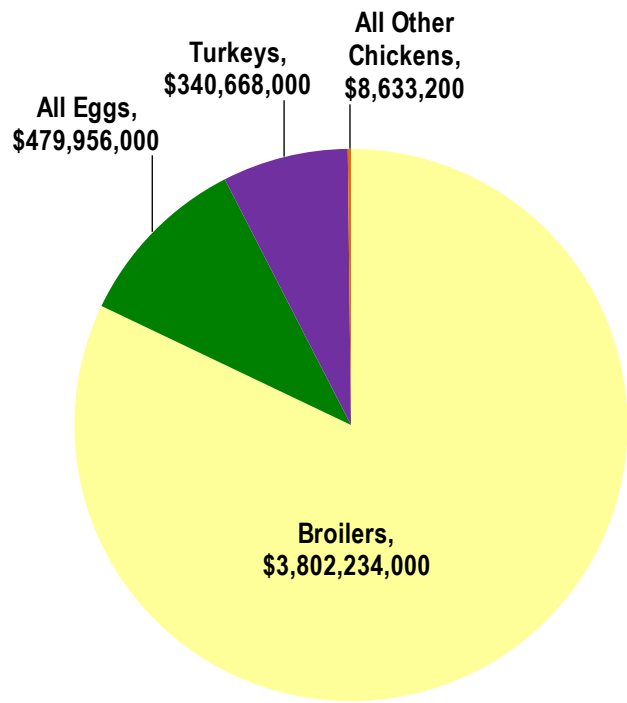




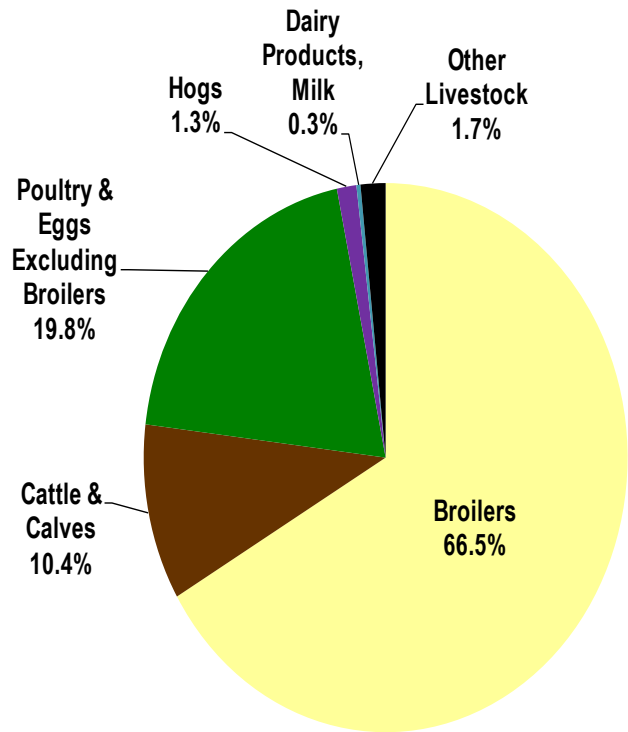
State Ranking in Commercial Broilers: Number, Production, and Value, 2017

Rank	State	Number Produced (1,000 head)	State	Pounds Produced (1,000 pounds)	State	Value of Production (1,000 dollars)
1	GA	1,363,400	GA	8,044,100	GA	\$4,375,990
2	AL	1,095,400	AR	6,989,400	AR	\$3,802,234
3	AR	1,059,000	NC	6,563,300	NC	\$3,570,435
4	NC	830,800	AL	6,134,200	AL	\$3,337,005
5	MS	741,100	MS	4,743,000	MS	\$2,580,192

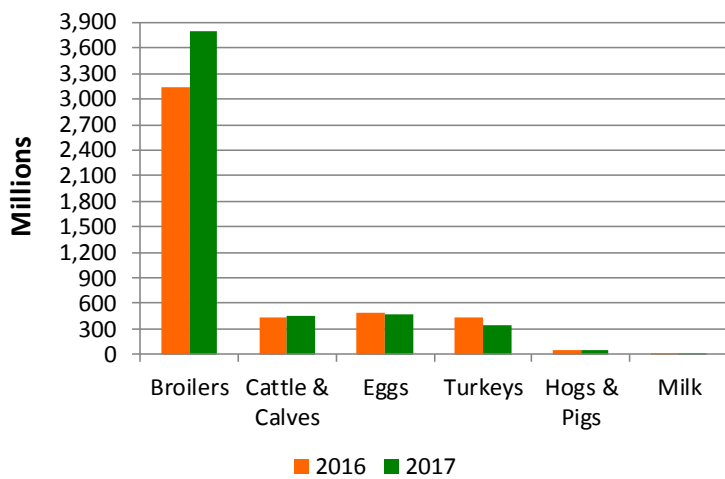
Value of Poultry Production: Commercial Broilers, Eggs, Turkeys, and All Other Chickens, Arkansas, 2017
(Total = \$4,631,491,200)



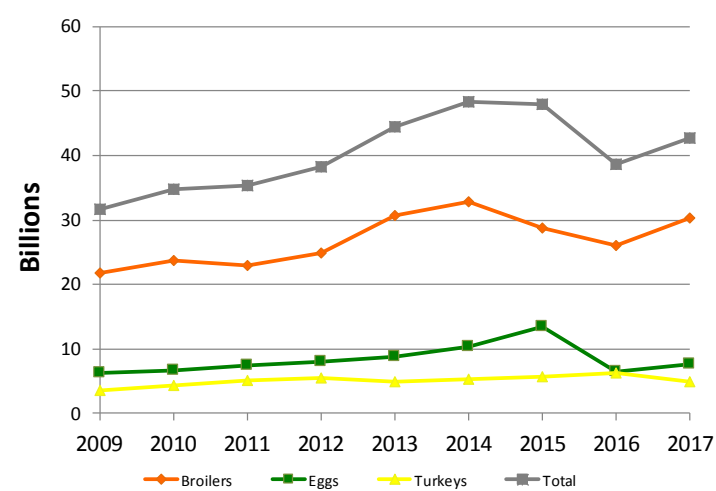
Cash Receipts from Arkansas Farm Marketing: Livestock Items, Arkansas, 2016 Percent of Total
(Total = \$4,714,671,000)



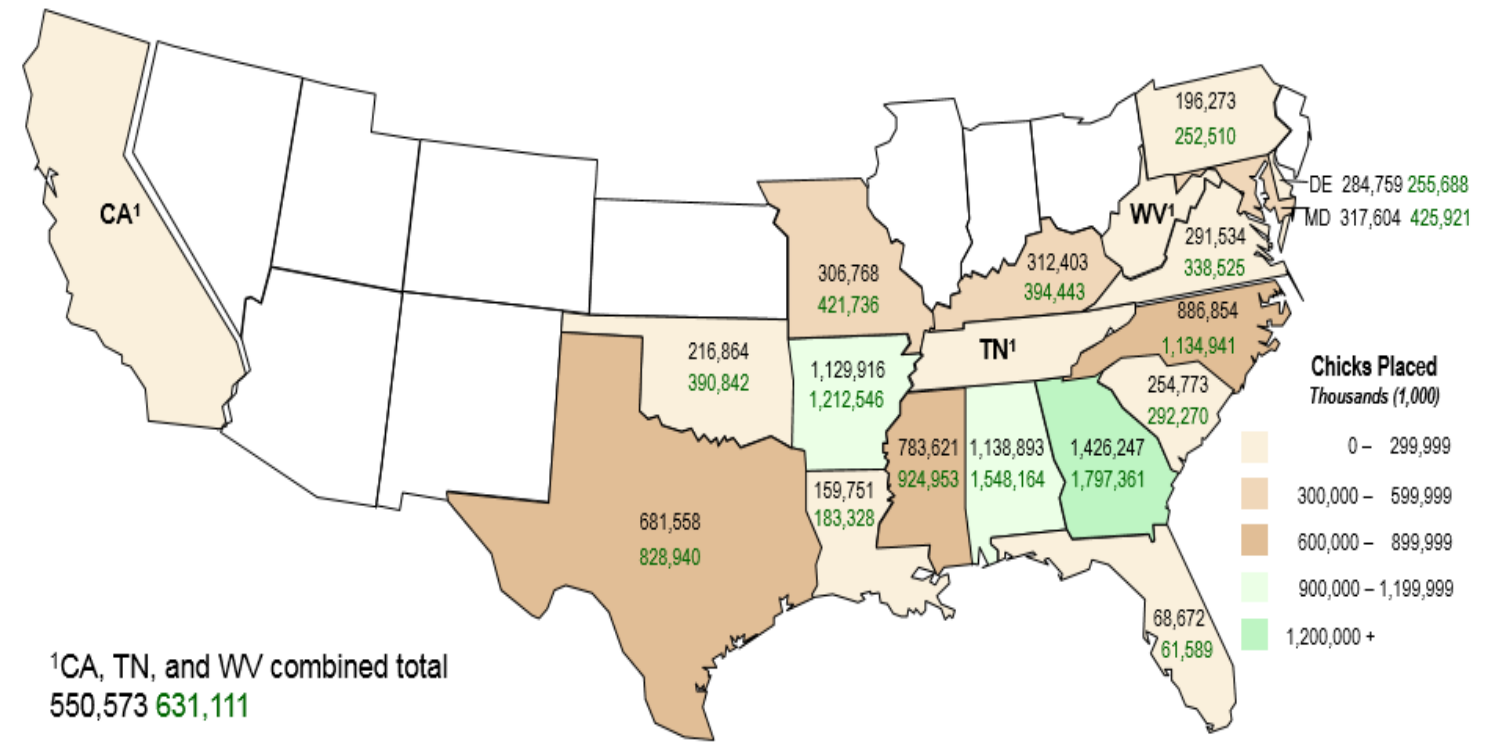
Value of Livestock Production: Major Livestock Items, Arkansas, 2016 and 2017



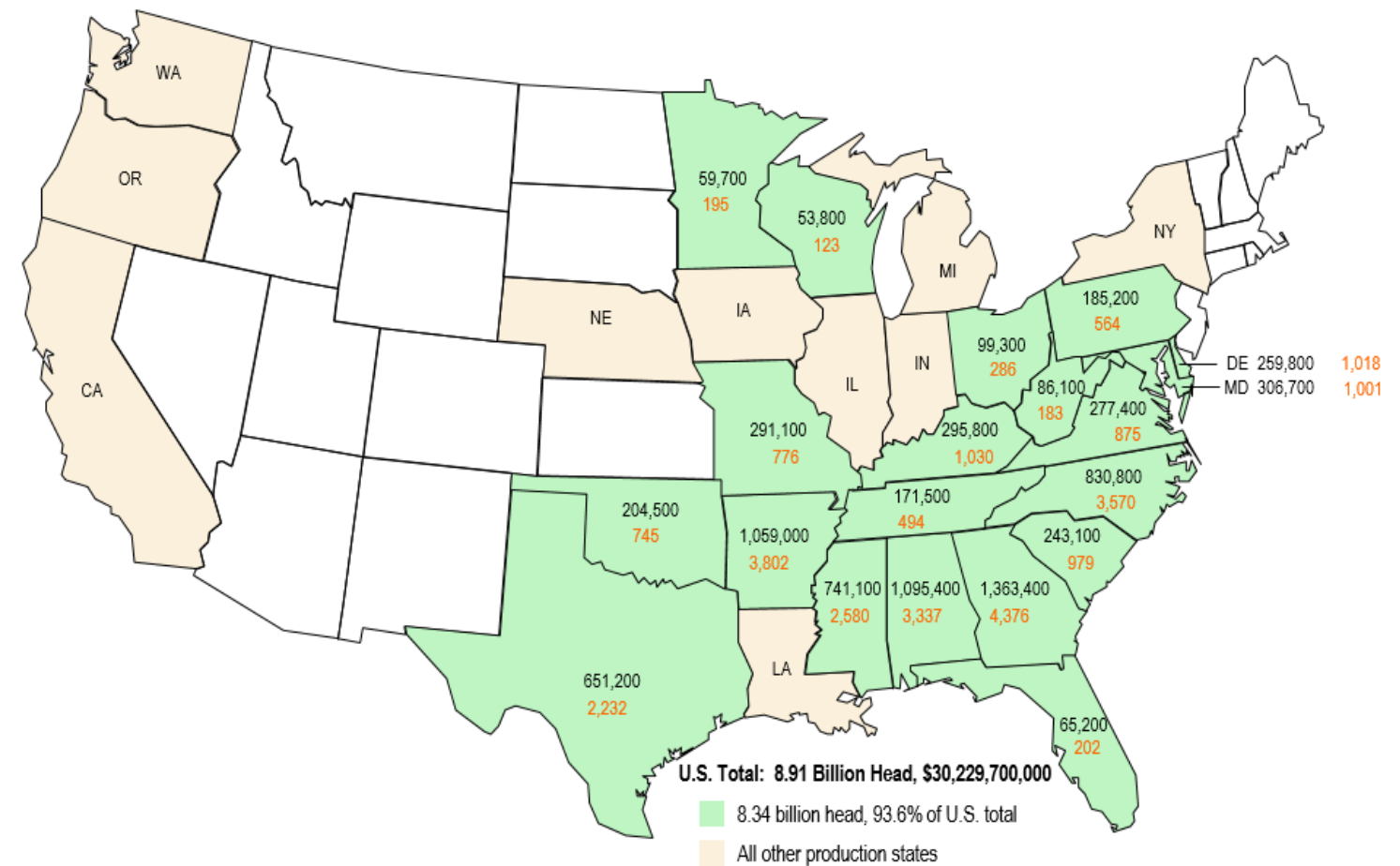
Value of Production: Broilers, Eggs, Turkeys, Chickens and Total, United States, 2009-2017



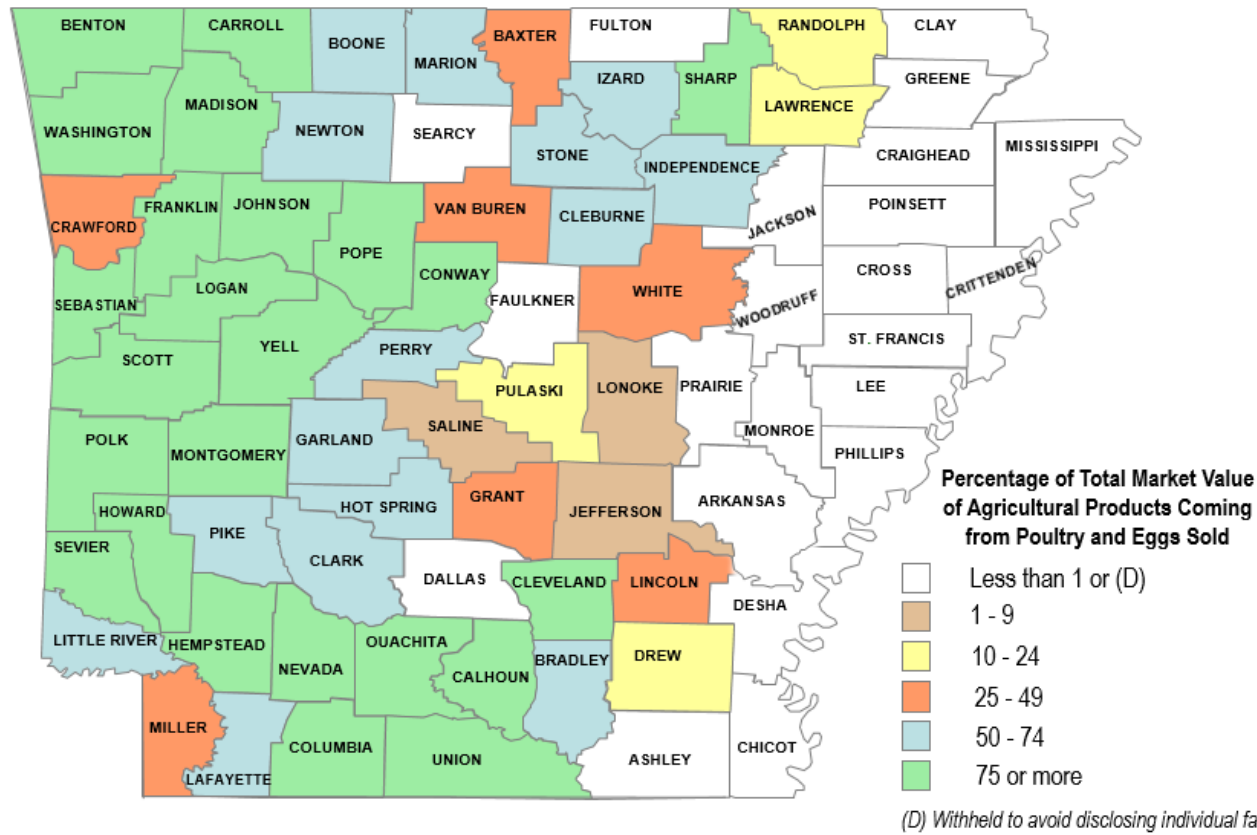
Broiler Chicks Placed and Eggs Set by State: 52 Weeks Ending 12/30/17, in thousands (1,000)



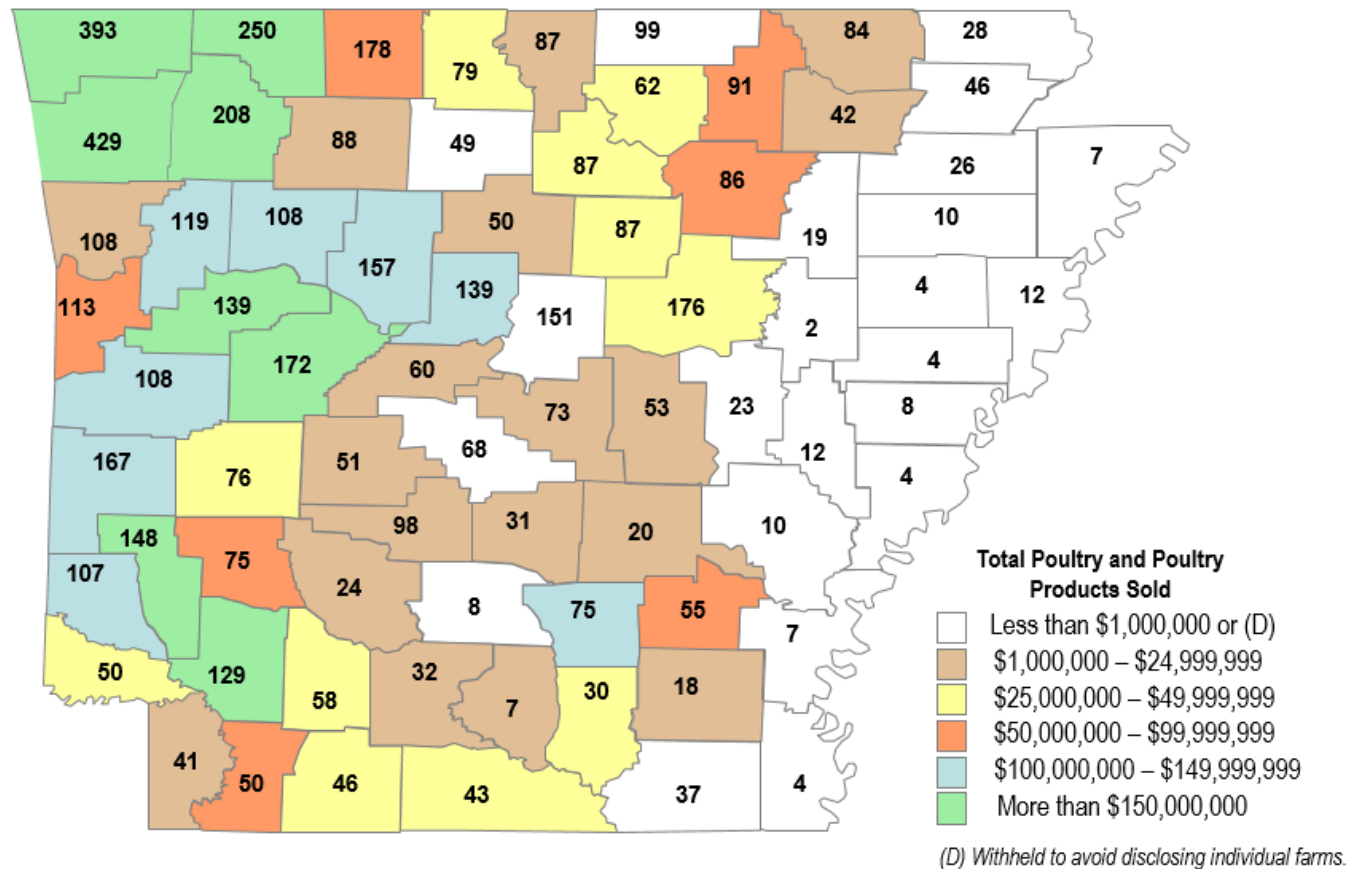
Broiler Production by State: Number Produced, in thousands (1,000) and Value of Production, in million dollars (\$1,000,000), 2017



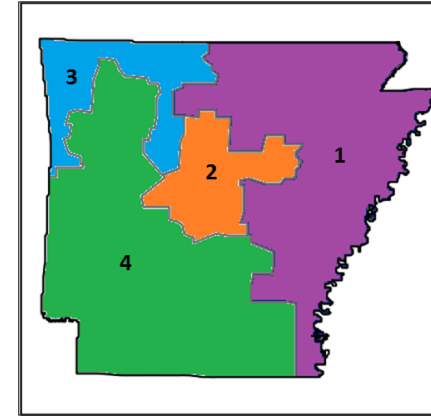
2012 Census of Agriculture: Value of Poultry and Eggs Sold as Percent of Total Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold



2012 Census of Agriculture: Poultry and Poultry Products Sales, With Number of Poultry Farms, by County, Arkansas



2012 Arkansas Congressional Districts



2012 Census of Agriculture: Arkansas Congressional District Profiles, Selected Items

District	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Number of Farms	14,422	5,715	9,735	15,199
Market Value of Products Sold... Avg/Farm \$	\$338,804	\$66,005	\$174,251	\$185,274
Top Crop Items and Rank Among 4 Congressional Districts in State ()				
1	Soybeans (1)	Forage (4)	Forage (2)	Forage (1)
2	Rice (1)	Soybeans (3)	Soybeans (4)	Soybeans (2)
3	Corn (1)	Rice (3)	Wheat (4)	Corn (2)
Top Livestock Items and Rank Among 4 Congressional Districts in State ()				
1	Broilers* (3)	Broilers* (4)	Broilers* (2)	Broilers* (1)
2	Pullets** (3)	Layers (3)	Turkeys (1)	Layers (1)
3	Layers (4)	Pullets** (4)	Layers (2)	Turkeys (2)
Value of Sales, Poultry & Eggs, Total	\$369,613,000	\$193,079,000	\$1,409,335,000	\$2,039,699,000

*Broilers and other meat type chickens

**Pullets for laying flock replacement

Broiler, Turkey, and Egg Feed Costs and Market Prices

	DECATUR SOYBEAN \$/ ton	CHICAGO No. 2 CORN \$/ bushel	Feed Costs Liveweight 1998-2000=100	Market Price 1998-2000=100	Market Price: Feed Costs 1998-2000=100
BROILERS					
Mar-2017	324.37	3.48	150.96	146.20	144.52
Apr-2017	305.27	3.44	152.18	155.68	156.92
May-2017	308.96	3.46	149.89	165.62	171.18
June-2017	300.87	3.46	145.91	172.20	181.50
July-2017	326.04	3.55	146.96	173.81	183.30
Aug-2017	301.05	3.27	145.55	165.98	173.21
Sept-2017	307.70	3.22	151.32	150.81	150.63
Oct-2017	315.24	3.18	142.48	138.40	136.96
Nov-2017	313.52	3.13	142.75	134.18	131.15
Dec-2017	319.22	3.21	143.41	138.93	137.34
Jan-2018	322.60	3.27	142.37	139.14	138.00
Feb-2018	362.85	3.45	144.59	141.77	140.77
Mar-2018	379.85	3.58	146.16	146.09	146.07
TURKEYS					
Mar-2017	324.37	3.48	158.70	152.86	161.67
Apr-2017	305.27	3.44	163.73	155.36	155.29
May-2017	308.96	3.46	165.24	150.65	155.00
June-2017	300.87	3.46	162.27	149.29	154.32
July-2017	326.04	3.55	157.08	147.88	154.66
Aug-2017	301.05	3.27	158.42	146.02	151.08
Sept-2017	307.70	3.22	156.54	146.33	152.50
Oct-2017	315.24	3.18	164.01	143.88	145.00
Nov-2017	313.52	3.13	152.92	134.47	135.69
Dec-2017	319.22	3.21	153.40	121.44	115.05
Jan-2018	322.60	3.27	154.37	119.84	112.06
Feb-2018	362.85	3.45	153.11	120.66	113.96
Mar-2018	379.85	3.58	155.87	120.16	111.82
EGGS					
Mar-2017	324.37	3.48	161.80	92.51	56.31
Apr-2017	305.27	3.44	159.40	101.52	71.29
May-2017	308.96	3.46	155.35	84.96	48.19
June-2017	300.87	3.46	156.55	88.00	52.18
July-2017	326.04	3.55	155.25	106.16	80.52
Aug-2017	301.05	3.27	161.39	118.39	95.93
Sept-2017	307.70	3.22	150.62	152.78	153.91
Oct-2017	315.24	3.18	150.34	164.11	171.30
Nov-2017	313.52	3.13	150.58	187.93	207.45
Dec-2017	319.22	3.21	149.20	241.13	289.16
Jan-2018	322.60	3.27	151.95	175.16	187.28
Feb-2018	362.85	3.45	153.97	217.06	250.02
Mar-2018	379.85	3.58	164.87	305.70	379.27

NOTE - These statistical series were developed to show changes in poultry feed costs and market prices for broilers products, whole turkeys, and large cartoned eggs.

Sources: Broilers, wholesale composite price - ERS.

Turkeys, 3-region wholesale whole bird price - ERS.

Eggs, 1 dozen Grade A large combined regional price - ERS.