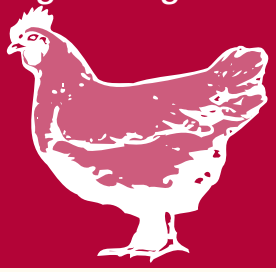
# POULTRY

Virginia Ag Facts



## Broilers (commercial)

Cash receipts ..... $622.8 million
Quantity raised ..... 250.4 million
Pounds produced ..... 1.29 billion

## Turkeys

Cash receipts ..... $215.4 million
Quantity raised ..... 17 million
Pounds produced ..... 459 million

## Eggs

Cash receipts ..... $77.3 million
Number produced ..... 729 million

## Chickens

Value of production ..... $1.8 million
Total chickens sold ..... 2.27 million

*—National Agricultural Statistics Service (Most recent figures, 2010)*

## Percentage of Virginia farm commodities

Broilers ..... 21.5
Turkeys ..... 9.8
Eggs ..... 2.7

*—NASS (Most recent figures, 2010)*

## Virginia poultry's national ranking

5th in turkey production
9th in broiler chicken production
28th in egg production

*—NASS (Most recent figures, 2010)*

## Why'd the chicken cross the road?

Virginia's poultry industry has six poultry processing companies: Cargill Turkey Products, George's Foods, Pilgrim's Pride Corp., Perdue Farms, Tyson Foods, and Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative Inc.

Virginia's poultry processing companies employ about 10,000 people. Every processing job creates 7.2 jobs outside the poultry industry.

There are more than 280 turkey farms and 780 chicken farms in Virginia supporting about 1,100 farm families.

Rockingham County is the nation's second-largest turkey-producing county.

*—Virginia Poultry Federation, 2010*

## In the market for poultry?

Per capita U.S. poultry meat consumption has risen from 34 pounds in 1960 to 100 pounds today.

The United States exports about 15 percent of its chicken and about 10 percent of its turkey.

Significant chicken export markets include Russia, China/Hong Kong, Mexico, Japan and Korea.

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