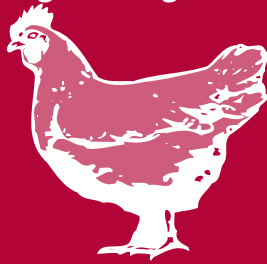


# POULTRY

## Virginia Ag Facts



### Broilers (commercial)

Cash receipts .....	\$563.2 million
Quantity raised .....	250.3 million
Pounds produced.....	1.25 billion

### Turkeys

Cash receipts .....	\$271.2 million
Quantity raised .....	18 million
Pounds produced.....	484.2 million

### Eggs

Cash receipts .....	\$77.1 million
Number produced .....	726 million

### Chickens

Value of production .....	\$1.4 million
Total chickens sold .....	2.92 million

—National Agricultural Statistics Service (Most recent figures, 2008)

### Percentage of Virginia farm commodities

Broilers.....	18.8
Turkeys .....	9.0
Eggs.....	2.6

—NASS (Most recent figures, 2008)

### Virginia poultry's national ranking

- 5th in turkey production
- 9th in broiler production
- 29th in egg production

—NASS (Most recent figures, 2008)

### 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 more than 10,000 people. Every processing job creates 7.2 jobs outside the poultry industry.

There are more than 300 turkey farms and 880 chicken farms in Virginia supporting approximately 1,200 farm families.

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

—Virginia Poultry Federation, 2007

### In the market for poultry?

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

Virginia exports about 15 percent of its chicken and about 10 percent of its turkey.

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

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