

Agriculture Fact Sheet

Poultry and Eggs 2024



- Mississippi ranks #13 in the United States in broiler production, producing more than 731 million broilers.
- In 2024, Mississippi had 3,003 poultry farms.
- The production value of poultry in 2024 was \$3.34 billion.
- The leading counties for poultry production are Leake, Scott, Smith, Jasper, Simpson, Jones, Neshoba and Wayne.
- Broilers account for approximately 94 percent of the total poultry income, while eggs account for about five percent, hens account for one percent, and noncommercial farm chickens account for less than one percent.



- Farmers contract with broiler companies, known as integrators, to raise broilers. Under this arrangement, the integrator supplies the chicks, feed and veterinary supplies to the farmer at no cost. The farmer provides labor, utilities and the broiler houses.
- The typical farmer will have four to six chicken houses. Each house holds about 23,000 birds. A flock of chickens reaches a five-pound market size in about six weeks.
- Almost all broilers grown in Mississippi are processed in state.
- A typical broiler ration contains about 60 percent corn, 18 percent soy meal and 22 percent other ingredients.
- Mississippians do not consume all of the broilers and eggs produced in the state each year. Mississippi's poultry integrators depend on strong export markets as outlets for the dark meat.



- In 2024, Mississippi produced 1.45 million eggs at 234 farms with 100+ layers.
- The value of eggs produced in Mississippi in 2024 was \$484 million.



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