

percent of all eggs sold. Although there were 1,392,000 farms reporting eggs sold in 1954, the 50,000 farms with 800 or more chickens on hand, accounted for more than 40 percent of the total sales. The 36,000 commercial poultry farms with 800 or more chickens on hand in 1954, produced over one-third of all chicken eggs sold.

Table 9.—NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD IN 13 LEADING PRODUCING STATES: 1954

State	Number of broilers sold	Percent of United States total
United States.....	702,373,716	100.0
Total, 13 States.....	603,582,339	76.2
Georgia.....	114,369,440	14.4
Arkansas.....	62,337,491	7.9
Delaware.....	61,590,692	7.8
Texas.....	55,711,200	7.0
Maryland.....	46,094,361	5.8
Alabama.....	39,561,620	5.0
California.....	38,275,851	4.8
Virginia.....	37,044,088	4.7
North Carolina.....	35,463,971	4.5
Mississippi.....	34,390,326	4.3
Indiana.....	28,650,981	3.6
Pennsylvania.....	25,816,794	3.3
Maine.....	24,275,524	3.1

Production of Broilers

From its beginning, the production of chicken broilers has been a large-scale commercial operation rather than a sideline of general farming or other types of farming. Growth of the broiler enterprise largely replaced the production of spring fryers which, up until a decade or so ago, was frequently carried on as a part of the poultry enterprise on many farms. The production of broilers is more definitely concentrated into specific areas and into larger operations than is any of the other segments of the poultry industry. The chief broiler areas have developed mainly in five widely different parts of the United States: (1) Delaware-Maryland-Virginia ("Delmarva"), (2) Georgia and Alabama, (3) Arkansas, (4) Texas, and (5) California. Within these groups of States the industry is concentrated into relatively few counties.

The degree of the concentration is indicated by the value of broiler production in the ranking broiler counties. More than 60 percent of the broiler production in this country comes from 100 counties. In those counties the number sold in 1954 varied from 58 million in Sussex County, Delaware, to around 1½ million for each of the lower 27 ranking counties.

In the more concentrated areas, broiler production is on such a highly commercialized basis that it might perhaps be classed more nearly as a rural manufacturing activity than as a farming operation. Production is highly specialized and mechanized; it occurs

Table 10.—NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD, FROM 100 RANKING COUNTIES: 1954

County	Farms reporting	Number of broilers	Average number per farm reporting	County	Farms reporting	Number of broilers	Average number per farm reporting
Total, 100 counties.....	26,022	477,141,072	18,336	Grant, W. Va.....	388	3,184,772	8,208
Sussex, Del.....	1,299	57,716,993	44,432	Cleburne, Ala.....	182	3,114,663	17,114
Washington, Ark.....	882	17,190,801	19,491	DeKalb, Ala.....	165	3,103,004	18,806
Benton, Ark.....	1,115	13,894,517	15,152	Habersham, Ga.....	197	3,091,655	15,691
Wicomico, Md.....	431	14,887,544	34,542	Dawson, Ga.....	296	3,000,600	10,137
Scott, Miss.....	204	12,915,636	63,312	Augusta, Va.....	215	2,814,188	13,089
Cherokee, Ga.....	864	12,723,945	14,727	Talbot, Md.....	71	2,814,172	39,636
Hall, Ga.....	965	12,644,702	13,103	Madison, Ark.....	175	2,795,176	15,972
Worcester, Md.....	290	11,470,942	39,555	Cobb, Ga.....	183	2,793,611	15,266
Forsyth, Ga.....	1,019	11,125,356	10,918	Hampden, Mass.....	30	2,771,368	92,379
Rockingham, Va.....	1,049	10,959,546	10,448	Catoosa, Ga.....	117	2,748,411	23,491
Gonzales, Texas.....	322	8,810,911	27,363	Rankin, Miss.....	104	2,687,432	25,648
Shelby, Texas.....	498	8,217,863	16,502	Cherokee, Texas.....	130	2,600,898	20,007
Waldo, Maine.....	259	8,186,347	31,608	Independence, Ark.....	208	2,540,030	12,212
Los Angeles, Calif.....	498	7,697,177	15,456	Shenandoah, Va.....	270	2,445,222	9,056
Whitfield, Ga.....	339	7,136,721	21,052	Madison, Ga.....	160	2,442,650	15,267
Somerset, Md.....	270	6,988,860	25,885	Carroll, Ga.....	150	2,388,816	15,925
Lancaster, Pa.....	661	6,352,427	9,610	Barry, Mo.....	180	2,313,313	12,852
Caroline, Md.....	259	6,236,152	24,078	Banks, Ga.....	168	2,266,583	13,492
Lumpkin, Ga.....	464	6,177,550	13,314	Sabine, Texas.....	104	2,222,620	21,371
Windham, Conn.....	256	6,006,473	23,463	Worcester, Mass.....	130	2,205,339	16,964
Chatham, N. C.....	454	5,999,949	13,216	Penobscot, Maine.....	88	2,124,716	24,145
Cullman, Ala.....	246	5,420,676	22,035	Harrison, Ind.....	108	2,104,186	19,483
Sonoma, Calif.....	283	5,369,962	20,418	Walker, Ala.....	73	2,068,811	28,340
Wilkes, N. C.....	532	4,765,752	8,958	Barrow, Ga.....	169	1,984,850	11,745
New London, Conn.....	258	4,720,973	18,322	Buncombe, N. C.....	96	1,944,049	20,261
Marshall, Ala.....	212	4,712,338	22,228	Page, Va.....	242	1,918,553	7,928
Hardy, W. Va.....	485	4,589,314	9,463	Leake, Miss.....	72	1,816,113	25,224
Smith, Miss.....	151	4,534,472	30,030	Walworth, Wis.....	5	1,780,700	350,140
White, Ga.....	318	4,489,682	14,118	Pope, Ark.....	100	1,765,144	17,651
Jackson, Ga.....	305	4,408,438	14,454	Dubois, Ind.....	183	1,685,291	9,209
Kennebec, Maine.....	120	4,386,346	36,553	Androscoggin, Maine.....	35	1,672,581	47,788
Elkhart, Ind.....	256	4,343,117	16,965	Rusk, Texas.....	117	1,650,955	14,111
Nacogdoches, Texas.....	276	4,325,239	15,671	Somerset, Maine.....	66	1,627,584	24,600
Gwinnett, Ga.....	289	4,314,270	14,928	Sullivan, N. Y.....	105	1,625,553	15,481
Accomack, Va.....	158	4,143,014	26,222	Cleburne, Ark.....	148	1,615,810	10,918
Moore, N. C.....	343	4,124,882	12,026	Itawamba, Miss.....	154	1,591,610	10,335
Franklin, Ga.....	296	3,922,026	13,250	Rockingham, N. H.....	94	1,575,770	16,764
Randolph, N. C.....	308	3,883,480	12,609	Santa Clara, Calif.....	69	1,570,075	22,755
Pendleton, W. Va.....	455	3,799,244	8,350	Murray, Ga.....	79	1,569,669	19,743
McLennan, Texas.....	75	3,732,585	49,768	Aiken, S. C.....	47	1,550,247	32,984
San Bernardino, Calif.....	222	3,630,115	16,352	Hanover, Va.....	63	1,546,160	24,542
Pickens, Ga.....	292	3,578,484	12,255	Gordon, Ga.....	89	1,538,120	17,282
Yell, Ark.....	138	3,480,316	25,220	Paulding, Ga.....	71	1,505,795	21,208
Kent, Del.....	150	3,458,199	23,055	Hale, Ala.....	39	1,495,382	38,343
Washington, Ind.....	182	3,448,858	18,950	Miller, Mo.....	104	1,459,944	14,038
McDonald, Mo.....	200	3,277,463	16,387	Hampshire, W. Va.....	168	1,465,849	8,668
Fulton, Ga.....	288	3,250,140	11,216	Tyler, Texas.....	85	1,441,700	16,981
Winston, Ala.....	140	3,206,234	22,902	Pike, Pa.....	81	1,439,633	17,773
Fresno, Calif.....	110	3,205,325	29,139	Stone, Mo.....	70	1,430,992	20,443
				Middlesex, Mass.....	113	1,423,961	12,601