

GENERAL EXPLANATIONS Continued

Table 6. Specified Livestock—Inventory by Age and Sex Groups: 1840 to 1974—Continued

	Farms	Number		Farms	Number
POULTRY--Continued			POULTRY--Continued		
1959 (Oct.-Nov.)			1900 (June 1)		
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	2,172,264	351,029,294	Chickens, including guinea fowls, over 3 months old.....	(NA)	233,598,085
Turkey hens on hand kept for breeding.....	51,745	2,917,209	Turkeys over 3 months old ¹	(NA)	6,594,695
1954 ¹ (Oct.-Nov.)			Geese over 3 months old ¹		
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	3,418,204	375,800,447	Ducks over 3 months old ¹	(NA)	5,676,788
Turkey hens on hand kept for breeding in 1955.....	83,532	2,277,825	Other and unspecified ¹	(NA)	4,785,850
Light breeds.....	44,852	746,877		(NA)	884
Heavy breeds.....	39,516	1,530,948	1890 ¹ (June 1)		
1950 (Apr. 1)			Chickens on hand, June 1.....		
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	4,218,857	342,956,055	Turkeys on hand, June 1.....	(NA)	258,871,125
Turkeys 4 months old and over ¹	131,801	2,848,880	Geese on hand, June 1.....	(NA)	10,754,060
1945 ¹ (Jan. 1)			Ducks on hand, June 1.....		
Chickens over 4 months old.....	4,900,948	433,110,674	1880 ¹ (June 1)		
1940 (Apr. 1)			Barnyard poultry, excluding spring hatch.....		
Chickens over 4 months old.....	5,152,354	338,240,109	Other poultry, excluding spring hatch.....	(NA)	102,272,135
Turkeys over 4 months old ¹	443,410	4,361,752	BEEES		
Ducks over 4 months old ¹	257,729	2,460,087	1974 (Dec. 31)		
Geese over 4 months old ¹	131,368	634,868	Farms with sales of \$2,500 and over:		
Guineas over 4 months old ¹	127,306	841,016	Colonies of bees.....	6,459	1,708,383
Pigeons over 4 months old ¹	2,305	257,594	1969 (Dec. 31)		
Quail over 4 months old ¹	274	53,017	Class 1-5 farms:		
Pheasants over 4 months old ¹	952	153,359	Hives of bees.....	12,745	1,424,360
Unspecified and other over 4 months old ¹	14,330	83,971	1959 (Nov.-Dec.) Hawaii only		
1935 ¹ (Jan. 1)			Hives of bees owned in 1959.....		
Chickens over 3 months old.....	5,833,079	371,603,136		89	5,026
Turkeys over 3 months old.....	676,114	5,381,912	1950 (Apr. 1)		
1930 (Apr. 1)			Hives of bees owned last year.....		
Chickens over 3 months old.....	5,375,559	379,159,783		258,244	2,403,379
1925 ¹ (Jan. 1)			1940 (Apr. 1)		
Chickens.....	5,505,617	409,290,849	Total.....	265,221	2,286,695
1920 (Jan. 1)			Owned by farm operator.....	254,480	1,939,990
Chickens.....	5,839,489	359,607,148	Owned by others.....	13,614	346,705
Turkeys ¹	670,834	3,627,028	1930 (Apr. 1)		
Ducks ¹	461,363	2,817,624	Hives of bees owned on farms or elsewhere.....		
Geese ¹	527,836	2,939,203		459,803	3,120,251
Guinea fowls ¹	383,632	2,410,421	1920 (Jan. 1)		
Pigeons ¹	77,769	1,493,630	Hives of bees.....		
1910 (Apr. 15)				540,996	3,482,024
Chickens over 3 months old.....	5,580,758	280,410,531	1910 (Apr. 15)		
Turkeys over 3 months old ¹	871,123	3,688,708	Swarms, hives, or colonies.....		
Ducks over 3 months old ¹	503,704	2,906,525		586,021	3,457,627
Geese over 3 months old ¹	662,324	4,431,980	1900 (June 1)		
Guinea fowls over 3 months old ¹	339,538	1,765,031	Swarms or hives of bees.....		
Pigeons over 3 months old ¹	109,407	2,730,994		707,261	4,109,626
Peafowls over 3 months old ¹	1,807	6,458			
Ostriches over 3 months old ¹	29	5,361			
Pheasants over 3 months old ¹	99	4,171			
India jungle fowls ²	1	3			

¹Alaska and Hawaii not included.

Table 7. Livestock and Poultry Sales: 1974 and 1969

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over

	Farms		Sales	
	1974	1969	1974	1969
Cattle and calves.....	1,071,913	1,188,529	67,253,373	71,101,419
Fattened on grain and concentrates.....	210,725	226,663	26,070,304	25,915,433
Hogs and pigs.....	393,280	536,351	78,600,277	86,770,765
Sheep and lambs.....	75,113	120,829	11,997,422	17,149,332
Broilers.....	31,407	32,348	2,517,720,192	2,427,378,308
Turkeys.....	4,407	5,425	124,738,212	103,454,667

Production cycles vary for meat-type animals. For some types of animals the cycle is usually fixed, while for others it is quite flexible. Farmers or ranchers with cow herds usually sell calves as feeder animals, frequently to specialized cattle feeders who then fatten them to slaughter weights. Calves also may be slaughtered for veal, or they may be pastured for various periods of time or

go to warm up lots before eventually being placed in finishing feedlots. Thus, cattle and calves when slaughtered may range in age from a few months to 2 or 3 years.

Hog producers have fewer options. A hog producer either sells feeder pigs to others who feed them to market weight or he raises them himself as market hogs. In either case, most market hogs are sold

for slaughter within 6 months of farrowing. Sheep raisers have several production alternatives. Some lambs are marketed when only a few months old, some are first pastured then marketed for slaughter, others are pastured then fattened in feedlots or on specialized sheep feeding farms and then marketed. Broiler production is confined to a fixed cycle with almost all broilers slaughtered at 6 to 10 weeks of age. Most turkeys are grown to a matured market weight in 5 to 7 months, but some young turkeys are sold as fryers when less than 16 weeks old. To a large degree, turkey production is seasonal; most of the annual slaughter takes place between August and February.