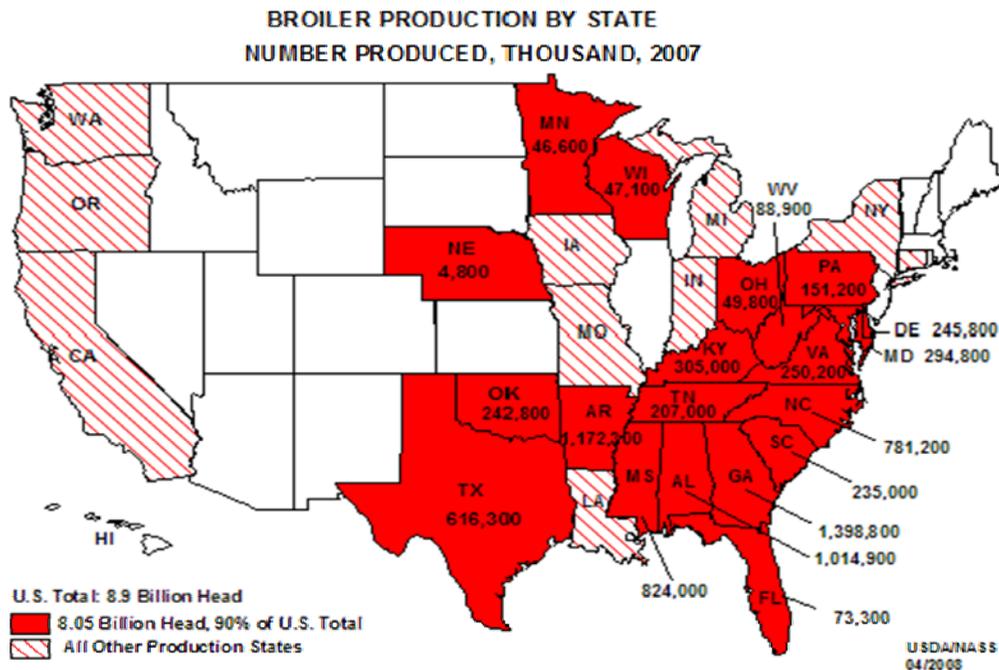


United States Poultry Production

- U.S. broiler production in 2007 was 36.1 billion pounds, valued at \$21.5 billion.
- U.S. egg production in 2007 was 90.6 billion eggs, valued at \$6.68 billion.
- U.S. broiler exports in 2007 were 5.8 billion pounds, valued at \$2.7 billion, and representing 16% of production.
- Sustainability of the U.S. poultry industry is vital to maintaining a safe and secure food supply and in fundamentally preserving hundreds of rural economies in many states.
- The poultry industry is a significant and critical contributor to the local economic base in many communities across the U.S poultry belt.
- The U.S. poultry industry is facing a plight similar to that faced by the textile and furniture industries.
- The U.S. currently does not import poultry products, helping to ensure domestic food safety.
- The comparative advantage held by the U.S. poultry industry lies in production technology areas, not in low cost labor or feed.
- The U.S. must continue to develop improved production technologies and to educate our production sector to maintain its leadership position.

United States Broiler Production by State



State of Alabama Poultry Production

- 20 Million Broilers are produced each week in Alabama.
- Over 1 billion broilers have been produced annually since 2000.
- \$2.715 billion in poultry receipts in 2007 (\$2.4 billion broilers; \$315 million eggs).
- Aggregate economic impact of the Alabama poultry industry was \$10.6 billion for 2007. (Multipliers – Broilers: 3.94; Eggs:3.65)
- The Alabama Poultry Industry and allied industries provide some 80,000 jobs.
- Poultry industry is critical to many local economies in Alabama
- Alabama has more than 13,000 poultry houses on nearly 4,000 farms
- Alabama's poultry industry is poised for sustainable growth
- Major Issues facing Alabama poultry producers are:
 - Energy usage & cost issues
 - Cost and return (profitability) issues
 - Environmental (litter, water, odor) issues

Alabama Agricultural Receipts - 2007

