



2022 Georgia Agricultural Census: Poultry

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Poultry Inventory			
	2017	2022	% Change
Chickens, Layers	17,966,521	22,129,571	23%
Chickens, Pullets, Replacement	8,714,012	9,613,925	10%
Chickens, Broilers	244,604,654	231,349,257	-5%
Turkeys	2,722	7,011	158%
Ducks	19,587	15,667	-20%
Guineas	5,494	6,137	12%
Quail	2,665,808	2,351,420	-12%
Chickens, Roosters	1,043,869	1,152,873	10%

- Broiler inventory declined between 2017 and 2022. This decline does not match the overall U.S. inventory change that increased by more than 5%.
- Layers, pullets, and roosters increased during this time period. With declines in broiler layer productivity, the increase in layers may continue into the coming years.
- Non-chicken poultry inventory dropped on significantly lower quail inventories, while turkey inventory more than doubled.

- Sales across all sectors (except quail) matched the direction of inventory changes. Broiler sales reductions were only partially offset by increases in other sectors.
- While total sales declined, the number of poultry animals hatched in the state increased by more than 5%.
- The sales declines for Georgia, measured in head, contrast with USDA-ERS's estimation that cash receipts for the poultry sector in Georgia grew by 30% over this same time period. While the number of head may have declined, sales in dollar terms appear to have increased.

Poultry Sales (measured in head)			
	2017	2022	% Change
Chickens, Layers	15,021,171	16,513,612	10%
Chickens, Pullets, Replacement	13,971,804	15,001,402	7%
Chickens, Broilers	1,380,543,983	1,300,052,315	-6%
Turkeys	1,684	7,238	330%
Ducks	23,476	16,305	-31%
Guineas	1,481	3,405	130%
Quail	9,542,668	9,677,600	1%
Chickens, Roosters	1,079,560	1,200,261	11%
Poultry hatched	1,484,961,033	1,591,892,930	7%

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2017 Census of Agriculture and 2022 Census of Agriculture, calculations made by author, adjusted to 2022 dollars