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## Chicken Facts

### Ohio Chicken Facts

- Ohio produced 88 million broiler chickens in 2016.
- Ohio's annual broiler chicken production is valued at \$277 million.
- In 2016, Ohio produced more than 475 million pounds of chicken.
- Ohio ranks 16<sup>th</sup> nationally for broiler production.
- Ohio chicken production is responsible for the creation of 4,238 jobs annually and \$151 million in earnings.

### National Chicken Facts

- In 2015, nearly 9 billion broiler chickens were produced in the U.S.\*
- The chicken industry consists of companies that produce, process and market chickens and chicken products, with a value of wholesale shipments of around \$60 billion.
- Chickens are classified primarily by the size, weight and age of the bird when processed. Chickens are produced to meet specific requirements of the customer, which can be a retail outlet, fast food chain, or institutional buyer, among others.
- Broiler-fryers, roasters, stewing/baking hens, capons and Rock Cornish hens are all chickens.
- Americans consume more chicken than anyone else in the world – more than 90 pounds per capita in 2015 – the number-one protein consumed in the United States.

\*Source: National Chicken Council, [www.nationalchickencouncil.org](http://www.nationalchickencouncil.org)