

CHICKEN FACTS

Ohio Chicken Facts

- Ohio produced **99.3 million** broiler (meat) chickens in 2017.
- Ohio's annual broiler chicken production is valued at **\$286 million**.
- In 2017, Ohio produced more than **526 million** pounds of chicken.
- Ohio ranks **16th nationally** for broiler production.
- Ohio chicken production is responsible for the creation of **5,464 jobs** annually and **\$179.3 million** in earnings.

National Chicken Facts

- In 2017, 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 **\$65 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.
- Americans consume more chicken than anyone else in the world – more than **63.7 pounds per capita** in 2017 – the number-one protein consumed in the United States.

*Source: National Chicken Council, www.nationalchickencouncil.org

