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Canada issues latest poultry statistics

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CANADIAN chicken, turkey and egg producers saw the value of their products jump to more than $3 billion (Canadian) last year, according to a report Statistics Canada released last Wednesday in Ottawa, Ont.

Poultry farmers produced more in the three major categories: chicken, turkey and eggs.

Turkey producers boosted output the most — 6.5% from 2007 to 2008. Chicken continued to dominate among poultry meats.

“...the value of all poultry products increased 13.1% from a year earlier to $3.2 billion in 2008. Sales of poultry meat, including turkey, increased 15.0% to $2.4 billion. The value of egg sales increased 7.8% from 2007 to $823.0 million,” the federal agency reported in its publication “The Daily.”

“Canadian farmers produced 1.2 million metric tons of poultry meat in 2008. Chicken, including stewing hens, accounted for 85% of all poultry meat produced, up 1.2% from 2007. Turkey production stood at 180,000 metric tons in 2008, up 6.5% from the previous year,” Statistics Canada said.

Egg production was up marginally — by less than 1% to 579.9 million dozen.

Production continued to be concentrated in the Ontario-Quebec region.

The full publication, Poultry & Eggs Statistics, Vol. 6, no. 1, is available on the Statistics Canada web site.