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## CHICKEN PRODUCTION IN EASTERN VISAYAS UP BY 2.3 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021 (Preliminary)

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The total volume of chicken production in Eastern Visayas went up by 2.3 percent in the first quarter of 2021. The total liveweight production of chicken recorded at 14,259 metric tons (MT) in the first quarter of 2020 increased to 14,587 MT in the first quarter of 2021.

Eastern Visayas production accounted for 3.0 percent of the country's total chicken production during the first quarter of 2021. It ranked ninth from the region with highest chicken production.

The chicken population in Eastern Visayas as of 01 April 2021 dropped by 3.9 percent, from 3,031.8 thousand birds as of 01 April 2020 to 2,912.1 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021. This was attributed to the substantial decline in chicken population in Biliran, Leyte and Southern Leyte recorded at 44.2 percent, 22.4 percent, and 3.6 percent, respectively.

Among provinces, Leyte comprised the bulk or 40.5 percent of chicken population within the region recorded at 1,178.2 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021. This was followed by Samar with 638.8 thousand birds, and Southern Leyte with 616.3 thousand birds contributing 21.9 percent and 21.2 percent to the region's total chicken inventory, respectively. Eastern Samar, meanwhile, registered the lowest inventory of chicken with 3.3 percent share or 94.8 thousand birds.

Broiler chickens registered a big drop by 11.6 percent with 635.8 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021 compared with the 719.5 thousand birds as of 01 April 2020. The decline of broiler chicken population in Leyte contributed largely to the downtrend in the region's total broiler population. It dropped by 64.6 percent from 405.8 thousand birds as of 01 April 2020 to 143.8 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021. Southern Leyte which accounted 32.2 percent of the region's total broiler population, also declined by 22.2 percent. Samar registered 222.0 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021 from zero inventory due to scheduled downtime on 01 April 2020. Meanwhile, Eastern Samar broiler chicken inventory stood at 10.6 thousand birds, this is seven fold of its inventory (657.5%) of 1.4 thousand birds as of 01 April 2020. Biliran recorded zero inventory due to scheduled downtime on 01 April 2021.

Meanwhile, layer chickens registered a significant growth of 16.6 percent from the 515.1 thousand birds as of 01 April 2020 to 600.5 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021. Layer chicken in Samar stood at 168.3 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021, the biggest contributor in the region's layer chicken population. Leyte came next with a slight increase of 1.6% or 154.4 thousand birds, and Northern Samar with 149.7 thousand birds. Biliran registered a deep fall by 92.5 percent from 13.9 thousand birds as of 01 April 2020 to 1.0 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021. Eastern Samar had maintained its inventory level during the reference quarter at three thousand birds.

Native/improved chicken inventory also recorded decrease in inventory by 6.8 percent from a total inventory of 1,797.2 thousand birds as of 01 April 2020 to 1,675.8 thousand birds as of 01 April 2021. The 13.9 percent increase in the inventory in Northern Samar was offset by the decreases in inventory of Biliran (36.0%), Leyte (8.4%), and Eastern

Samar (5.3%). On the other hand, Southern Leyte (6.7%) and Samar (0.6%) managed to post slight increases in their inventories.

In term of share to total chicken, more than half or 57.5 percent of the total chicken population in the region were Native/improved chickens. Broiler chickens accounted for 21.8 percent, while the remaining 20.6 percent were layers chickens.

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Table 1. Inventory of Chicken by Type, Province  
REGION VIII: as of 01 April 2020 and 01 April 2021<sup>P</sup>  
(in thousand birds)

Farm Type/Region/Province	01 April		Percent Change 2020-2021 <sup>P</sup>	Percent Distribution
	2020	2021 <sup>P</sup>		
<b>TOTAL</b>				
REGION VIII	3,032	2,912	-3.9	
Biliran	204	114	-44.2	3.9
Eastern Samar	90	95	5.2	3.3
Leyte	1,519	1,178	-22.4	40.5
Northern Samar	233	270	16.0	9.3
Samar	347	639	84.3	21.9
Southern Leyte	639	616	-3.6	21.2
<b>Broiler</b>				
REGION VIII	720	636	-11.6	21.8
Biliran	14	..	0.0	0.0
Eastern Samar	1	11	657.5	1.7
Leyte	406	144	-64.6	22.6
Northern Samar	35	55	56.1	8.6
Samar	-	222	0	34.9
Southern Leyte	263	205	-22.2	32.2
<b>Layers</b>				
REGION VIII	515	601	16.6	20.6
Biliran	14	1	-92.5	0.2
Eastern Samar	3	3	0.0	0.5
Leyte	152	154	1.6	25.7
Northern Samar	140	150	6.9	24.9
Samar	99	168	69.2	28.0
Southern Leyte	107	124	16.2	20.7
<b>Native/Improved</b>				
REGION VIII	1,797	1,676	-6.8	57.5
Biliran	176	113	-36.0	6.7
Eastern Samar	86	81	-5.3	4.8
Leyte	961	880	-8.4	52.5
Northern Samar	58	66	13.9	3.9
Samar	247	249	0.6	14.8
Southern Leyte	269	287	6.7	17.1

<sup>P</sup>- Preliminary data

Figures may not add up to total due rounding

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