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## CHICKEN SITUATION REPORT First Quarter 2021 Preliminary

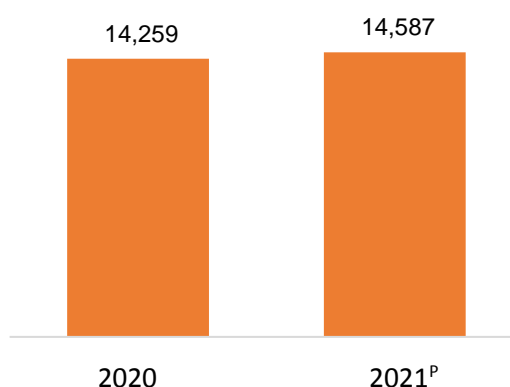
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### CHICKEN PRODUCTION IN EASTERN VISAYAS UP BY 2.3 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021

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 (Figure 1).

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 (Table 1).

Figure 1. Volume of Chicken Production in Region VIII: First Quarter 2020 and First Quarter 2021<sup>P</sup>

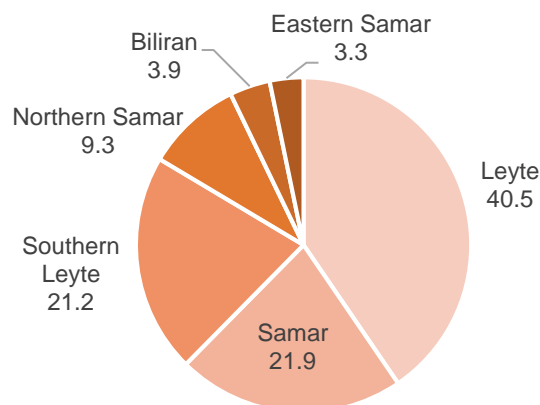


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### CHICKEN POPULATION IN EASTERN VISAYAS DROPS BY 3.9 PERCENT

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 (Table 2).

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Chicken Inventory by Province, Region VIII: as of 1 April 2021<sup>P</sup>



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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 (Figure 2 and Table 2).

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 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 terms 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 (Table 2).

## EASTERN VISAYAS POSTS 12.8 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE FARMGATE PRICE OF NATIVE/IMPROVED CHICKEN

The average farmgate price of native/improved chicken (backyard) during the first quarter of 2021 was PhP155.14 per kilogram, liveweight, which recorded an increase by 12.8 percent from average farmgate price of PhP137.54 per kilogram, liveweight, in the same quarter of 2020.

The highest farmgate price was recorded in March at PhP163.00 per kilogram, liveweight, while the lowest was quoted in February at PhP150.80 per kilogram, liveweight. (Table 3)

Table 1. Volume of Chicken Production by Region,  
First Quarter 2020 and First Quarter 2021<sup>P</sup>

REGION	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change	Percent Distribution
	2020	2021 <sup>P</sup>	2020 - 2021 <sup>P</sup>	
PHILIPPINES	26,095	84,364	-7.9	
CAR	1,511	1,510	-0.1	0.3
Ilocos Region	21,903	20,809	-5.0	4.3
Cagayan Valley	2,483	16,243	30.1	3.4
Central Luzon	155,158	131,935	-15.0	27.2
CALABARZON	80,703	73,953	-8.4	15.3
MIMAROPA Region	2,702	2,403	-11.1	0.5
Bicol Region	10,940	15,136	38.4	3.1
Western Visayas	28,992	29,468	1.6	6.1
Central Visayas	31,368	17,500	-44.2	3.6
<b>Eastern Visayas</b>	<b>14,259</b>	<b>14,587</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Zamboanga Peninsula	8,174	8,358	2.2	1.7
Northern Mindanao	44,106	38,334	-13.1	7.9
Davao Region	18,272	11,517	-37.0	2.4
SOCCKSARGEN	17,661	16,308	-7.7	3.4
Caraga	3,783	3,861	2.1	0.8
ARMM	1,708	844	-50.6	0.2

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Table 2. 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	Percent Distribution
	2020	2021 <sup>P</sup>	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

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Table 3. Monthly Average Farmgate Price of Native/Improved Chicken (Backyard)  
 Region VIII: First Quarter 2020 and First Quarter 2021<sup>P</sup>

Month	Average Farmgate Price (peso per kilogram, liveweight)		Percent Change
	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2021 <sup>P</sup>	2019 - 2021 <sup>P</sup>
Average	137.54	155.14	12.8
January	138.67	151.63	9.3
February	132.47	150.80	13.8
March	141.49	163.00	15.2

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## TECHNICAL NOTES

This Chicken Situation Report presents the chicken industry in terms of volume of production, inventory by type, and average farmgate price. This report is prepared to serve as ready reference for PSA's clients and stakeholders in the agriculture sector. It is released quarterly in April, May, August and November every year.

### Concepts and Definitions

**Volume of Production** refers to the locally raised chicken disposed for dressing including those which were shipped-out to other regions/provinces for dressing. This is expressed in metric tons, liveweight.

**Inventory** refers to the actual number of chicken in birds present in the farm as of a specific reference date.

- **Beginning Inventory** is the number of animals present in the farm as of the beginning of the reference period i.e for April to March the beginning inventory is as of April 1.
- **Ending Inventory** is the number of remaining stocks present in the farm as of the ending of the reference period i.e for April to March, the remaining inventory is as of October 1.

**Backyard farm** refers to any farm or household that tends/raises livestock and/or poultry animals.

**Commercial farm** refers to any broiler or layer farm which satisfies at least one of the following conditions:

- Tending 500 layers or 1,000 broilers; or
- Tending 100 layers and 100 broilers if raised in combination

**Farmgate price** refers to the price received by poultry raisers for their produce at the location of farm. Thus, marketing costs such as transport and other marketing cost (if any) incurred in selling the produce are not included in the farm gate prices.

**Poultry** a collective term for all domesticated avian for the purpose of food consumption or, the carcass of such avian/dressed processed for human consumption.

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