



Turkeys Raised

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Turkeys Raised in 2003 Up 1 Percent from 2002

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2003 totaled 274 million birds, up 1 percent from the 272 million raised in 2002.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 42.5 million, Arkansas and Missouri each with 26.5 million, Virginia with 23.0 million, California with 17.3 million, and South Carolina with 13.0 million. These States accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003.

Turkey Growers Plan 4 Percent Decrease in 2004

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2004. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2003. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2003 are as follows: Minnesota down 4 percent, North Carolina down 11 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri down 4 percent, Virginia down 4 percent, California down 7 percent, and South Carolina unchanged.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2004 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

Turkeys: Number Raised in 2002 and 2003 ¹

State	Number		2003 as % of 2002
	2002	2003	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	29,500	26,500	90
CA	17,700	17,300	98
CT	7	5	71
DE ²	3		
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,000	12,800	98
IA	6,800	8,500	125
MD	435	500	115
MA	68	73	107
MI	4,800	5,000	104
MN	44,000	45,000	102
MO	25,500	26,500	104
NH	5	5	100
NJ	34	33	97
NY	520	570	110
NC	45,500	42,500	93
ND	1,900	1,100	58
OH	5,400	5,500	102
PA	9,900	9,500	96
SC	9,900	13,000	131
SD	4,800	4,600	96
VT	46	52	113
VA	20,000	23,000	115
WV	3,600	4,300	119
Oth Sts ²	26,111	25,110	96
US	272,429	274,348	101

¹ Revised.

² CO, DE (2003), KS, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

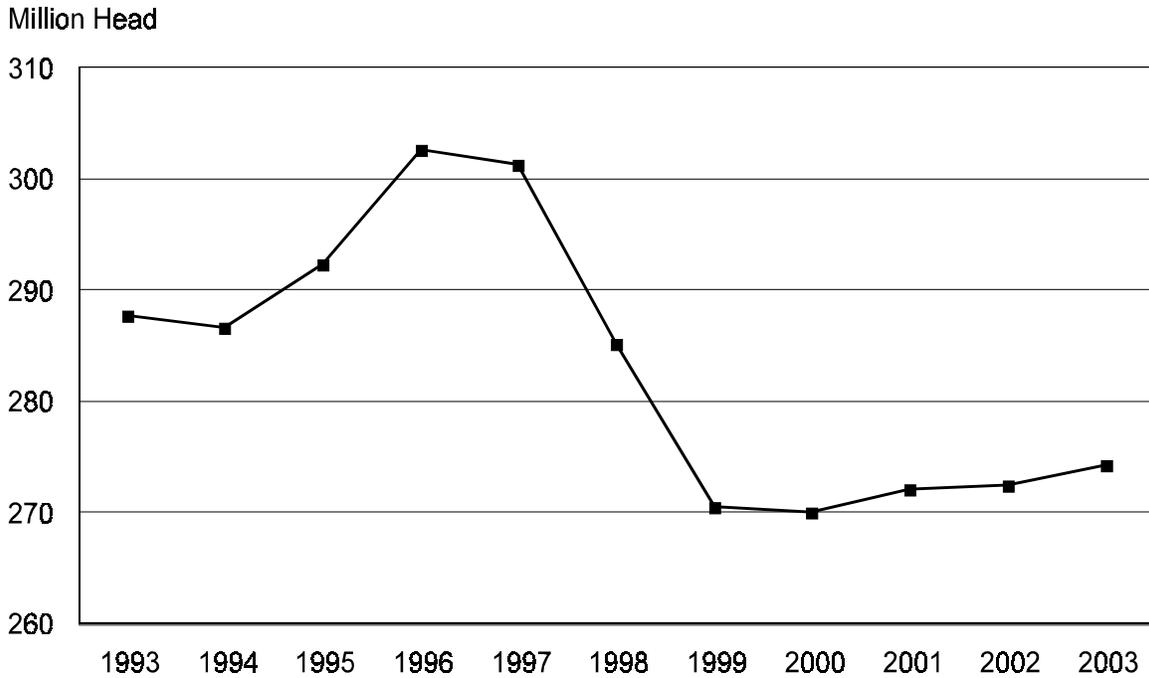
Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Region and United States, 2001-03

Geographic Region	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	2001	2002	2003
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
East North Central	11.1	11.6	11.8
West North Central	12.3	11.5	12.6
North & South Atlantic	9.4	10.9	9.5
South Central	12.1	10.8	10.5
West	13.4	15.1	12.8
US	11.3	11.6	11.2

Regional Listing:

- North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.
- East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.
- West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.
- South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.
- South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.
- West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Number of Turkeys Raised United States, 1993-2003



**Turkeys: Number Raised in 2003 and Intentions for 2004,
Selected States and 23 State Total**

State	Number		2004 as % of 2003
	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	26,500	26,000	98
CA	17,300	16,100	93
IL	2,900	3,000	103
IN	12,800	12,800	100
IA	8,500	9,000	106
MI	5,000	5,000	100
MN	45,000	43,000	96
MO	26,500	25,500	96
NC	42,500	38,000	89
ND	1,100	1,000	91
OH	5,500	5,300	96
PA	9,500	9,500	100
SC	13,000	13,000	100
SD	4,600	4,500	98
VA	23,000	22,000	96
WV	4,300	4,300	100
Oth Sts ¹	25,100	23,800	95
23 State Total	273,100	261,800	96

¹ CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Turkeys Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,
United States, 2001-03 ¹**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2001-02	2002-03		2001-02	2002-03	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,414	22,670	101	22,414	22,670	101
Oct	24,128	23,811	99	46,542	46,481	100
Nov	24,226	23,987	99	70,768	70,468	100
Dec	24,499	23,977	98	95,267	94,445	99
Jan	25,880	25,389	98	121,147	119,834	99
Feb	24,266	23,833	98	145,413	143,667	99
Mar	25,746	24,902	97	171,159	168,569	98
Apr	26,184	24,938	95	197,343	193,507	98
May	25,551	25,111	98	222,894	218,618	98
Jun	24,409	25,422	104	247,303	244,040	99
Jul	25,646	25,330	99	272,949	269,370	99
Aug	24,924	24,036	96	297,873	293,406	99

¹ Excludes exported poults.

Turkeys Raised Estimates

Survey Procedures: Survey data for the turkeys raised estimate are collected from a list of contractors and independent growers during December. States use all known sources of producer names to ensure that the list is as complete as possible. Turkey producers are then contacted either by mail, telephone, or in person. Diligent effort is made to ensure that all operations are accounted for in the estimate.

Estimation Procedures: Turkeys raised estimates include young turkeys intended for meat production, as well as breeder turkeys which reached maturity during the calendar year. These estimates exclude turkeys lost to disease or those destroyed. Placements of turkey poults from the Monthly Turkey Hatchery Survey provide the basis for the preliminary estimates published in August. Final estimates, published in January, use indications from the December Growers Survey in addition to updated hatchery data. Other indications for the final estimates are obtained from monthly slaughter totals and check-off data provided by individual State turkey or poultry associations.

Generally, individual State data are not published if there are less than three operations in a State, or if any one operation has 60 percent or more of the total turkeys in the State. These data are combined into the "Other States" category.

Reliability: Turkeys raised estimates are based on a census of known active producers and, therefore, have no sampling variability. However, estimates may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing of the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when preliminary raised estimates are made in August. Revisions are primarily based on updated hatchery and slaughter data, and at the U.S. level, are usually less than one-half of one percent of the final estimate published in January. Estimates are also reviewed after data from the Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

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