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Turkeys Raised in 2005 Down 3 Percent from 2004

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 totaled 256 million birds, down 3 percent from the 263 million raised in 2004.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 44.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 36.0 million, Arkansas with 29.0 million, Virginia with 21.0 million, Missouri with 20.5 million, California with 14.9 million, and Indiana with 13.4 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005.

Turkey Growers Plan a 4 Percent Increase in 2006

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2006. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2005. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2005 are as follows: Minnesota down 2 percent, North Carolina up 6 percent, Arkansas up 7 percent, Virginia up 7 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California down 1 percent, and Indiana up 4 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2006 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 2004 and 2005 ¹

State	Number		2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28,500	29,000	102
CA	15,700	14,900	95
CT ²	5		
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,300	13,400	101
IA	9,000	9,600	107
MD	750	800	107
MA	70	57	81
MI	5,000	4,700	94
MN	45,500	44,500	98
MO	21,500	20,500	95
NH ²	4		
NJ	37	37	100
NY	580	620	107
NC	39,000	36,000	92
ND	1,000	1,100	110
OH	5,800	5,700	98
PA	12,000	11,500	96
SC	12,000	8,000	67
SD	4,500	4,600	102
VT	52	56	108
VA	19,700	21,000	107
WV	3,200	2,400	75
Oth Sts ^{2 3}	23,109	24,900	108
US	263,207	256,270	97

¹ Revised.

² Estimates for CT, DE, NH, and OR discontinued in 2005.

³ CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

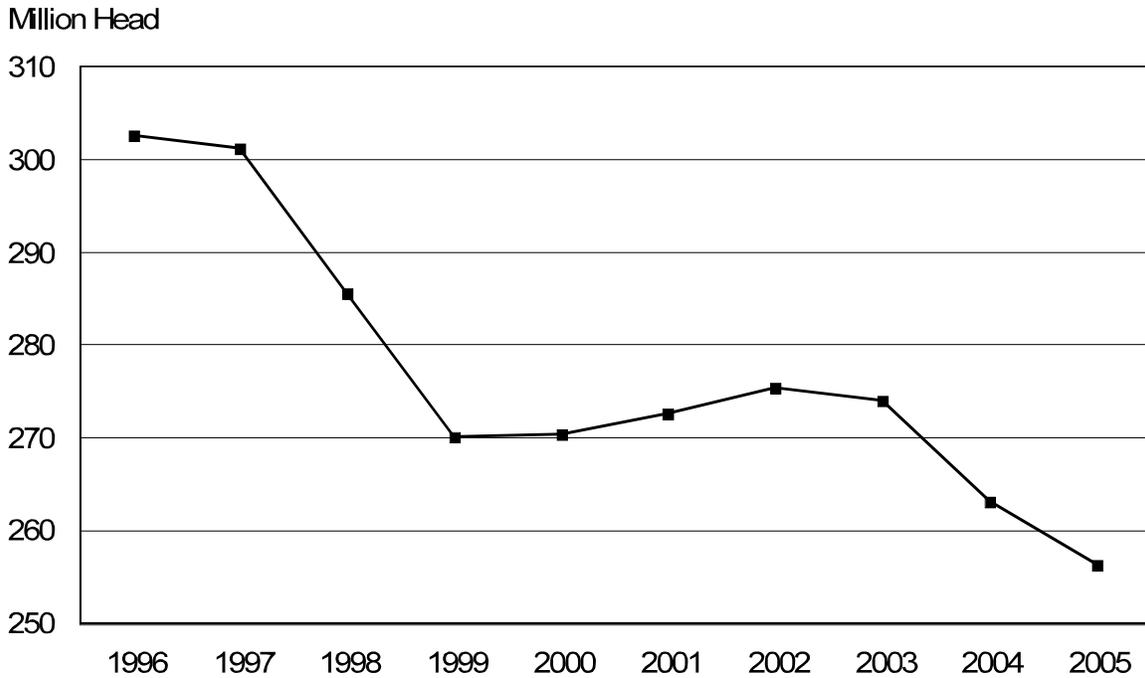
Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Region and United States, 2003-05

Geographic Region	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
East North Central	11.8	11.2	11.0
West North Central	12.6	12.2	10.9
North & South Atlantic	9.5	8.0	8.9
South Central	10.5	9.3	9.6
West	12.8	13.4	13.7
US	11.2	10.4	10.4

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, 1996-2005



**Turkeys: Number Raised in 2005 and Intentions for 2006,
Selected States and 23 State Total**

State	Number		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	29,000	31,000	107
CA	14,900	14,700	99
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,400	14,000	104
IA	9,600	10,000	104
MI	4,700	4,700	100
MN	44,500	43,500	98
MO	20,500	21,500	105
NC	36,000	38,000	106
ND	1,100	1,100	100
OH	5,700	5,700	100
PA	11,500	11,500	100
SC	8,000	10,000	125
SD	4,600	4,900	107
VA	21,000	22,500	107
WV	2,400	2,800	117
Oth Sts ¹	24,900	26,700	107
23 State Total	254,700	265,500	104

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

**Turkeys Hatchery Production: Monthly Poults Placements,
United States, 2003-05 ¹**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2003-04	2004-05		2003-04	2004-05	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
Oct	22,805	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
Nov	22,155	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
Dec	23,424	22,230	95	90,555	86,536	96
Jan	23,273	21,887	94	113,828	108,423	95
Feb	22,905	21,321	93	136,733	129,744	95
Mar	24,215	23,376	97	160,948	153,120	95
Apr	24,664	23,587	96	185,612	176,707	95
May	23,692	23,781	100	209,304	200,488	96
Jun	23,291	24,253	104	232,595	224,741	97
Jul	25,013	24,533	98	257,608	249,274	97
Aug	23,674	23,899	101	281,282	273,173	97

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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