



# Turkeys Raised

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## **Turkeys Raised in 2002 Up Slightly from 2001**

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 totaled 272 million birds, up fractionally from the 272 million raised in 2001.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 45.5 million, followed by Minnesota with 44.0 million, Arkansas with 29.5 million, Missouri with 25.5 million, Virginia with 20.0 million, California with 17.7 million, and Indiana with 13.0 million. These States accounted for 72 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002.

## **Turkey Growers Plan 2 Percent Decrease in 2003**

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2003. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2002. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2002 are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 3 percent, Arkansas and Missouri down 2 percent, Virginia down 5 percent, California down 10 percent, and Indiana unchanged.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2003 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 2001 and 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number		2002 as % of 2001
	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	27,000	29,500	109
CA	18,700	17,700	95
CT	5	7	140
DE	4	3	75
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	14,000	13,000	93
IA	7,100	6,800	96
MD	460	435	95
MA	74	68	92
MI	4,500	4,800	107
MN	44,000	44,000	100
MO	24,000	25,500	106
NH	6	5	83
NJ	44	34	77
NY	510	520	102
NC	43,000	45,500	106
ND	1,600	1,900	119
OH	4,800	5,400	113
PA	9,500	9,900	104
SC	9,200	9,900	108
SD	4,900	4,800	98
VT	45	46	102
VA	24,000	20,000	83
WV	4,100	3,600	88
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	27,611	26,111	95
US	272,059	272,429	100

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> CO, KS, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

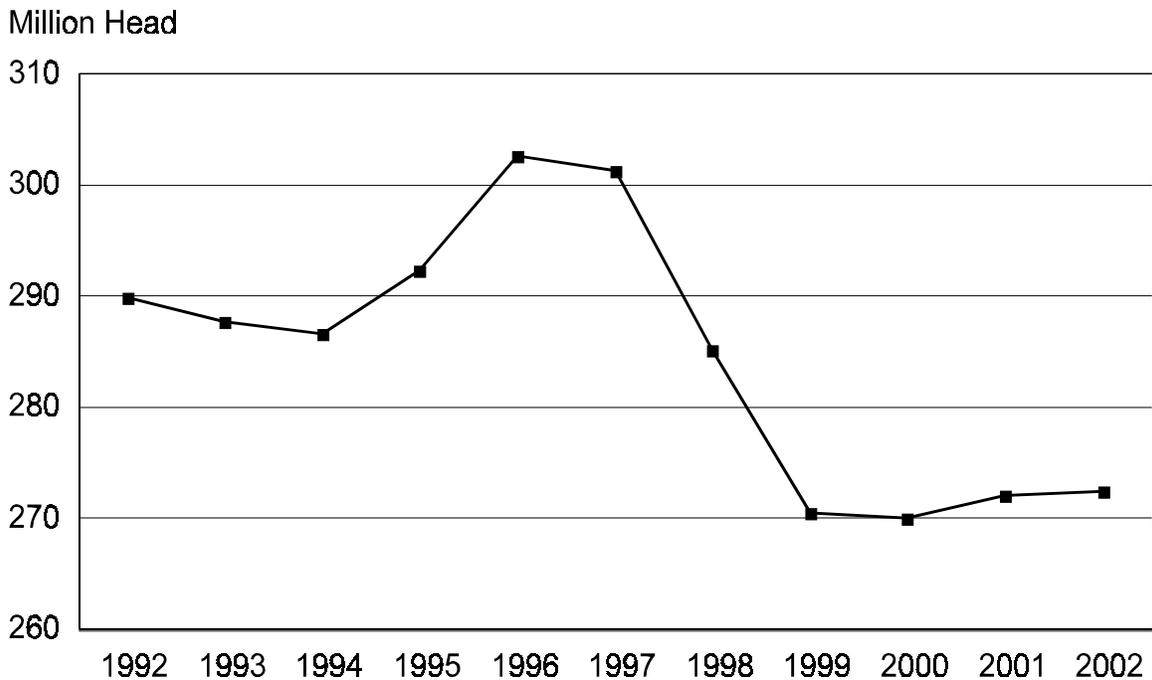
**Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Region and United States, 2000-02**

Geographic Region	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	2000	2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
East North Central	10.5	11.1	11.6
West North Central	12.2	12.3	11.5
North & South Atlantic	9.6	9.4	10.9
South Central	10.1	12.1	10.8
West	11.0	13.4	15.1
US	10.8	11.3	11.6

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, 1992-2002



**Turkeys: Number Raised in 2002 and Intentions for 2003,  
Selected States and 23 State Total**

State	Number		2003 as % of 2002
	2002	2003	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	29,500	29,000	98
CA	17,700	16,000	90
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,000	13,000	100
IA	6,800	7,000	103
MI	4,800	4,800	100
MN	44,000	45,000	102
MO	25,500	25,000	98
NC	45,500	44,000	97
ND	1,900	2,100	111
OH	5,400	5,300	98
PA	9,900	9,900	100
SC	9,900	9,700	98
SD	4,800	5,200	108
VA	20,000	19,000	95
WV	3,600	3,600	100
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	26,100	23,950	92
23 State Total	271,300	265,450	98

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

**Turkeys Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,  
United States, 2000-02 <sup>1</sup>**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2000-01	2001-02		2000-01	2001-02	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	23,016	22,414	97	23,016	22,414	97
Oct	23,672	24,128	102	46,688	46,542	100
Nov	23,357	24,226	104	70,045	70,768	101
Dec	23,297	24,499	105	93,342	95,267	102
Jan	25,612	25,880	101	118,954	121,147	102
Feb	23,775	24,266	102	142,729	145,413	102
Mar	26,148	25,746	98	168,877	171,159	101
Apr	25,858	26,184	101	194,735	197,343	101
May	26,682	25,551	96	221,417	222,894	101
Jun	26,121	24,409	93	247,538	247,303	100
Jul	27,064	25,646	95	274,602	272,949	99
Aug	25,032	24,924	100	299,634	297,873	99

<sup>1</sup> 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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