



# Turkeys Raised

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## Turkeys Raised Down 1 Percent from 2001

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 is 270 million, down 1 percent from the number raised during 2001.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002:

**North Carolina**, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, and shows a 3 percent increase from last year.

**Minnesota** ranks second with 44.0 million birds, the same as 2001.

**Arkansas** is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 7 percent more than a year ago.

**Missouri** growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2002, unchanged from the previous year.

**Virginia**, at 20.0 million birds is down 17 percent from 2001.

**California** expects to raise 17.7 million turkeys, 5 percent less than a year earlier.

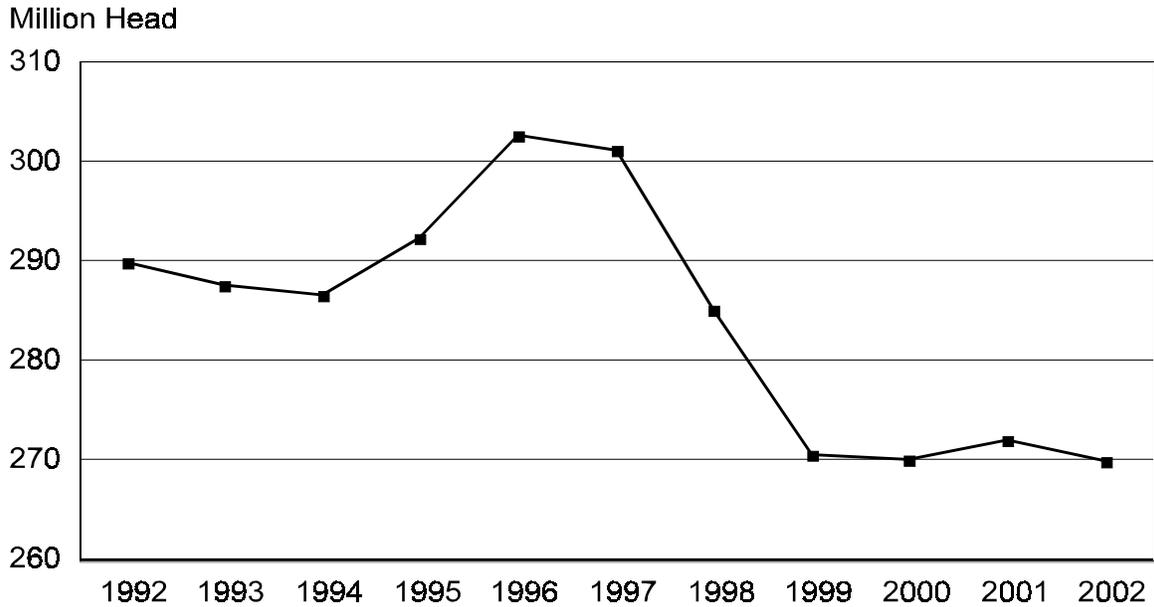
**Turkeys: Number Raised by State and United States, 2001-2002 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number		2002 as % of 2001
	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	27,000	29,000	107
CA	18,700	17,700	95
CT	5	5	100
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	60	81
MI	4,500	4,600	102
MN	44,000	44,000	100
MO	24,000	24,000	100
NH	6	6	100
NJ	44	32	73
NY	510	520	102
NC	43,000	44,500	103
ND	1,600	1,900	119
OH	4,800	5,300	110
PA	9,500	9,600	101
SC	9,200	10,000	109
SD	4,900	4,600	94
VT	45	45	100
VA	24,000	20,000	83
WV	4,100	3,600	88
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	27,611	27,311	99
US	272,059	269,917	99

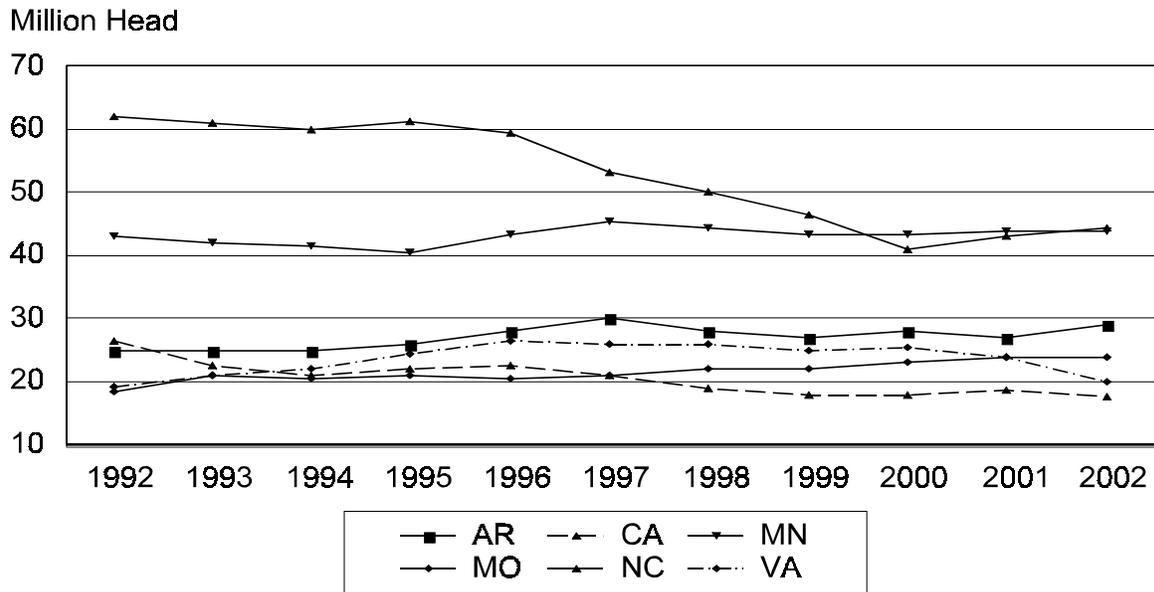
<sup>1</sup> Revised.

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

## Number of Turkeys Raised United States, 1992-2002



## Number of Turkeys Raised Major States, 1992-2002



## Turkeys Raised Estimates

**Data Sources:** The Turkey Hatchery Survey provides the basis for the preliminary Turkeys Raised estimate published in August. Turkey hatchery estimates are made in 20 States each month and provide the number of eggs in incubators and poults placed in production. Data on poults placed into the United States from Canadian hatcheries are also included in the preliminary estimate.

**Estimation Procedures:** Turkeys Raised preliminary 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. Placement of turkey poults from the monthly "Turkey Hatchery" survey provides 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 preliminary estimates are based on a census of known active hatcheries 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 five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

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