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# Turkeys Raised

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## Turkeys Raised Up 3 Percent from 2005

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 is 265 million, up 3 percent from the number raised during 2005.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2006:

**Minnesota**, at 45.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 1 percent increase from last year.

**North Carolina** ranks second with 37.0 million birds, up 3 percent from 2005.

**Arkansas** is in third place by producing 30.0 million birds, 3 percent more than a year ago.

**Virginia**, at 22.5 million birds is up 7 percent from 2005.

**Missouri** growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2006, up 5 percent from the previous year.

**California** expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 7 percent more than a year earlier.

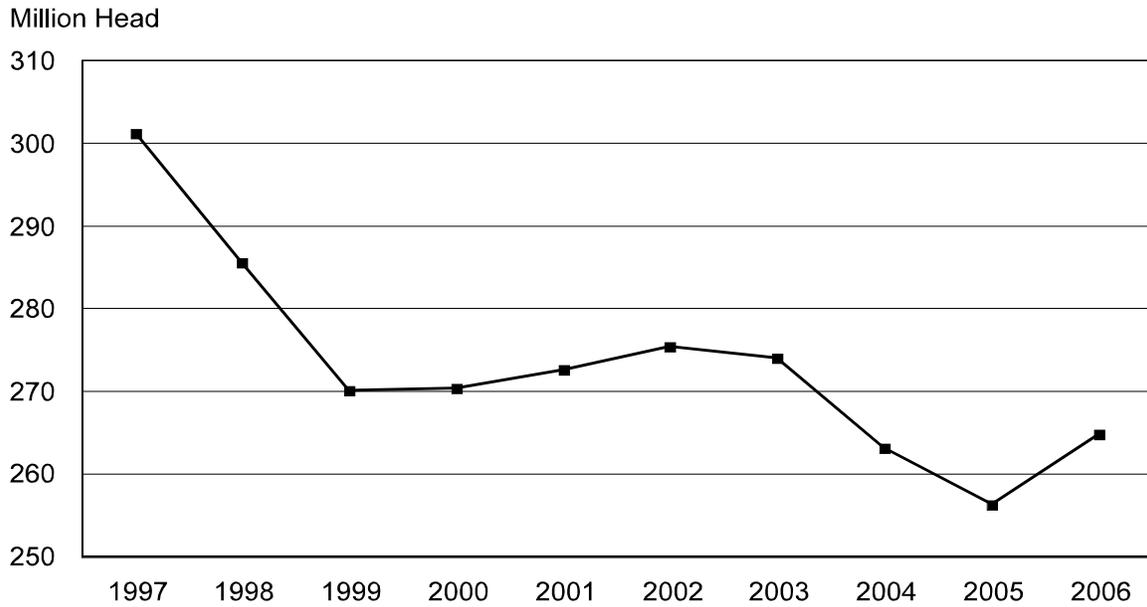
**Turkeys: Number Raised by State and United States, 2005-2006**

| State                | Number            |                   | 2006<br>as % of<br>2005 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                      | 2005              | 2006              |                         |
|                      | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>          |
| AR                   | 29,000            | 30,000            | 103                     |
| CA                   | 14,900            | 16,000            | 107                     |
| IL                   | 2,900             | 2,700             | 93                      |
| IN                   | 13,400            | 13,800            | 103                     |
| IA                   | 9,600             | 10,000            | 104                     |
| MD                   | 800               | 800               | 100                     |
| MA                   | 57                | 54                | 95                      |
| MI                   | 4,700             | 4,800             | 102                     |
| MN                   | 44,500            | 45,000            | 101                     |
| MO                   | 20,500            | 21,500            | 105                     |
| NJ                   | 37                | 34                | 92                      |
| NY                   | 620               | 640               | 103                     |
| NC                   | 36,000            | 37,000            | 103                     |
| ND                   | 1,100             | 1,400             | 127                     |
| OH                   | 5,700             | 5,500             | 96                      |
| PA                   | 11,500            | 10,000            | 87                      |
| SC                   | 8,000             | 11,000            | 138                     |
| SD                   | 4,600             | 4,400             | 96                      |
| VT                   | 56                | 46                | 82                      |
| VA                   | 21,000            | 22,500            | 107                     |
| WV                   | 2,400             | *                 |                         |
| Oth Sts <sup>1</sup> | 24,900            | 27,700            | 111                     |
| US                   | 256,270           | 264,874           | 103                     |

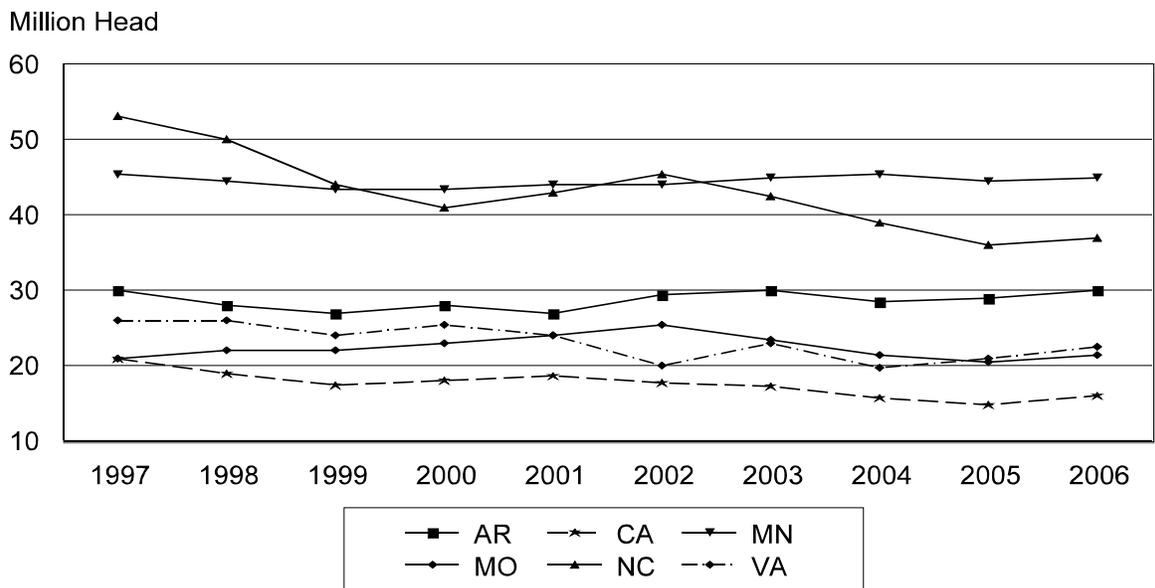
\* Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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

## Number of Turkeys Raised United States, 1997-2006



## Number of Turkeys Raised Major States, 1997-2006



## 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 16 States each month and provide the number of eggs in incubators and poult placed in production. Data on poult 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 reach maturity during the calendar year. These estimates exclude turkeys lost to disease or those destroyed. Placement of turkey poult 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.

**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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