



Turkeys Raised

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Turkeys Raised Unchanged from 1999

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2000 is 273 million, the same as were raised during 1999.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2000:

North Carolina is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 44.0 million birds, 5 percent less than 1999.

Minnesota ranks second with 43.0 million, down 1 percent from last year.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, 4 percent more than a year ago.

Virginia is the nation's fourth largest producing State with 25.0 million birds, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Missouri is in fifth place with 23.5 million birds, up 7 percent from last year's production.

California expects to raise 17.3 million turkeys, 1 percent below a year earlier.

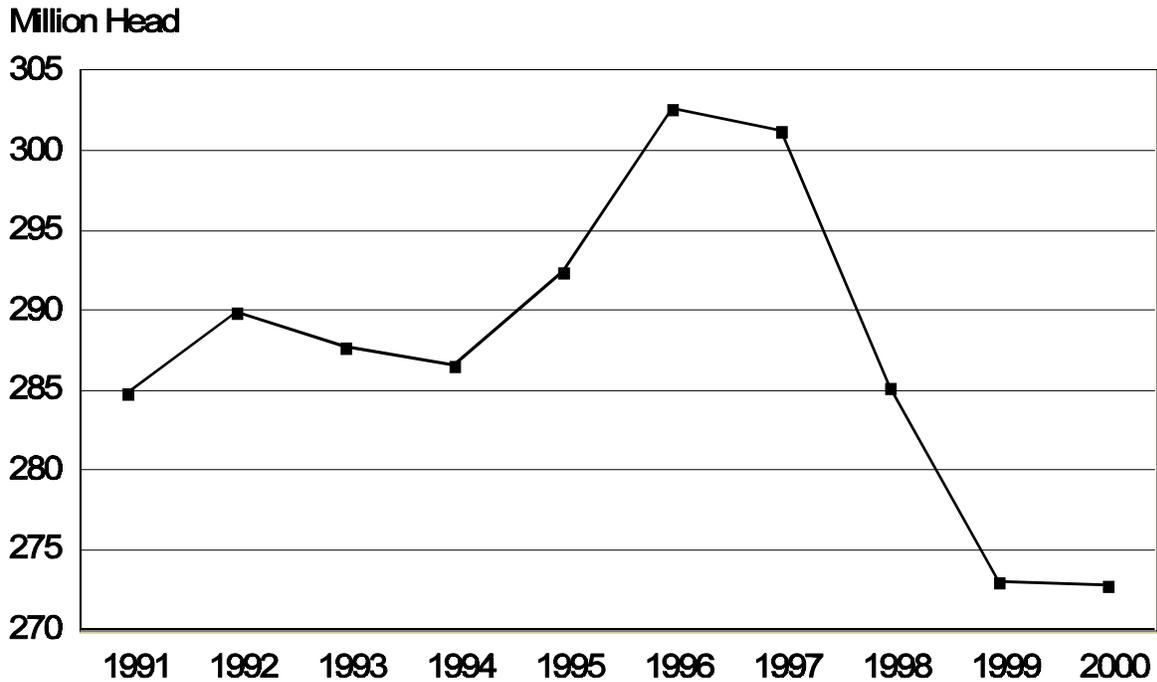
Turkeys: Number Raised by State and United States, 1999-2000

State	Number		2000 as % of 1999
	1999 ¹	2000	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	27,000	28,000	104
CA	17,500	17,300	99
CT	5	5	100
DE	4	3	75
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,500	13,500	100
IA	7,800	7,200	92
MD	600	435	73
MA	78	80	103
MI	2,700	4,700	174
MN	43,500	43,000	99
MO	22,000	23,500	107
NH	15	14	93
NJ	50	57	114
NY	490	490	100
NC	46,500	44,000	95
ND	1,800	2,200	122
OH	4,700	4,700	100
PA	9,800	9,600	98
SC	9,500	9,100	96
SD	4,200	4,000	95
VT	41	40	98
VA	24,000	25,000	104
WV	4,500	4,300	96
Oth Sts ²	29,811	28,711	96
US	272,994	272,835	100

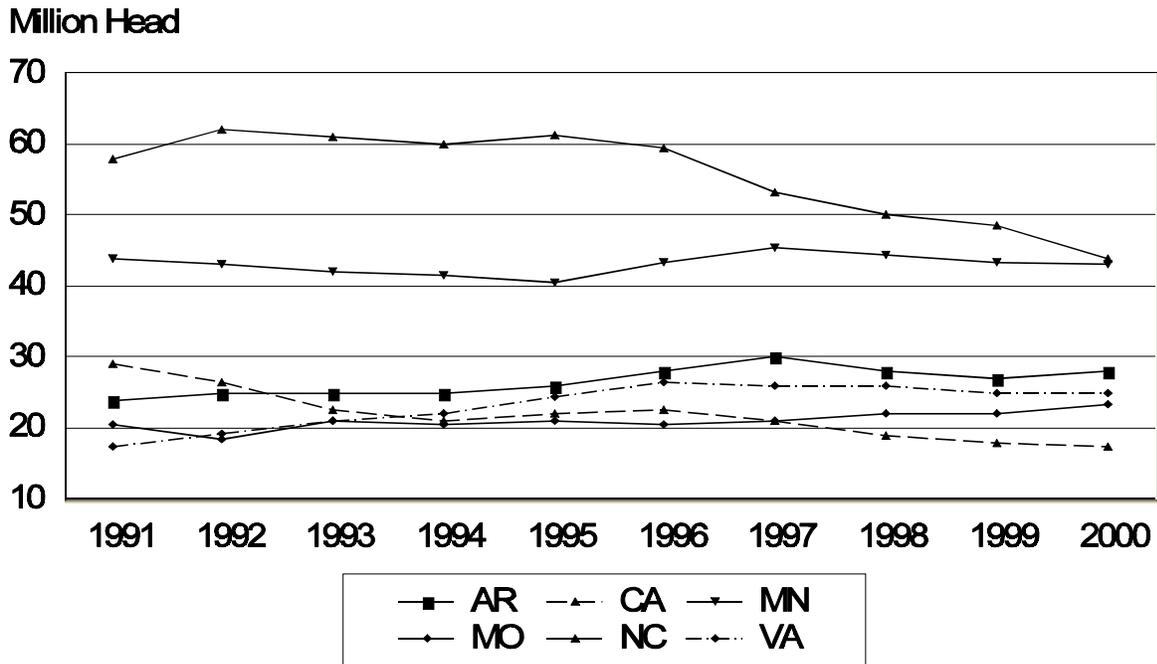
¹ Revised.

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

Number of Turkeys Raised United States, 1991-2000



Number of Turkeys Raised Major States, 1991-2000



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 22 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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