



Turkeys Raised

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Turkeys Raised in 2004 Down 4 Percent from 2003

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 totaled 264 million birds, down 4 percent from the 274 million raised in 2003.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 28.5 million, Missouri with 21.5 million, Virginia with 19.7 million, California with 15.7 million, and Indiana with 13.3 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004.

Turkey Growers Plan 2 Percent Decrease in 2005

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2005. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2004. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2004 are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 5 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, California down 4 percent, and Indiana up 2 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2005 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 2003 and 2004 ¹

State	Number		2004 as % of 2003
	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	30,000	28,500	95
CA	17,300	15,700	91
CT	5	5	100
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	12,800	13,300	104
IA	8,500	9,000	106
MD	500	750	150
MA	73	70	96
MI	5,000	5,000	100
MN	45,000	46,500	103
MO	23,500	21,500	91
NH	5	4	80
NJ	33	37	112
NY	570	580	102
NC	42,500	39,000	92
ND	1,300	1,000	77
OH	5,500	5,800	105
PA	9,500	12,000	126
SC	12,000	12,000	100
SD	4,600	4,500	98
VT	52	52	100
VA	23,000	19,700	86
WV	4,300	3,200	74
Oth Sts ²	25,110	23,109	92
US	274,048	264,207	96

¹ Revised.

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

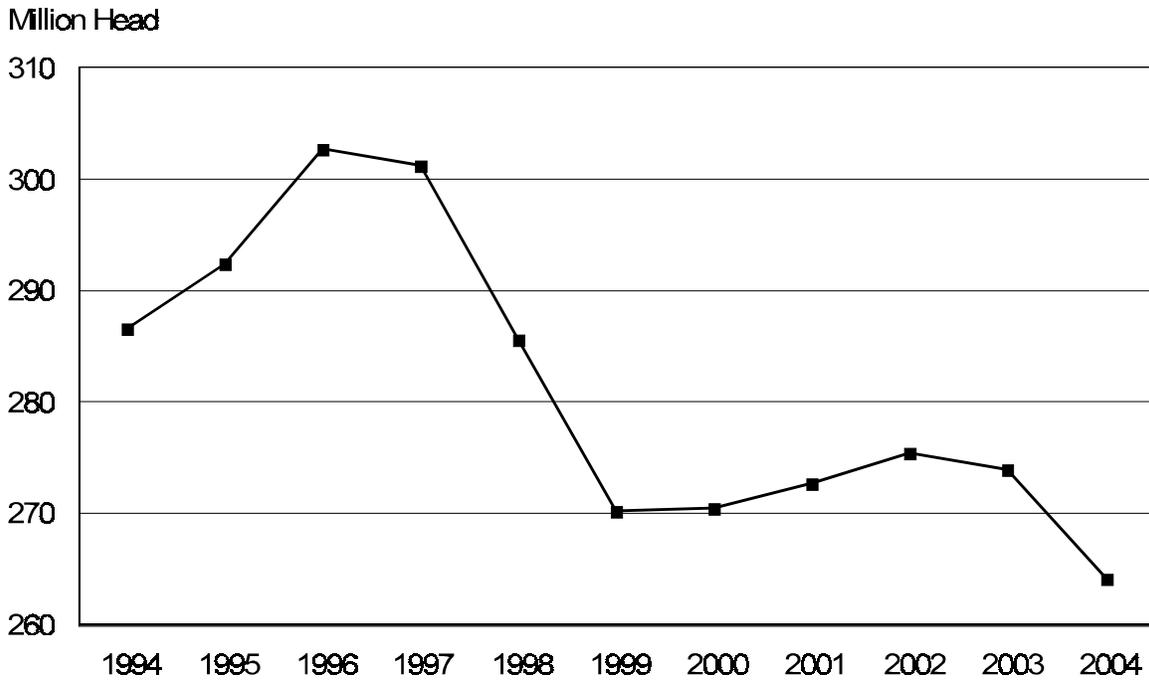
Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Region and United States, 2002-04

Geographic Region	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	2002	2003	2004
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
East North Central	11.6	11.8	11.2
West North Central	11.5	12.6	12.2
North & South Atlantic	10.9	9.5	8.0
South Central	10.8	10.5	9.3
West	15.1	12.8	13.4
US	11.6	11.2	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, 1994-2004



**Turkeys: Number Raised in 2004 and Intentions for 2005,
Selected States and 23 State Total**

State	Number		2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28,500	28,000	98
CA	15,700	15,000	96
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,300	13,600	102
IA	9,000	9,200	102
MI	5,000	5,000	100
MN	46,500	47,500	102
MO	21,500	22,500	105
NC	39,000	37,000	95
ND	1,000	1,100	110
OH	5,800	5,700	98
PA	12,000	11,800	98
SC	12,000	8,600	72
SD	4,500	4,400	98
VA	19,700	20,000	102
WV	3,200	3,200	100
Oth Sts ¹	23,100	22,100	96
23 State Total	262,700	257,600	98

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

**Turkeys Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,
United States, 2002-04 ¹**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
Feb	23,833	22,905	96	143,667	136,733	95
Mar	24,902	24,215	97	168,569	160,948	95
Apr	24,938	24,664	99	193,507	185,612	96
May	25,111	23,692	94	218,618	209,304	96
Jun	25,422	23,291	92	244,040	232,595	95
Jul	25,330	25,013	99	269,370	257,608	96
Aug	24,036	23,674	98	293,406	281,282	96

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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