



Turkeys Raised

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Turkeys Raised in 2000 Down Slightly from 1999

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2000 totaled 270 million birds, slightly lower than the number raised in 1999.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 43.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 41.0 million, Arkansas with 28.0 million, Virginia with 25.5 million, Missouri with 23.0 million, California with 18.0 million, and Indiana with 13.5 million. These States accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2000.

Turkey Growers Plan 1 Percent Decrease in 2001

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to raise 1 percent fewer birds in 2001 than they did in 2000. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2000. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2000 are as follows: Minnesota unchanged, North Carolina up 1 percent, Arkansas and Virginia unchanged, Missouri down 4 percent, and California and Indiana unchanged.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2001 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 1999 ¹ and 2000 ¹

State	Number		2000 as % of 1999
	1999	2000	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	27,000	28,000	104
CA	17,500	18,000	103
CT	5	5	100
DE	4	4	100
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,500	13,500	100
IA	7,800	7,100	91
MD	600	440	73
MA	78	79	101
MI	2,700	3,500	130
MN	43,500	43,500	100
MO	22,000	23,000	105
NH	15	14	93
NJ	50	59	118
NY	490	510	104
NC	44,000	41,000	93
ND	1,800	2,000	111
OH	4,700	4,400	94
PA	9,800	9,300	95
SC	9,500	9,900	104
SD	4,200	4,300	102
VT	41	47	115
VA	24,000	25,500	106
WV	4,500	4,100	91
Oth Sts ²	29,811	28,811	97
US	270,494	269,969	100

¹ Revised.

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

Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Region and United States, 1998-00

Geographic Region	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	1998	1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
East North Central	10.8	10.2	10.9
West North Central	11.0	11.6	12.2
North & South Atlantic	10.2	10.3	9.6
South Central	11.9	11.3	11.3
West	10.7	10.8	11.7
US	10.8	10.9	11.0

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.

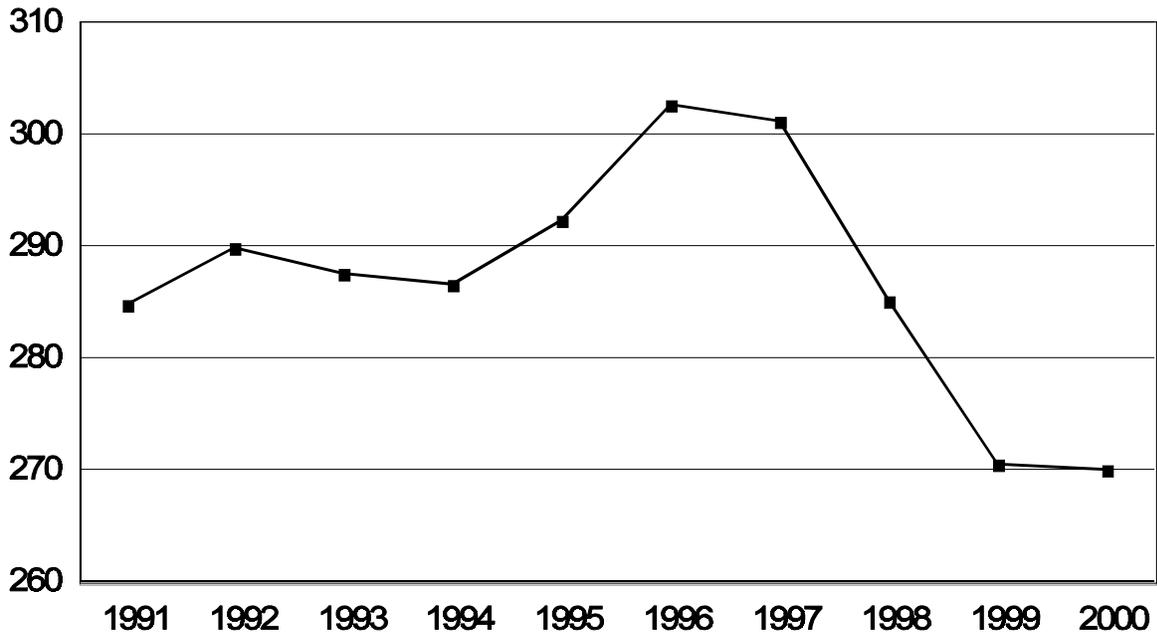
South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

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, 1991-2001

Million Head



**Turkeys: Number Raised in 2000 and Intentions for 2001,
Selected States and 23 State Total**

State	Number		2001 as % of 2000
	2000	2001	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28,000	28,000	100
CA	18,000	18,000	100
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,500	13,500	100
IA	7,100	6,000	85
MI	3,500	4,200	120
MN	43,500	43,500	100
MO	23,000	22,000	96
NC	41,000	41,500	101
ND	2,000	1,100	55
OH	4,400	4,400	100
PA	9,300	9,700	104
SC	9,900	9,200	93
SD	4,300	4,400	102
VA	25,500	25,500	100
WV	4,100	4,100	100
Oth Sts ¹	28,800	27,700	96
23 State Total	268,800	265,700	99

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

**Turkeys Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,
United States, 1998-00 ¹**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	1998-99	1999-00		1998-99	1999-00	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	21,124	21,794	103	21,124	21,794	103
Oct	22,749	22,313	98	43,873	44,107	101
Nov	22,167	23,379	105	66,040	67,486	102
Dec	24,985	24,358	97	91,025	91,844	101
Jan	24,590	24,676	100	115,615	116,520	101
Feb	23,722	24,197	102	139,337	140,717	101
Mar	25,917	25,741	99	165,254	166,458	101
Apr	26,817	25,094	94	192,071	191,552	100
May	26,085	25,816	99	218,156	217,368	100
Jun	25,621	26,880	105	243,777	244,248	100
Jul	26,755	26,822	100	270,532	271,070	100
Aug	24,755	24,731	100	295,287	295,801	100

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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