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# Turkeys Raised

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## **Turkeys Raised in 2006 Up 4 Percent from 2005**

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 totaled 262 million birds, up 4 percent from the 252 million raised in 2005.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 37.5 million, Arkansas with 30.0 million, Virginia with 21.5 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 15.8 million, and Indiana with 13.8 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2006.

## **Turkey Growers Plan a 4 Percent Increase in 2007**

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2007. These States produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2006. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2006, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina up 5 percent, Arkansas unchanged, Virginia up 2 percent, Missouri unchanged, California up 6 percent, and Indiana up 15 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2007 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 2005 and 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number		2006 as % of 2005
	2005 <sup>2</sup>	2006 <sup>3</sup>	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28,500	30,000	105
CA	14,500	15,800	109
IL	2,900	2,700	93
IN	13,400	13,800	103
IA	9,000	8,200	91
MD	780	730	94
MA	60	62	103
MI	4,500	4,600	102
MN	44,500	45,000	101
MO	20,000	20,000	100
NJ	37	33	89
NY	620	630	102
NC	35,500	37,500	106
ND	1,100	1,300	118
OH	6,000	5,100	85
PA	10,500	10,500	100
SC	8,000	9,600	120
SD	4,500	4,200	93
VT	56	55	98
VA	20,000	21,500	108
WV	2,700	3,600	133
Other States <sup>4</sup>	24,900	27,050	109
US	252,053	261,960	104

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Excludes young turkeys lost.

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<sup>4</sup> CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

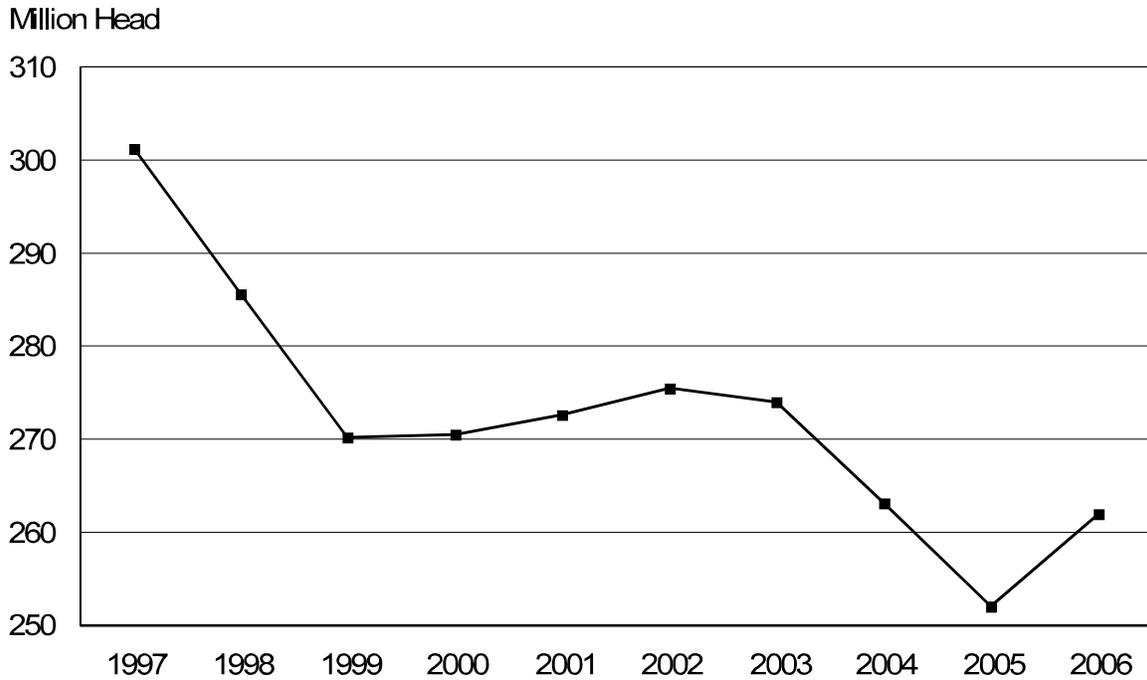
**Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Region and United States, 2004-06**

Geographic Region	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
East North Central	11.2	11.0	12.8
West North Central	12.2	10.9	12.4
North & South Atlantic	8.0	8.9	8.9
South Central	9.3	9.6	8.9
West	13.4	13.7	16.2
US	10.4	10.4	11.2

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, 1997-2006



**Turkeys: Number Raised in 2006 and Intentions for 2007,  
Selected States and 23 State Total**

State	Number		2007 as % of 2006
	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	30,000	30,000	100
CA	15,800	16,800	106
IL	2,700	2,800	104
IN	13,800	15,900	115
IA	8,200	8,600	105
MI	4,600	4,600	100
MN	45,000	46,000	102
MO	20,000	20,000	100
NC	37,500	39,500	105
ND	1,300	1,300	100
OH	5,100	5,100	100
PA	10,500	10,800	103
SC	9,600	11,000	115
SD	4,200	4,300	102
VA	21,500	22,000	102
WV	3,600	3,500	97
Other States <sup>1</sup>	27,050	27,600	102
23 State Total	260,450	269,800	104

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

**Turkeys Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,  
United States, 2004-06 <sup>1</sup>**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2004-05	2005-06		2004-05	2005-06	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	21,268	22,747	107	21,268	22,747	107
Oct	20,806	21,400	103	42,074	44,147	105
Nov	22,232	21,850	98	64,306	65,997	103
Dec	22,230	23,673	106	86,536	89,670	104
Jan	21,887	24,364	111	108,423	114,034	105
Feb	21,321	23,296	109	129,744	137,330	106
Mar	23,376	24,692	106	153,120	162,022	106
Apr	23,587	23,902	101	176,707	185,924	105
May	23,781	25,313	106	200,488	211,237	105
Jun	24,253	25,764	106	224,741	237,001	105
Jul	24,533	25,631	104	249,274	262,632	105
Aug	23,899	25,089	105	273,173	287,721	105

<sup>1</sup> Excludes exported poults.

## Reliability of Turkeys Raised Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** Survey data for the turkeys raised estimates 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 Turkey Inquiry 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.

**Revision Policy:** Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when preliminary raised estimates are made in August and during the January annual time period. Revisions are primarily based on updated hatchery data, updated slaughter data, and import and export data received from the U.S. Census Bureau. Estimates are also reviewed after data from the Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

**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.

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