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TURKEYS AND CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE
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TURKEYS TESTED

The number of heavy breed turkeys tested for pullorum disease during March totaled 46,599 compared with 35,461 during March last year--an increase of 31 percent. The number tested July through March totaled 2,334,245 compared with 2,222,886 during the same month a year earlier--an increase of 5 percent.

Light breed turkeys tested during March totaled 36,748 compared with 44,275 in March last year--a decrease of 17 percent. The number of light breed turkeys tested July through March totaled 516,116 compared with 662,311 during the same months a year earlier--a decrease of 22 percent.

CHICKENS TESTED

During March, 34 States reported 1,052,825 chickens for supplying broiler hatching eggs and 215,872 chickens for all other purposes were tested for pullorum disease. In the 24 States, for which comparisons with a year earlier are available, 715,242 chickens for supplying broiler hatching eggs were tested during March--about 7 percent more than a year earlier. The number tested July through March for broiler production in these States totaled 8,468,066, compared with 7,837,089 during the same months a year earlier--an increase of 8 percent. The number of chickens tested for all other purposes during March totaled 64,835 compared with 73,442 in March a year ago--a decrease of 12 percent. The number tested July through March totaled 4,474,192, compared with 4,564,287 during the same months a year earlier--a decrease of 2 percent.

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TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

State and Division	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	Number					
Maine	532	0	234	0	766	0
N.H.	200	0	0	0	200	0
Vt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mass.	1,553	2,183	0	0	1,553	2,183
R.I.	314	124	130	65	444	189
Conn.	970	465	10	76	980	541
N.E.	3,569	2,772	374	141	3,943	2,913
N.Y.	295	1,528	0	0	295	1,528
N.J.	50	228	122	37	172	265
Pa.	7,735	13,506	1,969	765	9,704	14,271
M.A.	8,080	15,262	2,091	802	10,171	16,064
Ohio	0	1,111	505	4,529	505	5,640
Ind.	2,469	1,145	2,453	0	4,922	1,145
Ill.	0	730	0	0	0	730
Mich.	4,020	948	0	0	4,020	948
Wis.	581	4,656	580	0	1,161	4,656
E.N.C.	7,070	8,590	3,538	4,529	10,608	13,119
Minn.	1,042	2,359	5,570	3,985	6,612	6,344
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mo.	651	2,201	8,058	6,552	8,709	8,753
N.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebr.	0	290	0	0	0	290
Kans.	590	199	0	0	590	199
W.N.C.	2,283	5,049	13,628	10,537	15,911	15,586
Del.	43	274	31	0	74	274
Md.	328	1,721	1,413	1,228	1,741	2,949
Va.	1,675	2,193	17,353	18,602	19,028	20,795
W.Va.	64	226	0	180	64	406
N.C.	102	112	0	0	102	112
S.C.	0	5,248	0	645	0	5,893
Ga.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fla.	16	25	169	0	185	25
S.A.	2,228	2,739	18,966	20,655	21,194	30,394
Ky.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tenn.	0	37	0	0	0	37
Ala.	0	264	0	15	0	279
Miss.	527	163	0	0	527	163
E.S.C.	527	464	0	15	527	479
Ark.	0	0	0	0	0	0
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	100	1,287	285	0	385	1,287
Texas	43	1,150	0	69	43	1,219
W.S.C.	143	2,437	285	69	428	2,506
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	17	0	0	0	17	0
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	1,076	0	0	0	1,076	0
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	1,093	0	0	0	1,093	0
Wash.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oreg.	0	0	821	0	821	0
Calif.	10,468	2,286	4,572	0	15,040	2,286
Pac.	10,468	2,286	5,393	0	15,861	2,286
U.S.	35,461	46,599	44,275	36,748	79,736	83,347

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

State and Division	July through March				Total all breeds	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds			
	Number					
Maine	7,508	5,527	6,640	1,207	14,148	6,734
N.H.	5,493	6,918	365	315	5,858	7,233
Vt.	5,885	6,539	0	0	5,885	6,539
Mass.	21,658	25,135	0	106	21,658	25,241
R.I.	1,727	1,204	267	65	1,994	1,269
Conn.	8,713	12,154	818	369	9,531	12,523
N.E.	50,984	57,477	8,090	2,062	59,074	59,539
N.Y.	40,748	37,850	201	0	40,949	37,850
N.J.	7,065	6,887	1,840	2,744	8,905	9,631
Pa.	47,197	42,688	15,782	7,549	62,979	50,237
M.A.	95,010	87,425	17,823	10,293	112,833	97,718
Ohio	84,739	103,772	38,934	37,382	123,673	141,154
Ind.	20,919	15,937	7,022	1,396	27,941	17,333
Ill.	18,194	16,972	3,267	1,202	21,461	20,174
Mich.	74,898	73,296	11,315	7,092	86,213	80,388
Wis.	35,874	43,920	580	0	36,454	43,920
E.N.C.	234,624	255,897	61,118	47,072	295,742	302,969
Minn.	172,404	243,120	115,802	71,166	288,206	314,286
Iowa	60,586	41,269	3,079	3,000	63,665	44,269
Mo.	128,345	137,580	49,219	40,078	177,564	177,658
N.Dak.	11,174	10,538	1,437	1,720	12,611	12,258
S.Dak.	3,169	4,127	906	890	4,075	5,017
Nebr.	23,242	23,743	527	1,092	23,769	24,835
Kans.	32,115	33,344	2,491	3,432	34,606	36,776
W.N.	431,035	493,721	173,461	121,378	604,496	615,099
Del.	3,668	3,312	1,013	699	4,681	4,011
Md.	18,882	17,023	3,946	3,157	22,828	20,180
Va.	98,888	89,161	193,140	155,801	292,028	244,962
W.Va.	5,022	5,604	8,629	6,859	13,651	12,463
N.C.	36,881	30,926	3,359	4,899	40,240	35,825
S.C.	74,098	57,992	12,554	16,220	86,652	74,212
Ga.	5,076	3,771	0	0	5,076	3,771
Fla.	3,758	4,418	2,272	1,955	6,030	6,373
S.A.	246,273	212,207	224,913	189,590	471,186	401,797
Ky.	29,868	23,127	628	467	30,496	23,594
Tenn.	0	37	0	0	0	37
Ala.	2,932	5,135	2,712	3,548	5,644	8,683
Miss.	2,718	3,472	0	0	2,718	3,472
E.S.C.	35,518	31,771	3,340	4,015	38,858	35,786
Ark.	19,949	45,332	7,191	4,111	27,140	49,443
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	24,116	40,709	11,743	5,744	35,859	46,453
Texas	181,709	194,022	49,981	53,570	231,690	247,592
W.S.C.	225,774	280,063	68,915	63,425	294,689	343,488
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	2,285	0	803	662	3,088	662
Wyo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo	1,254	4,884	485	465	1,739	5,349
N.Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	2,232	2,042	0	0	2,232	2,042
Utah	18,680	20,538	13,087	9,734	31,767	30,272
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	24,451	27,464	14,375	10,861	38,826	38,325
Wash.	74,468	74,307	14,647	9,680	89,115	83,987
Oreg.	215,165	207,350	25,773	25,039	240,938	232,389
Calif.	589,584	606,563	49,856	32,701	639,440	639,264
Pac.	879,217	888,220	90,276	67,420	969,493	955,640
U.S.	2,222,886	2,334,245	662,311	516,116	2,885,197	2,850,361

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES - UNITED STATES

Heavy Breeds							
Month	Month			To date			Change from last year
	1953-54	1954-55	% change from last year	1953-54	1954-55	Number	
	Number			Number			
July	13,352	30,247	+127	13,352	30,247	+ 16,895	+127
August	21,813	48,150	+121	35,165	78,397	+ 43,232	+123
September	100,169	123,761	+ 24	135,334	202,158	+ 66,824	+ 49
October	352,721	382,846	+ 9	488,055	585,004	+ 96,949	+ 20
November	591,212	569,572	- 4	1,079,267	1,154,576	+ 75,309	+ 7
December	637,678	632,817	- 1	1,716,945	1,787,393	+ 70,448	+ 4
January	326,415	368,463	+ 13	2,043,360	2,155,856	+112,496	+ 6
February	144,065	131,790	- 9	2,187,425	2,287,646	+100,221	+ 5
March	35,461	46,599	+ 31	2,222,866	2,334,245	+111,359	+ 5
April	4,031			2,226,917			
May	4,248			2,231,165			
June	7,669			2,238,834			

Light Breeds							
Month	Month			To date			Change from last year
	1953-54	1954-55	% change from last year	1953-54	1954-55	Number	
	Number			Number			
July	37,881	78,588	+107	37,881	78,588	+ 40,707	+107
August	57,364	68,142	+ 19	95,245	146,730	+ 51,485	+ 54
September	95,330	67,725	- 29	190,575	214,455	+ 23,880	+ 13
October	111,739	43,555	- 61	302,314	258,010	- 44,304	- 15
November	90,481	24,166	- 73	392,795	282,176	-110,619	- 28
December	72,157	73,096	+ 1	464,952	355,272	-109,680	- 24
January	71,183	52,165	- 27	536,135	407,437	-128,698	- 24
February	81,901	71,931	- 12	618,036	479,368	-138,668	- 22
March	44,275	36,748	- 17	662,311	516,116	-146,195	- 22
April	11,084			673,395			
May	18,626			692,021			
June	66,896			758,917			

Total All Breeds							
Month	Month			To date			Change from last year
	1953-54	1954-55	% change from last year	1953-54	1954-55	Number	
	Number			Number			
July	51,233	108,835	+112	51,233	108,835	+ 57,602	+112
August	79,177	116,292	+ 47	130,410	225,127	+ 94,717	+ 73
September	195,499	191,486	- 2	325,909	416,613	+ 90,704	+ 28
October	464,460	426,401	- 8	790,369	843,014	+ 52,645	+ 7
November	681,693	593,738	- 13	1,472,062	1,436,752	- 35,310	- 2
December	709,835	705,913	- 1	2,181,897	2,142,665	- 39,232	- 2
January	397,598	420,628	+ 6	2,579,495	2,563,293	- 16,202	- 1
February	225,966	203,721	- 10	2,805,461	2,767,014	- 38,447	- 1
March	79,736	83,347	+ 5	2,885,197	2,850,361	- 34,836	- 1
April	15,115			2,900,312			
May	22,874			2,923,186			
June	74,565			2,997,751			

CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES 1/

States	During March		All other chickens	
	For broiler production			
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	<u>Number</u>			
Maine	---	110,699	---	18,999
N.H.	---	72,762	---	---
Vt.	---	14,969	---	842
Mass.	36,673	24,534	11,696	7,873
R.I.	2,760	1,247	905	2,142
Conn.	---	10,719	---	11,083
N.Y.	15,510	8,235	4,119	7,401
N.J.	1,527	17,625	9,100	13,498
Pa.	42,466	29,745	1,299	5,387
Ohio	---	14,341	---	---
Ind.	---	---	---	---
Ill.	69,890	4,667	---	25,163
Mich.	---	26,131	---	9,771
Wis.	53,363	8,359	651	3,981
Minn.	---	---	---	42,521
Iowa	---	---	---	---
Mo.	---	25,125	---	13,929
N.Dak.	---	---	---	2,256
S.Dak.	---	---	---	---
Nebr.	1,321	245	171	4,462
Kans.	---	---	---	---
Del.	25,790	25,076	3,381	---
Md.	---	15,715	---	11,504
Va.	21,582	54,160	---	---
W.Va.	4,491	1,908	62	---
N.C.	95,039	124,208	14,894	6,015
S.C.	8,854	9,595	840	3,034
Ga.	133,289	168,941	7,015	---
Fla.	18,360	6,893	985	1,126
Ky.	---	14,192	---	5,372
Tenn.	15,401	24,490	401	2,290
Ala.	35,351	74,696	780	472
Miss.	16,072	6,432	233	948
Ark.	12,803	50,996	216	---
La.	32,661	11,673	128	296
Okla.	---	---	---	---
Texas	---	26,771	---	2,993
Mont.	---	---	---	---
Idaho	---	33	---	931
Wyo.	---	---	---	---
Colo.	975	---	---	---
N.Mex.	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	---	---	---	---
Utah	464	1,523	693	4,121
Nev.	---	---	---	---
Wash.	15,397	6,943	6,045	2,469
Oreg.	---	---	---	---
Calif.	85,118	59,177	10,904	4,993
Total	---	1,052,825	---	215,872

1/Information not available for States not shown.

2/See page 7 for 1954-55 comparisons for 24 States.

CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES 1/

States	July through March			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
	Number			
Maine	---	526,896	---	89,023
N.H.	---	503,110	---	---
Vt.	---	14,969	---	842
Mass.	639,411	477,403	418,073	458,509
R.I.	---	20,470	---	25,406
Conn.	---	133,042	---	90,064
N.Y.	224,114	164,904	520,819	467,912
N.J.	96,658	114,033	897,418	856,145
Pa.	720,902	685,352	576,039	617,504
Ohio	---	356,144	---	---
Ind.	---	---	---	---
Ill.	403,390	242,472	---	2,477,346
Mich.	---	136,927	---	353,763
Wis.	179,850	114,602	211,355	282,435
Minn.	---	58,915	---	1,426,777
Iowa	---	---	---	---
Mo.	---	1,570,887	---	1,097,010
N.Dak.	---	13,024	---	235,774
S.Dak.	5,837	6,123	301,966	267,751
Nebr.	54,130	48,297	518,341	498,473
Kans.	---	---	---	---
Del.	435,345	427,909	48,690	33,357
Md.	---	299,606	---	181,418
Va.	939,802	1,009,419	71,523	71,810
W.Va.	161,583	147,986	47,715	53,561
N.C.	1,353,262	1,513,887	288,169	290,577
S.C.	143,218	124,668	52,548	49,621
Ga.	934,229	1,345,588	49,167	69,307
Fla.	145,307	96,394	76,650	101,654
Ky.	---	451,590	---	300,443
Tenn.	215,051	257,803	71,504	84,973
Ala.	322,508	429,681	73,725	99,294
Miss.	229,992	282,551	23,517	31,227
Ark.	257,924	407,756	1,229	558
La.	127,738	154,831	20,766	15,223
Okla.	---	---	---	---
Texas	---	49,302	---	83,174
Mont.	---	---	---	---
Idaho	9,936	11,915	96,019	93,864
Wyo.	---	---	7,656	3,200
Colo.	37,657	20,356	71,170	51,464
N.Mex.	---	1,000	---	6,600
Ariz.	---	1,434	---	2,833
Utah	14,087	10,429	70,995	50,294
Nev.	---	---	---	---
Wash.	242,441	223,218	195,624	193,489
Oreg.	---	---	---	---
Calif.	400,237	441,258	371,950	230,463
Total		12,896,151		11,343,138

1/Information not available for States not shown.

2/See page 7 for 1953-54 and 1954-55 comparisons for 24 States.

CHICKENS TESTED BY STATE AGENCIES - COMPARABLE TOTAL FOR 24 STATES ^{1/}
For Broiler Production

Month	Month			% change from last year	To date			Change from last year Number Percent
	1953-54	1954-55	Number		1953-54	1954-55	Number	
July	738,461	979,080	+33	738,461	979,080	+240,619	+33	
August	1,007,356	1,206,046	+20	1,745,817	2,185,126	+439,309	+25	
September	1,232,428	1,269,195	+ 3	2,978,245	3,454,321	+476,076	+16	
October	1,375,266	1,265,681	- 8	4,353,511	4,720,002	+366,491	+ 8	
November	875,545	926,050	+ 6	5,229,056	5,646,052	+416,996	+ 8	
December	732,574	736,217	+ 4	5,961,630	6,409,269	+447,639	+ 8	
January	634,250	772,450	+22	6,595,880	7,181,719	+585,839	+ 9	
February	570,023	571,105	--	7,165,903	7,752,824	+586,921	+ 8	
March	671,186	715,242	+ 7	7,837,089	8,468,066	+630,977	+ 8	
April	616,683			8,453,772				
May	909,712			9,363,484				
June	769,807			10,133,291				

All Other Chickens Tested

Month	Month			% change from last year	To date			Change from last year Number Percent
	1953-54	1954-55	Number		1953-54	1954-55	Number	
July	213,503	265,692	+24	213,503	265,692	+ 52,189	+24	
August	426,758	404,480	- 5	640,261	670,172	+ 29,911	+ 5	
September	547,191	656,403	+20	1,187,452	1,326,575	+139,123	+12	
October	1,037,378	729,559	-30	2,224,830	2,056,134	-168,696	- 8	
November	922,417	861,733	- 7	3,147,247	2,917,867	-229,380	- 7	
December	871,630	711,988	-18	4,018,877	3,629,855	-389,022	-10	
January	323,551	600,605	+86	4,342,428	4,230,460	-111,968	- 3	
February	148,417	178,897	+21	4,490,845	4,409,357	- 81,488	- 2	
March	73,442	64,835	-12	4,564,287	4,474,192	- 90,095	- 2	
April	39,998			4,604,285				
May	57,312			4,661,597				
June	177,971			4,839,568				

^{1/}Mass., N.Y., N.J., Pa., Wisc., S.Dak., Del., Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla., Tenn., Ala., Miss., Ark., La., Idaho, Wyo., Colo., Utah, Wash., Calif.