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TURKEYS AND CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES FEBRUARY 1955

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TURKEYS TESTED

The number of heavy breed turkeys tested for pullorum disease during February totaled 131,790, compared with 144,065 during February last year -- a decrease of 9 percent. The number of heavy breed turkeys tested July through February totaled 2,287,646, compared with 2,187,425 during the same months a year earlier -- an increase of 5 percent.

Light breed turkeys tested during February totaled 71,931, compared with 81,901 in February last year -- a decrease of 12 percent. The number of light breed turkeys tested July through February totaled 479,368, compared with 618,036 during the same months a year earlier -- a decrease of 22 percent.

CHICKENS TESTED

During February, 37 States reported that 838,277 chickens for supplying broiler hatching eggs were tested for pullorum disease and 367,701 chickens for all other purposes were tested. In the 24 States, for which comparisons with a year earlier are available, 571,105 chickens were tested in February for supplying broiler hatching eggs, about the same as a year earlier. The number tested for broiler production July through February in these States totaled 7,752,824, compared with 7,165,903 during the same months a year earlier -- an increase of 8 percent. The number of chickens for all other purposes tested during February totaled 178,897, compared with 148,417 in February a year ago -- an increase of 21 percent. The number tested from July through February totaled 4,409,357, compared with 4,490,845 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:	During February					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Number						
Maine	1,508	2,247	486	162	1,994	2,409
N.H.	2,604	625	168	0	2,772	625
Vt.	145	388	0	0	145	388
Mass.	9,272	7,196	0	41	9,272	7,237
R.I.	318	266	0	0	318	266
Conn.	2,235	1,686	800	293	3,035	1,979
N.E.	16,082	12,408	1,454	496	17,536	12,904
N.Y.	6,923	6,098	43	0	6,966	6,098
N.J.	1,997	475	4	139	2,001	614
Pa.	9,890	10,875	1,439	1,491	11,329	12,366
M.A.	18,810	17,148	1,486	1,630	20,296	19,078
Ohio	1,935	1,391	6,162	5,666	8,097	10,357
Ind.	1,175	5,026	0	0	1,175	5,026
Ill.	16	2,353	0	96	16	2,449
Mich.	17,162	2,911	0	839	17,162	3,750
Wis.	7,963	4,862	0	---	7,963	4,862
E.N.C.	28,251	19,843	6,162	6,601	34,413	26,444
Minn.	605	3,902	17,845	12,505	18,450	16,407
Iowa	550	---	0	---	550	---
Mo.	10,634	17,876	5,930	5,380	16,564	23,256
N.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebr.	1,287	350	0	0	1,287	350
Kans.	2,455	1,233	30	566	2,485	1,799
W.N.C.	15,531	23,361	23,805	18,451	39,336	41,812
Del.	869	81	0	32	869	113
Md.	1,892	1,582	0	832	1,892	2,414
Va.	32,358	22,759	40,119	32,586	72,477	55,345
W.Va.	0	2	609	5	609	7
N.C.	755	1,516	390	0	1,145	1,516
S.C.	54	1,733	1,117	3,225	1,171	4,958
Ga.	54	0	0	0	54	0
Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.A.	35,982	27,673	42,235	36,680	78,217	64,353
Ky.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ala.	628	54	454	1,608	1,082	1,662
Miss.	2,191	729	0	---	2,191	729
E.S.C.	2,819	783	454	1,608	3,273	2,391
Ark.	1,156	2,616	4,116	576	5,272	3,192
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	965	8,982	830	730	1,795	9,712
Texas	7,022	76	97	---	7,119	76
W.S.C.	9,143	11,674	5,043	1,306	11,186	12,980
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	2,268	0	0	0	2,268	0
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	1,254	0	485	0	1,739	0
N.Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	325	529	0	0	325	529
Utah	4,710	4,156	91	2,520	4,801	6,676
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	8,557	4,685	576	2,520	9,133	7,205
Wash.	1,645	63	0	971	1,645	1,034
Oreg.	173	8	39	1,498	212	1,506
Calif.	7,072	13,844	647	170	7,719	14,014
Pac.	8,890	13,915	686	2,639	9,576	16,554
U.S.	144,065	131,790	81,901	71,931	225,966	203,721

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

State and Division	July through February				Total all breeds	
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		1953-54	1954-55
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
	Number					
Maine	6,976	5,527	6,406	1,207	13,382	6,734
N.H.	5,293	6,918	365	315	5,658	7,233
Vt.	5,885	6,539	0	0	5,885	6,539
Mass.	20,105	22,952	0	106	20,105	23,058
R.I.	1,413	1,000	137	0	1,550	1,080
Conn.	7,743	11,689	808	293	8,551	11,982
N.E.	47,415	54,705	7,716	1,921	55,131	56,626
N.Y.	40,453	36,322	201	---	40,654	36,322
N.J.	7,015	6,659	1,718	2,707	8,733	9,366
Pa.	39,462	29,182	13,813	6,784	53,275	35,966
M.A.	86,930	72,163	15,732	9,491	102,662	81,654
Ohio	84,739	102,661	38,429	32,853	123,138	135,514
Ind.	18,450	14,792	4,569	1,396	23,019	16,188
Ill.	18,194	18,242	3,267	1,202	21,461	19,444
Mich.	70,878	72,348	11,315	7,092	82,193	79,440
Wis.	35,293	39,264	0	0	35,293	39,264
E.N.C.	227,554	247,307	57,580	42,543	285,134	289,850
Minn.	171,362	240,761	110,232	67,181	281,594	307,942
Iowa	60,586	41,269	3,079	3,000	63,665	44,269
Mo.	127,694	135,379	41,161	33,526	168,855	168,905
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	23,453	527	1,092	23,769	24,545
Kans.	31,525	33,145	2,491	3,432	34,016	36,577
W.N.C.	428,752	488,672	159,833	110,841	588,585	599,513
Del.	3,625	3,098	982	699	4,607	3,797
Md.	18,554	15,302	2,533	1,929	21,087	17,231
Va.	97,213	86,968	175,787	137,199	273,000	224,167
W.Va.	4,958	5,378	8,629	6,679	13,587	12,057
N.C.	36,779	30,814	3,359	4,899	40,138	35,713
S.C.	74,098	52,744	12,554	15,575	86,652	68,319
Ga.	5,076	3,771	0	0	5,076	3,771
Fla.	3,742	4,393	2,103	1,955	5,845	6,348
S.A.	244,045	202,468	205,947	168,935	449,992	371,403
Ky.	29,868	23,127	628	467	30,496	23,594
Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ala.	2,932	4,871	2,712	3,533	5,644	8,404
Miss.	2,191	3,309	0	0	2,191	3,309
E.S.C.	34,991	31,307	3,340	4,000	38,331	35,307
Ark.	19,949	45,332	7,191	4,111	27,140	49,443
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	24,016	39,422	11,458	5,744	35,474	45,166
Texas	181,666	192,872	49,981	53,501	231,647	246,373
W.S.C.	225,631	277,626	68,630	63,356	294,261	340,982
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	2,268	0	803	662	3,071	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	17,604	20,538	13,087	9,734	30,691	30,272
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	23,358	27,464	14,375	10,861	37,733	38,325
Wash.	74,468	74,307	14,647	9,680	89,115	83,987
Oreg.	215,165	207,350	24,952	25,039	240,117	232,389
Calif.	579,116	604,277	45,284	32,701	624,400	636,978
Pac.	868,749	885,934	84,883	67,420	953,632	953,354
U.S.	2,187,425	2,287,646	618,036	479,368	2,805,461	2,767,014

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES - UNITED STATES

Heavy Breeds								
Month	Month			To date				
	1953-54	1954-55	% change from 1953-54	1953-54	1954-55	Change from last year		
						Number	Percent	
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	1/368,463	+ 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			2,222,886				
April	4,031			2,226,917				
May	4,248			2,231,165				
June	7,669			2,238,834				

Light Breeds								
Month	Month			To date				
	1953-54	1954-55	% change from 1953-54	1953-54	1954-55	Change from last year		
						Number	Percent	
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	1/52,165	- 27	536,135	407,437	-128,698	- 24	
February	81,901	71,931	- 12	618,036	479,368	-138,668	- 22	
March	44,275			662,311				
April	11,084			673,395				
May	18,626			692,021				
June	66,896			758,917				

Total All Breeds								
Month	Month			To date				
	1953-54	1954-55	% change from 1953-54	1953-54	1954-55	Change from last year		
						Number	Percent	
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	1/420,628	+ 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			2,885,197				
April	15,115			2,900,312				
May	22,874			2,923,186				
June	74,565			2,997,751				

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CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES 1/

States :	During February			
	For broiler production :		All other chickens	
:	1954	1955	1954	1955
	Number			
Maine	---	103,120	---	2,782
N.H.	---	47,863	---	---
Vt.	---	---	---	---
Mass.	86,209	42,359	19,673	33,714
R. I.	3,761	2,642	1,823	240
Conn.	---	22,805	---	8,912
N.Y.	7,035	14,456	6,999	22,418
N.J.	7,862	4,021	21,130	27,061
Pa.	36,482	28,935	4,268	9,955
Ohio	---	17,000	---	---
Ind.	---	---	---	---
Ill.	95,750	1,335	---	50,601
Mich.	---	14,337	---	17,731
Wis.	4,638	1,319	13,031	19,170
Minn.	---	---	---	11,624
Iowa	---	---	---	---
Mo.	---	34,974	---	23,867
N.Dak.	---	---	---	16,524
S.Dak.	---	---	5,477	7,873
Nebr.	637	1,333	12,915	13,665
Kans.	---	---	---	---
Del.	18,010	23,805	5,987	---
Md.	---	16,284	---	20,875
Va.	46,370	28,672	1,472	317
W.Va.	4,596	4,439	456	1,045
N. C.	125,319	91,174	13,784	6,327
S. C.	16,570	4,732	968	2,449
Ga.	75,449	117,392	3,971	557
Fla.	16,219	9,186	6,042	2,535
Ky.	---	1,544	---	6,550
Tenn.	11,187	8,214	1,927	3,131
Ala.	25,290	44,263	1,979	10,691
Miss.	5,943	13,933	3,238	7,548
Ark.	8,256	56,143	---	---
La.	19,853	13,003	844	485
Okla.	---	---	---	---
Texas	---	3,935	---	15,433
Mont.	---	---	---	---
Idaho	---	1,975	477	6,814
Wyo.	---	---	400	---
Colo.	336	---	1,486	1,220
N. Mex.	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	---	---	---	---
Utah	2,535	1,721	11,553	7,239
Nev.	---	---	---	---
Wash.	7,794	14,943	4,420	3,345
Oreg.	---	---	---	---
Calif.	44,070	46,420	18,835	5,003
Total	---	838,277	---	367,701

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 February			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
	Number			
Maine	---	416,197	---	70,024
N.H.	---	430,348	---	---
Vt.	---	---	---	---
Mass.	602,738	452,869	406,377	450,636
R.I.	---	19,223	---	23,264
Conn.	---	122,323	---	78,981
N.Y.	208,604	156,669	516,700	460,511
N.J.	95,131	96,408	888,318	842,647
Pa.	678,436	655,607	574,740	612,117
Ohio	---	341,803	---	---
Ind.	---	---	---	---
Ill.	333,500	237,805	---	2,452,183
Mich.	---	110,796	---	343,992
Wis.	126,487	106,243	210,704	278,454
Minn.	---	58,915	---	1,384,256
Iowa	---	---	---	---
Mo.	---	1,545,762	---	1,083,081
N.Dak.	---	13,024	---	233,518
S.Dak.	5,837	6,123	301,966	267,751
Nebr.	52,809	48,052	518,170	450,615
Kans.	---	---	---	---
Del.	409,555	402,833	45,309	33,357
Md.	---	283,891	---	169,914
Va.	918,220	955,259	71,523	71,810
W.Va.	157,092	146,078	47,653	53,561
N.C.	1,258,223	1,389,679	273,275	284,562
S.C.	134,364	115,073	51,708	46,587
Ga.	800,940	1,176,647	42,152	69,307
Fla.	126,947	89,501	75,665	100,528
Ky.	---	437,399	---	295,071
Tenn.	199,650	233,313	71,103	82,683
Ala.	287,157	354,985	72,945	98,822
Miss.	213,920	276,119	23,284	30,279
Ark.	245,121	356,760	1,013	558
La.	95,077	143,158	20,638	14,927
Okla.	---	---	---	---
Texas	---	22,531	---	80,181
Mont.	---	---	---	---
Idaho	9,936	11,882	96,019	92,933
Wyo.	---	---	7,656	3,200
Colo.	36,682	20,356	71,170	51,464
N.Mex.	---	1,000	---	6,600
Ariz.	---	1,434	---	2,833
Utah	13,623	8,906	70,302	46,173
Nev.	---	---	---	---
Wash.	227,044	216,275	189,579	191,020
Oreg.	---	---	---	---
Calif.	315,119	382,081	361,046	225,470
Total	---	11,843,327	---	11,033,870

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			%	To date		
	1953-54	1954-55	change from 1953-54		1953-54	1954-55	Change from last year
	Number				Number		
							Percent
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	763,217	+4	5,961,630	6,409,269	+447,639	+8
January	634,250	<u>2/772,450</u>	+22	6,595,880	<u>2/7,181,719</u>	+585,839	+9
February	570,023	571,105	---	7,165,903	7,752,824	+586,921	+8
March	671,186			7,837,089			
April	616,683			8,453,772			
May	909,712			9,363,484			
June	769,807			10,133,291			

All Other Chickens Tested

Month	Month			%	To date		
	1953-54	1954-55	change from 1953-54		1953-54	1954-55	Change from last year
	Number				Number		
							Percent
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	<u>2/600,605</u>	+86	4,342,428	<u>2/4,230,460</u>	-111,968	-3
February	148,417	178,897	+21	4,490,845	4,409,357	-81,488	-2
March	73,442			4,564,287			
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.  
2/Revised.