



# Turkeys

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## Turkeys Raised Down 4 Percent from 1998

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 1999 is 275 million, down 4 percent from the 285 million raised during 1998.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1999:

**North Carolina** is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 48.5 million birds, 3 percent less than 1998.

**Minnesota** ranks second with 43.5 million, down 2 percent from last year.

**Arkansas** is in third place by producing 27.0 million birds, 4 percent less than a year ago.

**Virginia** is the nation's fourth largest producing State with 25.0 million birds, down 4 percent from a year ago.

**Missouri** is in fifth place with 22.0 million birds, unchanged from last year's production.

**California** expects to raise 18.0 million turkeys, 5 percent below a year earlier.

**Turkeys: Number Raised by State and United States, 1998-99**

State	Number		1999 as % of 1998
	1998 <sup>1</sup>	1999	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28,000	27,000	96
CA	19,000	18,000	95
CT	5	5	100
IL	3,200	2,600	81
IN	13,500	13,500	100
IA	7,000	7,500	107
MD <sup>2</sup>	600	445	74
MA	81	83	102
MN	44,500	43,500	98
MO	22,000	22,000	100
NH	14	14	100
NJ	71	55	77
NY	500	480	96
NC	50,000	48,500	97
ND	1,800	1,700	94
OH	5,500	5,200	95
PA	10,500	10,100	96
SC	10,600	8,500	80
SD	3,800	3,900	103
VT	41	43	105
VA	26,000	25,000	96
WV	4,300	4,500	105
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	34,192	32,261	94
US	285,204	274,886	96

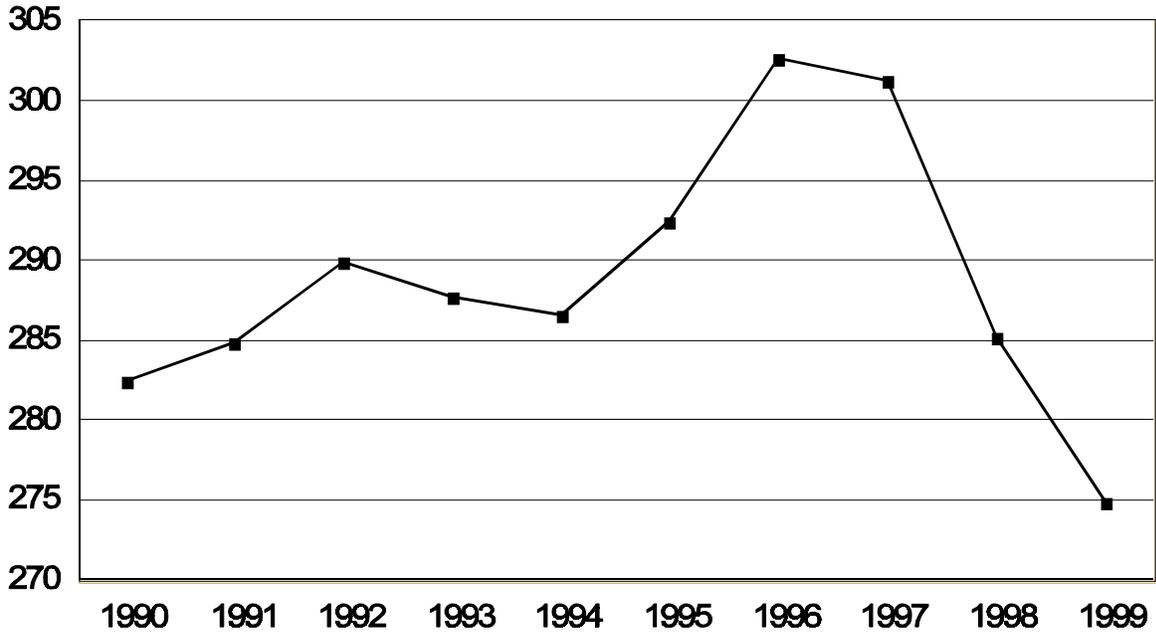
<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Includes DE.

<sup>3</sup> CO, GA, KS, MI, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

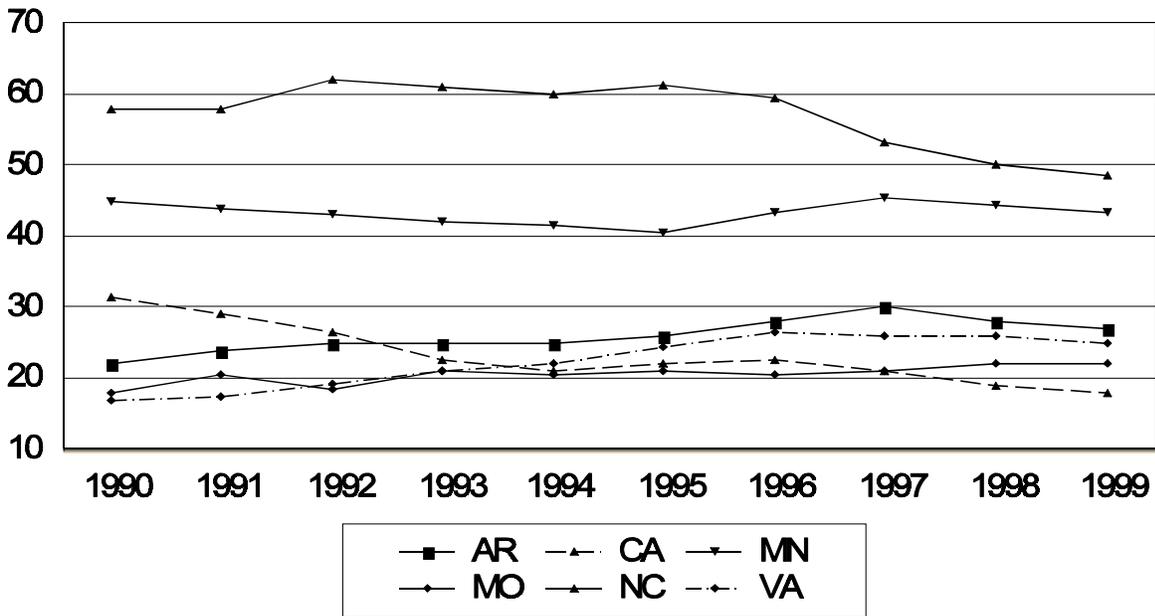
# Number of Turkeys Raised United States, 1990-99

Million Head



# Number of Turkeys Raised Major States, 1990-99

Million Head



## Turkeys Raised Estimates

**Data Sources:** The Turkey Hatchery Survey provides the basis for the preliminary Turkeys Raised estimate published in August. Turkey hatchery estimates are made in 22 States each month and provide the number of eggs in incubators and poults placed in production. Data on poults placed into the United States from Canadian hatcheries are also included in the preliminary estimate.

**Estimation Procedures:** Turkeys Raised preliminary 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. Placement of turkey poults from the monthly "Turkey Hatchery" survey provides 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 preliminary estimates are based on a census of known active hatcheries 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 Department of Commerce's five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

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