

# Turkeys



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## **Turkeys Raised 2 Percent Above 1994**

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 1995 is 296 million, 2 percent above the 289 million raised during 1994. If realized, this total will represent a new record number of turkeys raised, surpassing the previous high of 290 million set in 1992.

The following six States are expected to account for two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1995:

**North Carolina** is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 63.0 million birds, down 5 percent from the January 1995 Intentions but up 5 percent from 1994.

**Minnesota** ranks second with 41.0 million, unchanged from January Intentions but down 1 percent from a year ago.

**Arkansas** is in third place by producing 25.0 million birds. This is unchanged from January Intentions and a year ago.

**Virginia** is now the nation's fourth largest producing State with 24.0 million birds, up 2 percent from January Intentions and 9 percent above a year ago.

**California** has dropped to fifth place with 21.5 million birds, up 2 percent from January Intentions and last year's production.

**Missouri** is tied for fifth with 21.5 million, up 8 percent from January Intentions and 5 percent above a year earlier.

Turkeys: Number Raised by Selected States  
and United States, 1994-95

State	Number		1995 as % of 1994
	1994 1/	1995	
	1,000 Head		Percent
AR	25.000	25.000	100
CA	21.000	21.500	102
CO	4.900	4.600	94
CT	25	30	120
GA	1.410	1.470	104
IL	3.800	3.500	92
IN	14.000	14.400	103
IA	8.800	7.700	88
KS	1.600	1.500	94
MD 2/	140	160	114
MA	140	130	93
MN	41.500	41.000	99
MO	20.500	21.500	105
NH	10	20	200
NJ	85	90	106
NY	500	490	98
NC	60.000	63.000	105
ND	1.150	1.500	130
OH	6.000	6.500	108
PA	10.500	11.300	108
SC	5.800	6.000	103
SD	2.500	2.650	106
VA	22.000	24.000	109
WV	5.600	5.000	89
Oth Sts 3/	32.215	32.815	102
US	289.175	295.855	102

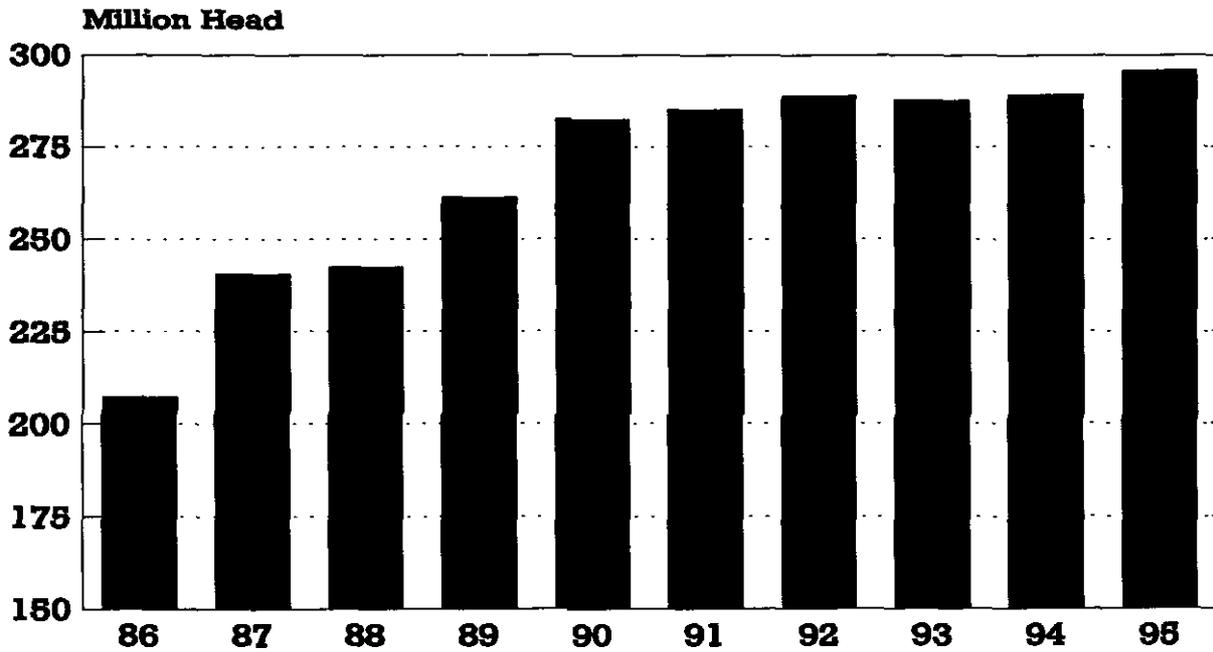
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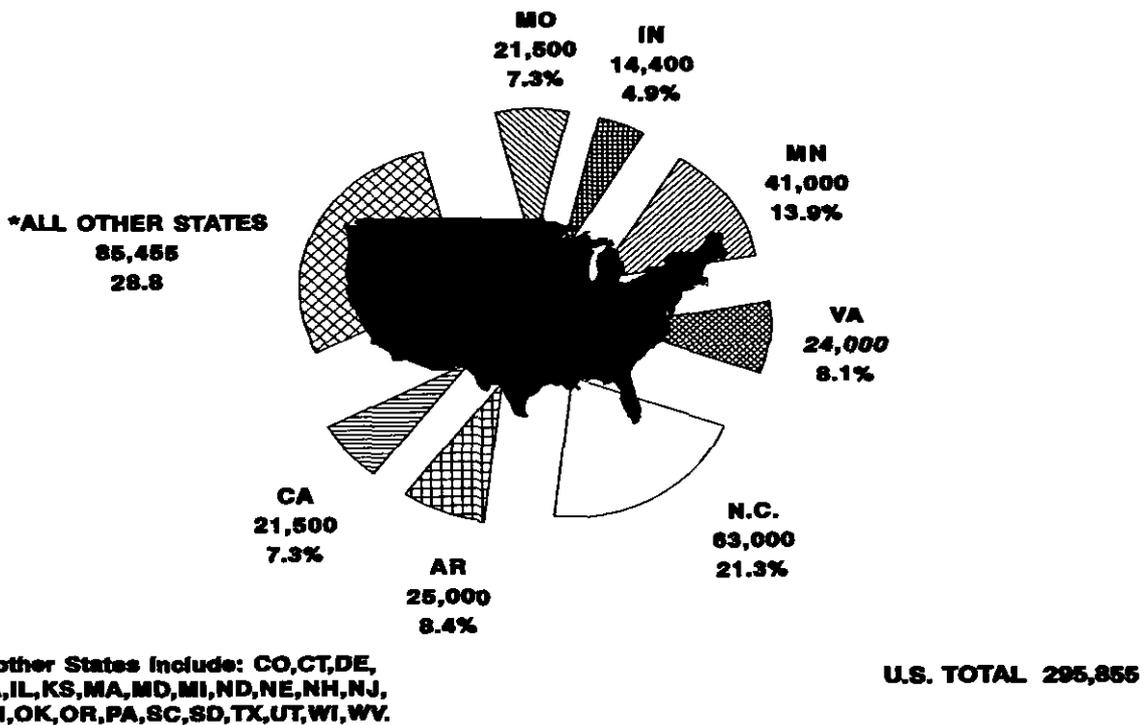
3/ MI, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

# Number of Turkeys Raised

## United States, 1986-95



## Turkeys Raised, 1995 (1,000 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 19 States each month and provide the number of eggs in incubators and poults placed in production. Another additional seven States survey hatcheries periodically to collect data for the Turkey Raised estimates and for the "Annual Hatchery Summary". 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 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 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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