

# Turkeys



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## **Turkeys Raised in 1996 Up 3 Percent**

*Turkeys raised in the United States during 1996 totaled 301 million, up 3 percent from the 293 million turkeys raised during 1995.*

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 59.5 million, followed by Minnesota with 43.5 million; Arkansas with 28.0 million; Virginia with 25.0 million; California with 22.5 million; Missouri with 22.0 million; and Indiana with 14.0 million. These States accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1996.

## **Turkey Growers Plan 2 Percent Increase in 1997**

Turkey growers in the 20 major producing States intend to raise 2 percent more turkeys than in 1996 and 5 percent more than 1995. Intentions for the top 7 producing States compared with 1996 are as follows: North Carolina, down 5 percent; Minnesota, unchanged; Arkansas, up 11 percent; California, down 4 percent; Missouri, up 7 percent; Virginia, up 10 percent; and Indiana up 1 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1997 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 1995 and 1996

State	Number		1996 as % of 1995
	1995	1996	
	1,000 Head		Percent
AR	26,000	28,000	108
CA	22,000	22,500	102
CO	4,300	4,800	112
CT	15	8	53
GA	1,450	550	38
IL	3,600	3,300	92
IN	14,200	14,000	99
IA	8,000	8,000	100
KS	1,600	1,750	109
MD 1/	260	330	127
MA	105	80	76
MN	40,500	43,500	107
MO	22,500	22,000	98
NH	17	15	88
NJ	88	73	83
NY	505	520	103
NC	61,200	59,500	97
ND	1,750	2,100	120
OH	6,500	6,800	105
PA	11,500	11,700	102
SC	6,120	8,300	136
SD	2,800	3,000	107
VT	31	35	113
VA	23,500	25,000	106
WV	4,800	4,500	94
Oth Sts 2/	29,515	31,017	105
US	292,856	301,378	103

1/ Includes DE.

2/ MI, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Division and United States, 1994-96

Geographic Division	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	1994 1/	1995 1/	1996
	Percent		
E N Cent	9	11	10
W N Cent	10	11	10
N & S Atl	8	10	10
S Cent	10	12	11
West	10	10	10
US	9.8	11.0	10.3

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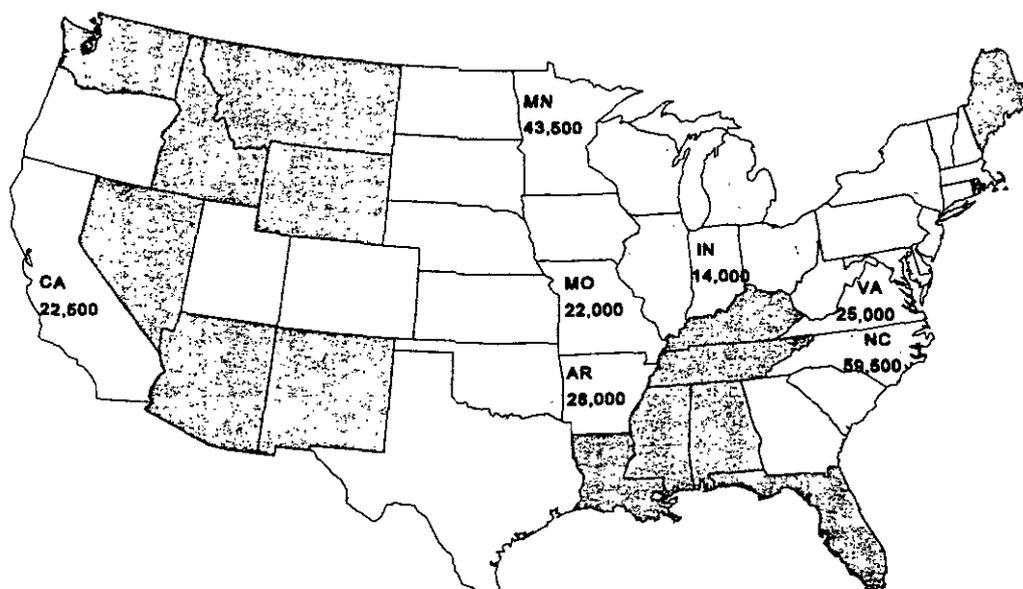
Regional Listing:

- North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.
- E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.
- W 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 = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Turkeys Raised, 1996

Total 301,378

(1,000 Head)



7 Major Sts   
  All Oth Prod Sts   
  Not Estimated

Turkeys: Number Raised in 1996 and Intentions for 1997,  
Selected States and 20-State Total

State	Number		1997 as % of 1996
	1996	1997	
	1,000 Head		Percent
AR	28,000	31,000	111
CA	22,500	21,500	96
CO	4,800	4,800	100
GA	550	2/	2/
IN	14,000	14,200	101
IA	8,000	8,000	100
MN	43,500	43,500	100
MO	22,000	23,500	107
NC	59,500	56,500	95
ND	2,100	2,300	110
OH	6,800	7,200	106
PA	11,700	11,100	95
SC	8,300	11,500	139
SD	3,000	3,200	107
VA	25,000	27,500	110
Oth Sts 1/	2/	2/	102
20 State Total:	2/	2/	102

1/ OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ GA 1997 Intentions, Other States and 20 State Total not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poults Placements,  
United States, 1994-96 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	1994-95	1995-96		1994-95	1995-96	
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Sep	23,920	23,371	98	23,920	23,371	98
Oct	23,410	25,158	107	47,330	48,529	103
Nov	24,697	24,619	100	72,027	73,148	102
Dec	25,621	25,269	99	97,648	98,417	101
Jan	27,024	27,391	101	124,672	125,808	101
Feb	25,907	27,596	107	150,579	153,404	102
Mar	28,530	27,932	98	179,109	181,336	101
Apr	26,736	29,725	111	205,845	211,061	103
May	29,497	29,668	101	235,342	240,729	102
Jun	29,965	27,987	93	265,307	268,716	101
Jul	28,983	28,913	100	294,290	297,629	101
Aug	26,592	27,746	104	320,882	325,375	101

1/ Excludes exported poults.

## Turkeys Raised Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** Survey data for the turkeys raised estimate 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 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 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.

**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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