



# Turkeys

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## **Turkeys Raised in 1999 Down 4 Percent**

Turkeys raised in the United States during 1999 totaled 273 million birds, down 4 percent from the 285 million turkeys raised during 1998.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million, followed by Minnesota with 43.5 million, Arkansas with 27.0 million, Virginia with 24.0 million, Missouri with 22.0 million, California with 17.5 million, and Indiana with 13.5 million. These States accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1999.

## **Turkey Growers Plan 1 Percent Increase in 2000**

Turkey growers in 20 States which produced 96% of the turkeys raised in 1999, intend to increase the number of birds raised in 2000 by 1 percent. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 1999 are as follows: North Carolina down 1 percent, Minnesota, Arkansas, and Virginia unchanged, Missouri up 9 percent, California up 14 percent, and Indiana down 4 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2000 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 1998 and 1999 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number		1999 as % of 1998
	1998	1999	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28,000	27,000	96
CA	19,000	17,500	92
CT	5	5	100
IL	3,200	2,900	91
IN	13,500	13,500	100
IA	7,000	7,800	111
MD & DE	600	604	101
MA	81	78	96
MI <sup>2</sup>		2,700	
MN	44,500	43,500	98
MO	22,000	22,000	100
NH	14	15	107
NJ	71	50	70
NY	500	490	98
NC	50,000	46,500	93
ND	1,800	1,800	100
OH	5,500	4,700	85
PA	10,500	9,800	93
SC	10,600	9,500	90
SD	3,800	4,200	111
VT	41	41	100
VA	26,000	24,000	92
WV	4,300	4,500	105
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	34,192	29,811	
US	285,204	272,994	96

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> CO, GA, KS, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing of individual operations (and MI for 1998).

**Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Region and United States, 1997-99**

Geographic Region	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	1997	1998	1999
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
East North Central	10.5	10.8	10.2
West North Central	10.8	11.0	11.6
North & South Atlantic	11.2	10.2	10.3
South Central	10.5	11.9	11.3
West	10.2	10.7	10.8
US	10.8	10.8	10.9

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

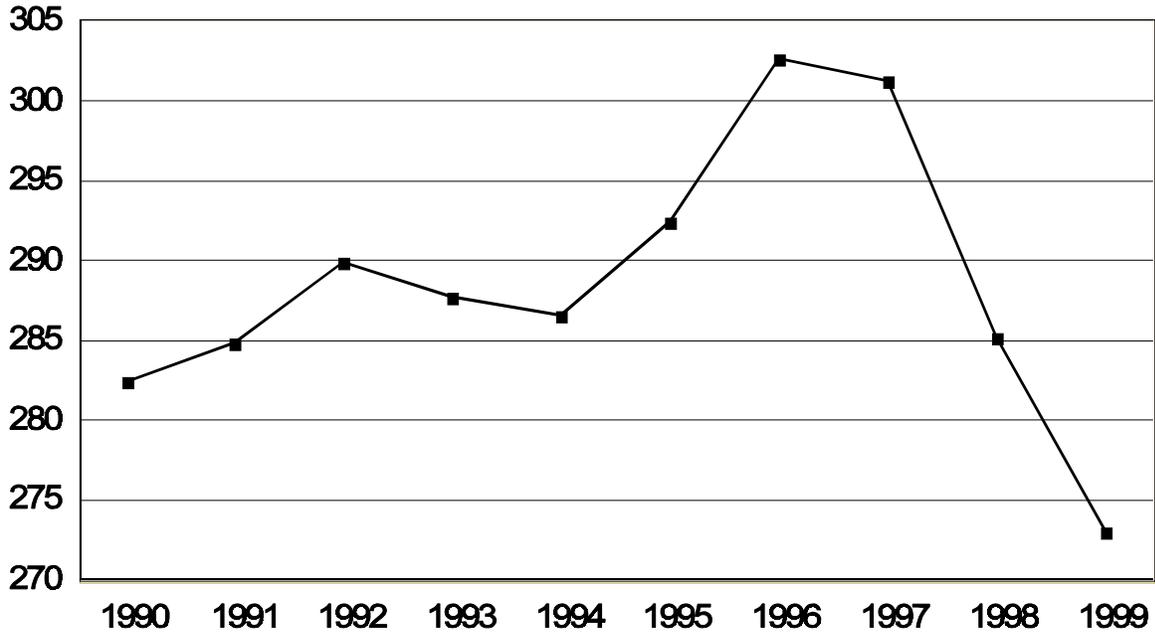
South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

## Number of Turkeys Raised United States, 1990-99

Million Head



**Turkeys: Number Raised in 1999 and Intentions for 2000,  
Selected States and 20 State Total**

State	Number		2000 as % of 1999
	1999	2000	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	27,000	27,000	100
CA	17,500	20,000	114
IN	13,500	13,000	96
IA	7,800	7,500	96
MN	43,500	43,500	100
MO	22,000	24,000	109
NC	46,500	46,000	99
ND	1,800	2,100	117
OH	4,700	4,800	102
PA	9,800	9,600	98
SC	9,500	9,100	96
SD	4,200	4,400	105
VA	24,000	24,000	100
WV	4,500	4,600	102
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	26,500	24,800	94
20 State Total	262,800	264,400	101

<sup>1</sup> CO, KS, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Turkeys Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,  
United States, 1997-99 <sup>1</sup>**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	1997-98	1998-99		1997-98	1998-99	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	23,907	21,124	88	23,907	21,124	88
Oct	24,587	22,749	93	48,494	43,873	90
Nov	23,281	22,167	95	71,775	66,040	92
Dec	25,711	24,985	97	97,486	91,025	93
Jan	26,240	24,590	94	123,726	115,615	93
Feb	25,093	23,722	95	148,819	139,337	94
Mar	26,362	25,917	98	175,181	165,254	94
Apr	25,747	26,817	104	200,928	192,071	96
May	25,677	26,085	102	226,605	218,156	96
Jun	26,957	25,621	95	253,562	243,777	96
Jul	26,247	26,755	102	279,809	270,532	97
Aug	24,450	24,755	101	304,259	295,287	97

<sup>1</sup> 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 Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

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