

TURKEY BREEDER HENS
1966 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS

October 20, 1965

Turkey breeder flock owners in 15 important turkey States at the beginning of the 1966 hatching season expect to keep 4 percent more heavy breed hens and 9 percent more light breed hens than a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Turkey breeders plan to have 22 percent more heavy white hens but 13 percent fewer bronze and other heavy breed hens compared with last season. This indicates a continuation of the trend in recent years toward more heavy whites and fewer bronze and other heavy hens for the United States as a whole. These 15 States account for approximately 79 percent of all breeder hens in the United States based on January 1, 1965 inventory numbers of breeder hens.

Owners of heavy white breed hens in three of the four most important States indicate increases in holdings. California intentions were up 35 percent, Minnesota up 10 percent, Texas up 35 percent, but Ohio was unchanged from last season. Ohio, however, was the only State to show an increase in intentions to hold bronze and other heavy hens compared with last season. All of the other States included in this survey either showed decreases or no change. Leading States in holdings of light breed hens were Virginia with an increase of 12 percent in intentions, Minnesota an increase of 22 percent, Ohio an increase of 5 percent while California was up 25 percent and Missouri indicated no change in intentions.

October 1 intentions to hold heavy breeder hens compared with breeder hens on hand January 1 the following year in previous years were as follows: in 1961, October intentions unchanged; January 1 number, 9 percent decrease; in 1962, intentions unchanged; January, 2 percent decrease; in 1963, intentions unchanged; January, 3 percent decrease; in 1964, intentions 4 percent increase; January, 1 percent increase.

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State	Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1966 season as percent of holdings a year earlier		
	Heavy white Percent	Heavy breeds Percent	Beltville and other light Percent
New York	100	100	1/
Pennsylvania	120	85	80
Ohio	100	120	105
Michigan	110	85	1/
Wisconsin	1/	1/	1/
Minnesota	110	83	122
Iowa	133	89	100
Missouri	120	90	100
Virginia	110	1/	112
South Carolina	140	100	1/
Oklahoma	100	83	1/
Texas	135	90	150
Washington	1/	83	1/
Oregon	125	90	110
California	135	82	125
Total 15 States	122	87	109

1/ Not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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