

TURKEY BREEDER HENS
1969 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS

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Turkey breeder flock owners in 15 important turkey States reported at the beginning of the 1969 hatchery season that they expect to keep 3 percent more total breeder hens than a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Turkey breeders expect to reduce the number of Beltsville and other light breed hens 3 percent from the 1968 level. The expected number of heavy breed hens to be kept is 4 percent more than a year earlier. The 15 States covered by this report account for approximately 80 percent of all breeder hens in the United States, based on the January 1, 1968 inventory of breeder hens.

Increases in the number of heavy breeder hens are expected in 8 of the 15 States. The largest percentage increases are expected in Minnesota, up 21 percent; Virginia, up 14 percent; Texas, up 12 percent; Missouri, up 10 percent; and California, up 9 percent.

Light breeder hens are expected to decline from a year earlier as follows: Pennsylvania and Texas, 67 percent; Ohio, 75 percent; Missouri, 25 percent; Michigan, 15 percent; and Virginia, 5 percent. Increases from a year earlier are expected in Minnesota and Oregon while Iowa, Oklahoma, and California expect no change. The three States of Minnesota, Virginia, and Oregon accounted for approximately two-thirds of the 1968 United States total light breeder hens.

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State	Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1969 season as percent of holding a year earlier		
	Heavy Breeds	Beltsville and other Light	Total all Breeds
	Percent	Percent	Percent
New York	75	---	75
Pennsylvania	105	33	88
Ohio	55	25	54
Michigan	90	85	90
Wisconsin	73	---	73
Minnesota	121	101	114
Iowa	98	100	98
Missouri	110	75	107
Virginia	114	95	102
South Carolina	107	---	106
Oklahoma	1/	1/	115
Texas	112	33	111
Washington	82	---	82
Oregon	1/	1/	100
California	109	100	109
Total 15 States	104	97	103

1/ Not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations. Included in 15 State percentages.

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