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MAY 1 1957 TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES
October 1953

Turkeys tested for pullorum disease during October totaled 462,549 compared with 420,285 during October last year -- an increase of 10 percent. All of the increase occurred in the number of light breeds tested during the month. Heavy breeds tested during October totaled 351,282 compared with 363,737 last year-- a decrease of 3 percent.

The early start in testing light breed turkeys this season was again evident during October. Light breeds tested showed an increase of 97 percent, from 56,548 tested in October last year to 111,267 tested in October this year.

Turkeys tested during the months July through October totaled 801,839 an increase of 21 percent from last year. All of the increase in birds tested during this period has been in the light breeds. Heavy breed testings during these months decreased 1 percent, while light breed testings increased 86 percent. Testings of heavy breed turkeys during July through October were the largest in California, Oregon, Minnesota, Texas, South Carolina, Washington, Virginia and Michigan, ranked in the order named. Virginia, Minnesota, Texas, California, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon and Washington lead in the testing of light breeds.

This report is made possible through the State testing agencies in cooperation with the National Turkey Improvement Plan, Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

| State and Division | Heavy breeds | | During October Light breeds | | Total all breeds | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 |
| | Number | | | | | |
| Maine | 825 | 1,732 | 2,071 | 2,615 | 2,896 | 4,347 |
| N.H. | 79 | 785 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 785 |
| Vt. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mass. | 499 | 229 | 0 | 0 | 499 | 229 |
| R.I. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conn. | 128 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 158 | 0 |
| N.H. | 1,531 | 2,746 | 2,101 | 2,615 | 3,632 | 5,361 |
| N.Y. | 2,122 | 3,171 | 470 | 0 | 2,592 | 3,171 |
| N.J. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pa. | 4,010 | 2,697 | 588 | 1,259 | 4,598 | 3,956 |
| M.A. | 6,132 | 5,868 | 1,058 | 1,259 | 7,190 | 7,127 |
| Ohio | 4,109 | 1,045 | 3,671 | 5,861 | 7,780 | 6,906 |
| Ind. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ill. | 1,512 | 1,157 | 170 | 843 | 1,682 | 2,000 |
| Mich. | 33,677 | 10,914 | 1,497 | 0 | 35,174 | 10,914 |
| Wis. | 0 | 4,890 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,890 |
| E.N.C. | 39,298 | 18,006 | 5,338 | 6,704 | 44,636 | 24,710 |
| Minn. | 47,211 | 56,223 | 6,119 | 28,521 | 53,330 | 84,744 |
| Iowa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mo. | 8,884 | 3,056 | 768 | 3,475 | 9,652 | 6,531 |
| N.Dak. | 350 | 2,152 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 2,152 |
| S.Dak. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nebr. | 1,318 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,318 | 0 |
| Kans. | 1,033 | 1,808 | 1,323 | 244 | 2,356 | 2,052 |
| W.N.C. | 58,796 | 63,239 | 8,210 | 32,240 | 67,006 | 95,479 |
| Del. | 0 | 13 | 391 | 378 | 391 | 391 |
| Md. | 201 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 201 | 0 |
| Va. | 7,703 | 11,996 | 17,555 | 30,599 | 25,258 | 42,595 |
| W.Va. | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| N.C. | 7,313 | 3,155 | 2,030 | 2,208 | 9,343 | 5,363 |
| S.C. | 15,069 | 15,651 | 0 | 548 | 15,069 | 16,199 |
| Ga. | 4,989 | 871 | 0 | 0 | 4,989 | 871 |
| Fla. | 1,394 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,394 | 0 |
| S.A. | 36,669 | 31,703 | 19,976 | 33,733 | 56,645 | 65,436 |
| Ky. | 16,334 | 3,728 | 0 | 0 | 16,334 | 3,728 |
| Tenn. | 1,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,100 | 0 |
| Ala. | 1,546 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,546 | 0 |
| Miss. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E.S.C. | 18,980 | 3,720 | 0 | 0 | 18,980 | 3,720 |
| Ark. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,558 | 0 | 1,558 |
| La. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Okla. | 0 | 193 | 0 | 2,708 | 0 | 2,901 |
| Tex. | 45,193 | 50,885 | 6,893 | 6,474 | 52,086 | 57,359 |
| W.S.C. | 45,193 | 51,078 | 6,893 | 10,740 | 52,086 | 61,818 |
| Mont. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wyo. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colo. | 0 | 0 | 465 | 0 | 465 | 0 |
| N.Mex. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ariz. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Utah | 4,056 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 4,056 | 60 |
| Nev. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mount. | 4,056 | 0 | 465 | 60 | 4,521 | 60 |
| Wash. | 22,123 | 26,081 | 1,860 | 6,480 | 23,983 | 32,561 |
| Oreg. | 51,173 | 53,729 | 3,601 | 2,264 | 54,774 | 55,993 |
| Calif. | 79,786 | 95,104 | 7,046 | 15,172 | 86,832 | 110,276 |
| Pac. | 153,082 | 174,914 | 12,507 | 23,916 | 165,589 | 198,830 |
| U.S. | 363,737 | 351,282 | 56,548 | 111,267 | 420,285 | 462,549 |

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

| State and Division: | July through October | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------|--------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | Heavy breeds | | Light breeds | | Total all breeds | |
| | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 |
| | Number | | | | | |
| Maine | 825 | 1,732 | 2,071 | 2,615 | 2,896 | 4,347 |
| N.H. | 79 | 785 | 86 | 85 | 165 | 870 |
| Vt. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mass. | 735 | 865 | 0 | 0 | 735 | 865 |
| R.I. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conn. | 128 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 158 | 0 |
| N.E. | 1,767 | 3,382 | 2,187 | 2,700 | 3,954 | 6,082 |
| N.Y. | 3,556 | 4,532 | 470 | 158 | 4,026 | 4,690 |
| N.J. | 0 | 0 | 319 | 0 | 319 | 0 |
| Pa. | 7,382 | 5,086 | 1,399 | 4,115 | 8,781 | 9,201 |
| M.A. | 10,938 | 9,618 | 2,188 | 4,273 | 13,126 | 13,891 |
| Ohio | 4,109 | 1,045 | 7,109 | 18,757 | 11,218 | 19,802 |
| Ind. | 0 | 0 | 5,773 | 2,261 | 5,773 | 2,261 |
| Ill. | 1,512 | 1,401 | 170 | 843 | 1,682 | 2,244 |
| Mich. | 34,110 | 10,914 | 8,302 | 7,567 | 42,412 | 18,481 |
| Wis. | 0 | 10,465 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,465 |
| E.N.C. | 39,731 | 23,825 | 21,354 | 29,428 | 61,085 | 53,253 |
| Minn. | 49,001 | 68,691 | 19,169 | 52,937 | 68,170 | 121,628 |
| Iowa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mo. | 16,094 | 3,056 | 15,064 | 22,726 | 31,158 | 25,782 |
| N.Dak. | 350 | 2,152 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 2,152 |
| S.Dak. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nebr. | 3,118 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 3,141 | 0 |
| Kans. | 1,033 | 1,808 | 1,323 | 1,505 | 2,356 | 3,313 |
| W.N.C. | 69,596 | 75,707 | 35,579 | 77,168 | 105,175 | 152,875 |
| Del. | 0 | 13 | 391 | 378 | 391 | 391 |
| Md. | 301 | 0 | 0 | 1,657 | 301 | 1,657 |
| Va. | 11,013 | 15,403 | 39,924 | 75,761 | 50,937 | 91,164 |
| W.Va. | 0 | 17 | 0 | 2,044 | 0 | 2,061 |
| N.C. | 10,481 | 9,779 | 2,456 | 2,208 | 12,937 | 11,987 |
| S.C. | 41,312 | 41,953 | 3,969 | 5,646 | 45,281 | 47,599 |
| Ga. | 4,989 | 871 | 0 | 0 | 4,989 | 871 |
| Fla. | 2,417 | 0 | 6 | 273 | 2,423 | 273 |
| S.A. | 70,513 | 68,036 | 46,746 | 87,967 | 117,259 | 156,003 |
| Ky. | 16,334 | 3,728 | 0 | 0 | 16,334 | 3,728 |
| Tenn. | 1,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,100 | 0 |
| Ala. | 2,004 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,004 | 0 |
| Miss. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E.S.C. | 19,438 | 3,728 | 0 | 0 | 19,438 | 3,728 |
| Ark. | 0 | 1,045 | 0 | 3,062 | 0 | 4,107 |
| La. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Okla. | 0 | 193 | 174 | 2,708 | 174 | 2,901 |
| Tex. | 53,813 | 65,985 | 15,572 | 33,977 | 69,385 | 99,962 |
| W.S.C. | 53,813 | 67,223 | 15,746 | 39,747 | 69,559 | 106,970 |
| Mont. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wyo. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colo. | 0 | 0 | 465 | 0 | 465 | 0 |
| N.Mex. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ariz. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Utah | 4,534 | 0 | 3,827 | 7,460 | 8,361 | 7,460 |
| Nev. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mount. | 4,534 | 0 | 4,292 | 7,460 | 8,826 | 7,460 |
| Wash. | 23,513 | 32,873 | 7,358 | 11,999 | 30,871 | 44,872 |
| Oreg. | 71,966 | 76,741 | 6,771 | 15,310 | 78,737 | 92,051 |
| Calif. | 135,041 | 134,617 | 22,310 | 30,037 | 157,351 | 164,654 |
| Pac. | 230,520 | 244,231 | 36,439 | 57,346 | 266,959 | 301,577 |
| U.S. | 500,850 | 495,750 | 164,531 | 306,089 | 665,381 | 801,839 |

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES - UNITED STATES

Heavy Breeds

| Month | Month | | % change from last year | To date | | Change from last year | Percent |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | | |
| | Number | | | Number | | | |
| July | 6,199 | 13,352 | + 115 | 6,199 | 13,352 | +7,153 | +115 |
| August | 43,881 | 32,270 | - 26 | 50,080 | 45,622 | -4,458 | - 9 |
| September | 87,033 | 98,846 | + 14 | 137,113 | 144,468 | +7,355 | + 5 |
| October | 363,737 | 351,282 | - 3 | 500,950 | 495,750 | -5,100 | - 1 |
| November | 670,614 | | | 1,171,464 | | | |
| December | 635,434 | | | 1,805,898 | | | |
| January | 297,358 | | | 2,104,256 | | | |
| February | 109,363 | | | 2,213,619 | | | |
| March | 30,892 | | | 2,244,511 | | | |
| April | 5,902 | | | 2,250,413 | | | |
| May | 49 | | | 2,250,462 | | | |
| June | 1,070 | | | 2,251,532 | | | |

Light Breeds

| Month | Month | | % change from last year | To date | | Change from last year | Percent |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | | |
| | Number | | | Number | | | |
| July | 25,716 | 37,881 | + 47 | 25,716 | 37,881 | +12,165 | + 47 |
| August | 18,574 | 61,611 | +235 | 44,090 | 99,492 | +55,402 | +126 |
| September | 63,893 | 95,330 | + 49 | 107,983 | 194,322 | +86,339 | + 80 |
| October | 56,548 | 111,267 | + 97 | 164,531 | 303,089 | +141,558 | + 86 |
| November | 50,674 | | | 215,205 | | | |
| December | 72,703 | | | 287,908 | | | |
| January | 85,885 | | | 373,793 | | | |
| February | 58,015 | | | 431,808 | | | |
| March | 12,337 | | | 444,145 | | | |
| April | 16,854 | | | 460,999 | | | |
| May | 5,883 | | | 466,882 | | | |
| June | 24,994 | | | 491,876 | | | |

Total All Breeds

| Month | Month | | % change from last year | To date | | Change from last year | Percent |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | | |
| | Number | | | Number | | | |
| July | 31,915 | 51,233 | +61 | 31,915 | 51,233 | +19,318 | +61 |
| August | 62,255 | 93,891 | +51 | 94,170 | 145,114 | +50,944 | +54 |
| September | 150,926 | 194,176 | +29 | 245,096 | 339,290 | +94,194 | +38 |
| October | 420,285 | 462,549 | +10 | 665,381 | 801,839 | +136,458 | +21 |
| November | 721,288 | | | 1,386,669 | | | |
| December | 708,137 | | | 2,094,806 | | | |
| January | 383,243 | | | 2,478,049 | | | |
| February | 167,373 | | | 2,645,427 | | | |
| March | 43,229 | | | 2,688,656 | | | |
| April | 22,756 | | | 2,711,412 | | | |
| May | 5,932 | | | 2,717,344 | | | |
| June | 26,064 | | | 2,743,408 | | | |

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

July 1952 through June 1953

| State and Division | Heavy breeds | Light breeds | Total all breeds |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Number | | |
| Maine | 5,416 | 6,796 | 12,212 |
| N.H. | 5,636 | 298 | 5,934 |
| Vt. | 6,666 | 25 | 6,691 |
| Mass. | 23,986 | 528 | 24,514 |
| R.I. | 1,878 | 379 | 2,257 |
| Conn. | 7,973 | 1,250 | 9,223 |
| Del. | 51,555 | 9,276 | 60,831 |
| N.Y. | 34,824 | 1,132 | 35,956 |
| N.J. | 9,279 | 2,738 | 12,017 |
| Pa. | 55,675 | 9,755 | 65,430 |
| M.A. | 99,778 | 13,625 | 113,403 |
| Ohio | 64,168 | 21,181 | 85,349 |
| Ind. | 19,682 | 8,585 | 28,267 |
| Ill. | 13,339 | 1,693 | 15,032 |
| Mich. | 77,610 | 14,160 | 91,770 |
| Wis. | 8,178 | 1,244 | 9,422 |
| E.N.C. | 182,977 | 46,863 | 229,840 |
| Minn. | 175,379 | 89,931 | 265,310 |
| Iowa | 63,047 | 1,083 | 64,130 |
| Mo. | 140,935 | 22,953 | 163,888 |
| N.Dak. | 9,926 | 2,428 | 12,354 |
| S.Dak. | 3,086 | 874 | 3,960 |
| Nebr. | 26,087 | 133 | 26,220 |
| Kans. | 26,522 | 3,210 | 29,732 |
| W.N.C. | 444,982 | 120,612 | 565,594 |
| Del. | 2,856 | 391 | 3,247 |
| Md. | 19,272 | 2,472 | 21,744 |
| Va. | 95,203 | 158,501 | 253,704 |
| W.Va. | 7,508 | 140 | 7,648 |
| N.C. | 31,507 | 3,489 | 34,996 |
| S.C. | 61,905 | 16,246 | 78,151 |
| Ga. | 6,742 | 1,647 | 8,389 |
| Fla. | 4,295 | 1,253 | 5,548 |
| S.A. | 229,288 | 184,139 | 413,427 |
| Ky. | 32,782 | 1,183 | 33,965 |
| Tenn. | 1,100 | --- | 1,100 |
| Ala. | 10,959 | 3,333 | 14,292 |
| Miss. | 3,721 | --- | 3,721 |
| E.S.C. | 48,562 | 4,516 | 53,078 |
| Ark. | 3,315 | 7,706 | 11,021 |
| La. | --- | --- | --- |
| Okla. | 22,604 | 5,600 | 28,204 |
| Tex. | 206,323 | 24,918 | 231,241 |
| W.S.C. | 232,242 | 38,224 | 270,466 |
| Mont. | --- | --- | --- |
| Idaho | 1,038 | 712 | 1,750 |
| Wyo. | --- | --- | --- |
| Colo. | --- | 465 | 465 |
| N.Mex. | --- | --- | --- |
| Ariz. | 4,152 | 6 | 4,158 |
| Utah | 24,428 | 7,798 | 32,226 |
| Nev. | --- | --- | --- |
| Mount. | 29,618 | 8,981 | 38,599 |
| Wash. | 71,841 | 12,822 | 84,663 |
| Oreg. | 194,314 | 14,096 | 208,410 |
| Calif. | 666,375 | 38,722 | 705,097 |
| Pac. | 932,530 | 65,640 | 998,170 |
| U.S. | 2,251,532 | 491,876 | 2,743,408 |