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TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES
December 1953

The number of turkeys tested for pullorum disease during December totaled 695,627 compared with 708,137 in December last year—a decrease of approximately 2 percent. The number of light breed turkeys tested was about the same as a year ago so the decrease in testings during the month occurred mostly in heavy breeds tested. Light breeds tested totaled 72,157 compared with 72,703 a year ago. Heavy breeds tested totaled 623,470 compared with 635,434 in December last year.

Turkeys tested July through December totaled 2,177,210 an increase of 4 percent from last year. All of the increase during this period continues to be in light breeds. Light breeds testings during this period show an increase of 63 percent while heavy breed testings show a decrease of 5 percent. Light breed testings exceed that of a year ago in 27 States. The States showing the largest increases are Virginia, Minnesota, California, Texas, Ohio, Missouri, West Virginia, South Carolina, Washington, Utah, Oklahoma and Oregon. The decrease in testings of heavy breeds have occurred largely in Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, Alabama, Texas, Utah and California. Significant increased testings of heavy breeds have been reported in New York, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Oregon.

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TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

State and Division	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	Number					
Maine	468	1,960	678	822	1,146	2,782
N.H.	1,409	0	0	0	1,409	0
Vt.	4,906	5,403	25	0	4,931	5,403
Mass.	1,465	2,529	0	0	1,465	2,529
R.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.	2,191	1,633	0	8	2,191	1,641
N.E.	10,439	11,525	703	830	11,142	12,355
N.Y.	9,285	12,094	247	0	9,532	12,094
N.J.	1,589	695	493	760	2,082	1,455
Pa.	4,238	4,746	621	1,929	4,859	6,675
M.A.	15,112	17,535	1,361	2,689	16,473	20,224
Ohio	31,681	42,578	4,519	2,217	36,200	44,795
Ind.	5,141	13,681	0	1,154	5,141	14,835
Ill.	5,297	5,821	610	888	5,907	6,709
Mich.	11,050	12,088	3,675	1,518	14,725	13,606
Wis.	5,178	6,674	0	0	5,178	6,674
E.N.C.	58,347	80,842	8,804	5,777	67,151	86,619
Minn.	61,847	31,465	12,711	14,632	74,558	46,097
Iowa	9,280	9,252	1,083	0	10,363	9,252
Mo.	46,122	37,164	2,399	5,010	48,521	42,174
N.Dak.	3,196	3,649	911	683	4,107	4,332
S.Dak.	1,170	1,265	874	0	2,044	1,265
Nebr.	5,879	12,537	0	527	5,879	13,064
Kans.	13,366	14,489	307	362	13,673	14,851
W.N.C.	140,860	109,821	18,285	21,214	159,145	131,035
Del.	1,791	1,995	0	0	1,791	1,995
Md.	4,021	4,078	218	212	4,239	4,290
Va.	22,211	19,427	20,939	15,645	43,150	35,072
W.Va.	2,851	258	39	0	2,890	258
N.C.	11,805	16,085	800	0	12,605	16,085
S.C.	9,950	16,252	31	310	9,981	16,562
Ga.	18	---	1,647	---	1,665	---
Fla.	233	543	563	1,350	796	1,893
S.A.	52,880	58,638	24,237	17,517	77,117	76,155
Ky.	6,820	4,811	0	0	6,820	4,811
Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ala.	1,199	1,794	12	175	1,211	1,969
Miss.	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.S.C.	8,019	6,605	12	175	8,031	6,780
Ark.	1,100	7,097	1,168	0	2,268	7,097
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	7,981	16,136	3,316	4,062	11,297	20,198
Texas	44,515	48,837	3,259	9,888	47,774	58,725
W.S.C.	53,596	72,070	7,743	13,950	61,339	86,020
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1,038	0	712	803	1,750	803
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	1,102	1,542	0	0	1,102	1,542
Utah	4,897	1,237	1,407	2,318	6,304	3,555
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	7,037	2,779	2,119	3,121	9,156	5,900
Wash.	15,390	11,585	2,918	424	18,308	12,009
Oreg.	47,026	61,628	3,949	3,223	50,975	64,851
Calif.	226,728	190,442	2,572	3,237	229,300	193,679
Pac.	289,144	263,655	9,439	6,884	298,583	270,539
U.S.	635,434	623,470	72,703	72,157	708,137	695,627

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State :	July through December					
and :	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
Division :	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	Number					
Maine	1,293	3,692	2,749	5,482	4,042	9,174
N.H.	2,241	1,495	86	197	2,327	1,692
Vt.	5,676	5,475	25	0	5,701	5,475
Mass.	5,325	6,461	0	0	5,325	6,461
R.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.	2,528	1,633	274	8	2,802	1,641
N.E.	17,063	12,756	3,174	5,687	20,197	24,443
N.Y.	20,260	27,316	742	158	21,002	27,474
N.J.	1,529	695	911	823	2,500	1,518
Pa.	12,152	16,734	2,979	8,401	21,131	25,135
M.A.	40,001	44,745	4,632	9,382	44,633	54,127
Ohio	52,572	67,859	11,628	22,020	64,200	89,879
Ind.	14,167	15,714	5,773	4,569	19,940	20,283
Ill.	12,894	17,211	780	3,116	13,674	20,327
Mich.	73,826	46,961	13,133	9,630	86,959	56,591
Wis.	5,178	22,499	0	0	5,178	22,499
E.N.C.	158,637	170,244	31,314	39,375	189,951	209,579
Minn.	160,284	161,536	45,804	78,089	206,088	239,625
Iowa	12,112	10,305	1,083	1,400	13,195	12,005
Mo.	106,721	77,813	13,007	32,197	124,728	110,010
N.Dak.	9,926	10,846	911	1,084	10,837	11,930
S.Dak.	3,086	3,169	874	906	3,960	4,075
Nebr.	9,942	14,809	23	527	9,965	15,336
Kans.	18,502	22,917	1,630	2,298	20,132	25,215
W.M.C.	320,573	301,695	68,332	116,301	388,905	418,196
Del.	1,791	2,008	391	641	2,182	2,649
Md.	10,164	9,943	348	1,869	10,512	11,812
Va.	46,671	46,575	79,503	114,452	126,174	161,027
W.Va.	4,834	275	39	8,020	4,873	8,295
N.C.	25,419	31,116	3,256	2,208	28,675	33,324
S.C.	55,181	70,458	5,766	11,366	60,947	81,824
Ga.	5,492	3,754	1,347	---	7,139	3,754
Fla.	4,212	3,291	1,017	2,023	5,229	5,319
S.A.	153,764	167,420	91,967	140,584	245,731	308,004
Ky.	29,034	25,983	0	628	29,034	26,611
Tenn.	1,100	0	0	0	1,100	0
Ala.	9,425	2,210	3,013	2,248	12,438	4,458
Miss.	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.C.	39,559	28,193	3,013	2,876	42,572	31,069
Ark.	2,600	15,193	2,003	3,075	4,803	18,268
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	9,297	19,209	4,598	9,105	13,885	28,314
Texas	196,075	172,403	21,307	49,285	217,582	221,688
W.S.C.	207,972	206,805	28,298	61,465	236,270	268,270
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1,038	0	712	803	1,750	803
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	0	0	465	0	465	0
N.Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	2,212	1,808	0	0	2,212	1,808
Utah	19,043	10,452	6,025	10,448	25,068	20,900
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	22,293	12,260	7,202	11,251	29,495	23,511
Wash.	66,660	67,651	11,811	14,647	78,471	82,298
Oreg.	192,032	211,710	11,530	22,303	203,562	234,013
Calif.	588,344	479,004	26,675	42,696	615,019	523,700
PAC.	847,036	758,365	50,016	81,646	897,052	840,011
U.S.	1,806,898	1,708,483	287,208	468,727	2,094,806	2,177,210

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES - UNITED STATES

Heavy Breeds								
Month	Month			% change from last year	To date			
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53		1953-54	Change from last yr.	Number	Percent
	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	1/100,169	+ 15	137,113	145,791	+ 8,678	+ 6	
October	363,737	1/351,324	- 3	500,850	497,115	- 3,735	- 1	
November	670,614	1/587,898	- 12	1,171,464	1,085,013	-86,451	-	
December	635,434	623,470	- 2	1,806,898	1,708,483	-98,415	- 5	
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				

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Light Breeds								
Month	Month			% change from last year	To date			
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53		1953-54	Change from last year	Number	Percent
	Number				Number			
July	25,716	37,881	+ 47	25,716	37,881	+ 12,165	+ 47	
August	18,374	61,611	+235	44,090	97,492	+ 55,402	+126	
September	63,893	95,330	+ 49	107,983	194,822	+ 86,839	+ 80	
October	56,548	111,267	+ 97	164,531	306,089	+141,558	+ 86	
November	50,674	1/90,481	+ 79	215,205	1/396,570	+181,365	+ 84	
December	72,703	72,157	- 1	287,908	468,727	+180,819	+ 63	
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				

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Total All Breeds								
Month	Month			% change from last year	To date			
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53		1953-54	Change from last year	Number	Percent
	Number				Number			
July	31,915	51,233	+ 61	31,915	51,233	+ 19,318	+ 61	
August	62,255	93,881	+ 51	94,170	145,114	+ 50,944	+ 54	
September	150,926	195,499	+ 30	245,096	340,613	+ 95,517	+ 39	
October	420,285	462,591	+ 10	665,381	803,204	+137,823	+ 21	
November	721,288	678,379	- 6	1,386,669	1,481,583	+ 94,914	+ 7	
December	708,137	695,627	- 2	2,094,806	2,177,210	+ 82,404	+ 4	
January	383,243			2,478,049				
February	167,378			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				