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TURKEYS AND CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES NOVEMBER 1955

Turkeys Tested

The number of heavy breed turkeys tested for pullorum disease during November totaled 622,317 compared with 569,572 during November last year--an increase of 9 percent. Of the 622,317 heavy breed turkeys tested, 109,523 were of the heavy white breeds. The number of heavy breed turkeys tested during the period July through November totaled 1,257,222 compared with 1,154,576 during the same months last year -- an increase of 9 percent. Of the heavy breeds tested July through November, 260,909 were of the heavy white breeds. No comparisons are available with a year earlier for heavy white breeds.

The number of light breed turkeys tested during November totaled 40,406 compared with 24,166 during November last year--an increase of 67 percent. For the five months period July through November the number of light breed turkeys tested totaled 212,833 compared with 282,176 during the same months last year -- a decrease of 25 percent.

Chickens Tested

In the 32 States for which comparisons are available 1,409,896 chickens for supplying broiler hatching eggs were tested for pullorum disease during November -- 7 percent more than the number tested during November last year. The number tested July through November totaled 6,249,257 compared with 8,116,089 during the same months last year -- a decrease of 23 percent.

The number of chickens for other purposes tested during November totaled 2,393,918 compared with 1,701,418 during November last year--an increase of 41 percent. The number tested July through November totaled 5,469,465 compared with 6,585,195 during the same months last year -- a decrease of 17 percent.

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TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

State and Division	During November					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	Number					
Maine	356	392	0	0	356	392
N. H.	1,490	884	0	0	1,490	884
Vt.	537	370	0	0	537	370
Mass.	2,653	527	0	0	2,653	527
R. I.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.	0	1,539	0	0	0	1,539
N. E.	5,036	3,712	0	0	5,036	3,712
N. Y.	2,990	3,564	0	0	2,990	3,564
N. J.	669	0	57	0	726	0
Pa.	3,499	5,292	0	203	3,499	5,495
M. A.	7,158	8,856	57	203	7,215	9,059
Ohio	28,842	23,758	312	612	29,154	24,370
Ind.	1,793	6,304	0	0	1,793	6,304
Ill.	425	4,613	141	0	566	4,613
Mich.	28,433	17,422	405	436	28,838	17,858
Wis.	11,938	7,428	0	0	11,938	7,428
E. N. C.	71,431	59,525	858	1,048	72,289	60,573
Minn.	52,833	65,813	3,739	9,051	56,572	74,864
Iowa	587	13,959	0	0	587	13,959
Mo.	24,865	39,224	3,406	316	28,271	39,540
N. Dak.	3,237	8,387	1,177	0	4,414	8,387
S. Dak.	1,259	0	0	0	1,259	0
Nebr.	977	960	0	0	977	960
Kans.	10,641	12,516	0	0	10,641	12,516
W. N. C.	94,399	140,859	8,322	9,367	102,721	150,226
Del.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Md.	3,372	664	0	0	3,372	664
Va.	7,144	10,457	6,281	12,578	13,425	23,035
W. Va.	1,156	28	0	0	1,156	28
N. C.	1,229	1,292	0	4,714	1,229	6,006
S. C.	13,739	9,589	0	1,187	13,739	10,776
Ga.	699	679	0	0	699	679
Fla.	960	1,141	72	1,055	1,032	2,196
S. A.	28,299	23,850	6,353	19,534	34,652	43,384
Ky.	12,962	11,599	0	0	12,962	11,599
Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ala.	2,299	3,461	1,700	866	3,999	4,327
Miss.	0	0	0	0	0	0
E. S. C.	15,261	15,060	1,700	866	16,961	15,926
Ark.	2,265	0	0	0	2,265	0
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	1,839	2,751	1,108	1,816	2,947	4,567
Texas	75,331	66,251	1,610	2,755	76,941	69,006
W. S. C.	79,435	69,002	2,718	4,571	82,153	73,573
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	0	1,121	0	0	0	1,121
Utah	2,829	0	1,365	1,449	4,194	1,449
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	2,829	1,121	1,365	1,449	4,194	2,570
Wash.	26,591	15,556	2,793	0	29,384	15,556
Oreg.	78,807	74,458	0	3,368	78,807	77,826
Calif.	160,326	210,318	0	0	160,326	210,318
Pac.	265,724	300,332	2,793	3,368	268,517	303,700
U. S.	569,572	622,317	24,166	40,406	593,738	662,723

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

State and Division	July through November					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total breeds	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Number						
Maine	1,851	1,525	169	0	2,020	1,525
N.H.	1,490	1,973	315	0	1,805	1,973
Vt.	537	370	0	0	537	370
Mass.	3,738	1,257	0	0	3,738	1,257
R.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.	0	1,539	0	19	0	1,558
N.E.	7,616	6,664	484	19	8,100	6,683
N.Y.	4,629	3,564	0	0	4,629	3,564
N.J.	669	133	1,160	66	1,832	199
Pa.	8,306	7,603	4,171	1,552	12,477	9,155
M.A.	13,604	11,300	5,340	1,618	18,944	12,918
Ohio	34,563	25,751	18,208	4,090	52,771	29,841
Ind.	2,373	6,304	1,396	1,038	3,769	7,342
Ill.	3,712	5,339	141	0	3,853	5,339
Mich.	36,811	44,616	5,025	1,933	41,836	46,549
Wis.	12,489	21,187	0	2,307	12,489	23,494
E.N.C.	89,948	103,197	24,770	9,368	114,718	112,565
Minn.	186,353	173,070	42,795	38,737	229,148	211,807
Iowa	587	16,063	0	0	587	16,063
Mo.	38,336	56,860	25,616	15,142	59,952	72,002
N.Dak.	8,682	13,300	1,177	0	9,859	13,300
S.Dak.	1,259	0	0	0	1,259	0
Nebr.	977	960	0	0	977	960
Kans.	12,854	16,936	2,358	0	15,212	16,936
W.N.C.	245,048	277,189	71,946	53,879	316,994	331,068
Del.	0	0	569	0	569	0
Md.	4,386	3,611	0	1,452	4,336	5,063
Va.	27,588	21,733	78,009	63,171	105,597	84,904
W.Va.	3,220	28	2,070	4,719	5,290	4,747
N.C.	11,294	12,505	1,512	6,118	12,806	18,623
S.C.	38,772	41,022	11,311	4,092	50,083	45,114
Ga.	699	1,517	0	0	699	1,517
Fla.	3,811	1,141	464	1,055	4,275	2,196
S.A.	89,770	81,557	93,935	80,607	183,705	162,164
Ky.	19,346	21,651	457	0	19,813	21,651
Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ala.	2,299	3,461	1,700	866	3,999	4,327
Miss.	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.S.C.	21,645	25,112	2,167	866	23,812	25,978
Ark.	2,265	680	3,535	5,038	5,800	5,718
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	7,081	7,766	1,677	1,816	8,758	9,582
Texas	135,969	156,411	28,732	27,088	164,701	183,499
W.S.C.	145,315	164,857	33,944	33,942	179,259	198,799
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	0	1,121	0	0	0	1,121
Utah	9,605	3,944	3,686	1,449	13,291	5,393
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	9,605	5,065	3,686	1,449	13,291	6,514
Wash.	54,117	38,197	5,686	0	59,803	38,197
Oreg.	160,890	144,537	16,154	13,726	177,044	158,263
Calif.	317,018	399,547	24,064	17,359	341,082	416,906
Pac.	532,025	582,281	45,904	31,085	577,929	613,366
U.S.	1,154,576	1,257,222	282,176	212,833	1,436,752	1,470,055

CORREYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES - UNITED STATES

Heavy Breeds

Month	Month			To date		
	1954-55	1955-56	% change	1954-55	1955-56	Change from last year
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Percent
July	30,247	31,170	+ 3	30,247	31,170	+ 923 + 3
August	48,150	59,874	+ 24	78,397	91,044	+12,647 + 16
September	123,761	169,498	+ 37	202,158	260,542	+58,384 + 29
October	382,846	374,363	- 2	585,004	634,905	+49,901 + 9
November	569,572	622,317	+ 9	1,154,576	1,257,222	+102,646 + 9
December	632,817			1,787,393		
January	368,463			2,155,856		
February	131,790			2,287,646		
March	46,599			2,334,245		
April	11,556			2,345,801		
May	4,841			2,350,642		
June	30,167			2,380,809		

Light Breeds

Month	Month			To Date		
	1954-55	1955-56	% change	1954-55	1955-56	Change from last year
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Percent
July	78,588	31,621	- 50	78,588	31,621	-46,967 - 60
August	68,142	43,482	- 36	146,730	75,103	-71,627 - 49
September	67,725	50,132	- 26	214,455	125,235	-89,220 - 42
October	43,555	47,192	+ 8	258,010	172,427	-85,583 - 33
November	24,166	40,406	+ 67	282,176	212,833	-69,343 - 25
December	73,096			355,272		
January	52,165			407,437		
February	71,931			479,368		
March	36,748			516,116		
April	21,986			538,102		
May	12,503			550,605		
June	23,845			574,450		

Total All Breeds

Month	Month			To date		
	1954-55	1955-56	% change	1954-55	1955-56	Change from last year
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Percent
July	108,835	62,791	- 42	108,835	62,791	-46,044 - 42
August	116,292	103,356	- 11	225,127	166,147	-58,980 - 26
September	191,486	219,630	+ 15	416,613	385,777	-30,836 - 7
October	426,401	421,555	- 1	843,014	807,332	-35,682 - 4
November	593,738	662,723	+ 12	1,436,752	1,470,055	+33,303 + 2
December	705,913			2,142,665		
January	420,628			2,563,293		
February	203,721			2,767,014		
March	83,347			2,850,361		
April	33,542			2,883,903		
May	17,344			2,901,247		
June	54,012			2,955,259		

CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES 1/

States	During November			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	Number			
Maine	109,030	126,777	35,554	37,533
N. H.	150,000	156,691	---	---
Vt.	---	20,388	---	13,971
Mass.	56,641	40,313	92,450	64,784
R. I.	2,407	2,000	7,278	2,000
Conn.	40,014	45,951	36,453	28,536
N. Y.	18,550	9,429	94,572	166,199
N. J.	15,801	7,493	181,339	211,590
Pa.	80,848	78,201	104,836	108,038
Ohio	278,152	45,052	---	---
Ind.	---	159,763	---	332,013
Ill.	13,083	15,478	226,158	411,602
Mich.	34,267	18,831	136,721	109,120
Wis.	4,179	5,438	32,792	83,021
Minn.	3,771	8,085	84,659	260,137
Iowa	---	15,328	---	---
Mo.	237,049	273,399	271,310	343,560
N. Dak.	2,218	1,274	54,965	70,739
S. Dak.	---	---	96,865	587,200
Nebr.	13,944	---	172,487	---
Kans.	---	20,614	---	165,497
Del.	18,180	54,411	4,151	---
Md.	34,217	60,845	32,322	13,327
Va.	132,913	103,729	24,203	17,584
W. Va.	24,529	19,804	13,309	10,487
N. C.	160,024	206,149	50,304	27,813
S. C.	11,123	7,102	11,191	6,017
Ga.	126,142	164,992	22,964	18,457
Fla.	11,370	5,677	14,057	15,836
Ky.	28,810	45,535	48,031	57,784
Tenn.	20,545	35,636	13,029	47,590
Ala.	29,085	53,176	12,691	13,716
Miss.	115,621	30,573	1,622	5,291
Ark.	37,227	69,891	352	3,846
La.	10,227	18,169	1,427	---
Okla.	---	---	---	---
Texas	11,219	15,457	45,622	31,868
Mont.	---	---	---	---
Idaho	2,789	3,384	21,676	9,957
Wyo.	---	---	951	511
Colo.	5,650	15,600	20,128	7,956
N. Mex.	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	---	---	---	---
Utah	---	---	4,082	6,841
Nev.	---	---	---	---
Wash.	18,640	14,011	26,984	29,851
Oreg.	58,950	50,067	27,134	24,748
Calif.	25,966	18,120	15,758	27,573
U. S.	2/	2,042,833	2/	3,372,593

1/ Information not available for States not shown.

2/ See page 7 for 1954-55 comparisons for 32 States.

CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES 1/

States	July through November			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	Number			
Maine	109,030	560,560	35,554	99,208
N.H.	150,000	611,327	---	---
Vt.	---	93,643	---	48,390
Mass.	253,439	203,888	222,197	216,978
R.I.	13,684	12,854	15,107	13,839
Conn.	40,014	211,380	36,453	195,349
N.Y.	111,320	65,400	318,258	376,042
N.J.	85,212	58,549	615,638	610,152
Pa.	552,109	316,838	483,283	366,485
Ohio	278,152	140,124	---	---
Ind.	---	159,763	---	332,013
Ill.	225,433	256,615	1,912,180	1,056,442
Mich.	34,267	108,592	136,721	307,245
Wis.	55,652	44,666	70,866	121,121
Minn.	57,436	8,452	889,790	621,376
Iowa	---	108,257	---	---
Mo.	1,233,717	853,230	817,260	666,229
N.Dak.	12,165	9,287	136,543	128,009
S.Dak.	5,278	3,528	192,064	663,503
Nebr.	40,910	74,394	310,753	90,756
Kans.	---	56,498	---	240,296
Del.	338,064	280,560	26,391	---
Md.	228,609	214,652	114,137	58,861
Va.	805,271	570,563	42,358	35,651
W.Va.	115,805	126,712	39,829	29,950
N.C.	911,379	780,369	162,449	79,164
S.C.	94,858	57,972	22,040	18,191
Ga.	787,586	768,354	49,719	90,906
Fla.	68,413	43,832	76,310	82,608
Ky.	414,860	175,010	258,067	148,738
Tenn.	182,384	104,358	57,983	81,890
Ala.	239,549	205,622	72,071	55,389
Miss.	223,515	175,331	3,100	8,457
Ark.	225,653	248,419	467	3,846
La.	126,308	97,822	12,005	6,547
Okla.	---	---	---	---
Texas	11,219	67,058	45,622	219,129
Mont.	---	---	---	---
Idaho	4,694	5,010	33,464	17,101
Wyo.	---	---	2,705	2,583
Colo.	19,494	22,397	39,294	11,024
N.Mex.	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	---	---	---	---
Utah	5,793	4,465	23,270	23,186
Nev.	---	---	---	---
Wash.	165,061	92,054	156,004	137,162
Greg.	300,659	224,911	103,281	92,386
Calif.	269,215	151,595	196,102	176,269
Total	27,000,000	8,374,911	27,000,000	7,532,471

1/ Information not available for States not shown.

2/ See page 7 for 1953-54 and 1954-55 comparisons for 32 States.

CHICKENS TESTED BY STATE AGENCIES - COMPARABLE TOTAL FOR 32 STATES 1/

For Broiler Production

Month	Month		% change: from : 1954-55 : last year:	To date		Change from last year : Number : Percent
	1954-55	1955-56		1954-55	1955-56	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>		
July	1,387,098	654,925	- 53	1,387,098	654,925	-732,173 - 53
August	1,594,982	1,024,525	- 36	2,982,080	1,679,450	-1,302,630 - 44
September	1,902,518	1,480,073	- 22	4,884,598	3,159,523	-1,725,075 - 35
October	1,914,763	1,679,838	- 12	6,799,361	4,839,361	-1,960,000 - 29
November	1,316,728	1,409,896	+ 7	8,116,089	6,249,257	-1,866,832 - 23
December	1,012,982			9,129,071		
January	938,087			10,067,158		
February	645,843			10,713,001		
March	791,973			11,504,974		
April	734,619			12,239,593		
May	735,172			12,974,765		
June	819,876			13,974,641		

All Other Chickens Tested

Month	Month		% change: from : 1954-55 : last year:	To date		Change from last year : Number : Percent
	1954-55	1955-56		1954-55	1955-56	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>		
July	365,718	223,732	- 39	365,718	223,732	-141,986 - 39
August	680,487	381,078	- 44	1,046,205	604,810	-441,395 - 42
September	1,634,720	791,722	- 52	2,680,925	1,396,532	-1,284,393 - 48
October	2,202,852	1,679,015	- 24	4,883,777	3,075,547	-1,808,230 - 37
November	1,701,418	2,393,918	+ 41	6,585,195	5,469,465	-1,115,730 - 17
December	1,492,392			8,077,587		
January	916,226			8,993,813		
February	315,051			9,308,864		
March	129,944			9,438,808		
April	68,205			9,507,013		
May	56,444			9,563,457		
June	120,202			9,683,659		

1/Mass., R.I., N.Y., N.J., Pa., Ill., Wisc., Mo., N.Dak., S.Dak., Nebr., Del., Md., Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla., Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss., Ark., La., Idaho, Wyo., Colo., Utah, Wash., Oreg., Calif.