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TURKEYS AND CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

APRIL 1956

Turkeys Tested

The number of heavy breed turkeys tested for pullorum disease during April totaled 28,678 compared with 11,556 in April last year. The testing of heavy breed turkeys is now approaching the low point of the yearly cycle. The number tested July through April totaled 2,599,006 compared with 2,324,538 during the same months a year earlier--an increase of 12 percent.

Light breed turkeys tested during April totaled 7,457 compared with 21,986 in April last year--a decrease of 66 percent. The number of light breed turkeys tested July through April totaled 445,359 compared with 538,102 during the same period a year earlier--a decrease of 17 percent.

Chickens Tested

In the 32 States for which comparisons are available, 1,001,417 chicks for supplying broiler hatching eggs were tested for pullorum disease during April -- 36 percent more than during April last year. The number tested during July through April totaled 11,603,192 compared with 12,239,593 during the same months a year earlier -- a decrease of 5 percent.

The number of chickens for other purposes tested during March totaled 135,689 compared with 68,205 in April last year -- an increase of 99 percent. The number tested July through April totaled 8,326,561 compared with 9,507,013 during the same period a year earlier -- a decrease of 12 percent.

This report is made possible through the cooperation of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and the National Turkey Improvement Plan Official State Agencies, the Animal and Poultry Husbandry Branch, the Agricultural Research Service and the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Turkeys tested by official State agencies

State and division	During April					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.H.	0	267	0	0	0	267
Vt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mass.	0	179	0	0	0	179
R.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.	0	0	10	6	10	6
N.E.	0	446	10	6	10	452
N.Y.	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.J.	8	0	9	0	17	0
Pa.	1,297	994	55	87	1,352	1,081
M.A.	1,305	994	64	87	1,369	1,081
Ohio	0	0	2,790	4,101	2,790	4,101
Ind.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ill.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mich.	0	1,649	0	0	0	1,649
Wis.	0	3,563	0	0	0	3,563
E.N.C.	0	5,212	2,790	4,101	2,790	9,313
Minn.	2,087	10,110	7,343	600	9,430	10,710
Iowa	3,459	0	0	0	3,459	0
Mo.	0	369	3,206	828	3,206	1,197
N.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebr.	18	0	0	0	18	0
Kans.	6	0	0	0	6	0
W.N.C.	5,570	10,479	10,549	1,428	16,119	11,907
Del.	6	23	7	0	13	23
Md.	148	110	0	0	148	110
Va.	0	19	4,064	0	4,064	19
W.Va.	0	116	0	0	0	116
N.C.	14	15	0	15	14	30
S.C.	3,176	0	2,110	0	5,286	0
Ga.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fla.	0	0	94	0	94	0
S.A.	3,344	283	6,275	15	9,619	298
Ky.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tenn.	123	0	134	0	257	0
Ala.	5	54	0	127	5	181
Miss.	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.S.C.	128	54	134	127	262	181
Ark.	0	0	589	0	589	0
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	63	92	0	4	63	96
Texas.	0	0	0	216	0	216
W.S.C.	63	92	589	220	652	312
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	0	0	0	0	0
Utah.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	1,055	0	618	0	1,673	0
Oreg.	0	38	957	1,473	957	1,511
Calif.	91	11,080	0	0	91	11,080
Pac.	1,146	11,118	1,575	1,473	2,721	12,591
U.S.	11,556	28,678	21,986	7,457	33,542	36,135

Turkeys tested by official State agencies

State and division	July through April					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine	5,527	4,935	1,207	1,445	6,734	6,380
N.H.	6,918	6,829	315	0	7,233	6,829
Vt.	6,539	5,648	0	0	6,539	5,648
Mass.	25,135	32,309	106	100	25,241	32,409
R. I.	1,204	852	65	0	1,269	852
Conn.	12,154	10,930	379	533	12,533	11,463
P.E.	57,477	61,503	2,072	2,078	59,549	63,581
N.Y.	37,850	34,108	0	0	37,850	34,108
N.J.	6,895	5,666	2,753	1,862	9,648	7,528
Pa.	43,985	37,591	7,604	1,892	51,589	39,483
M.A.	88,730	77,365	10,357	3,754	99,087	81,119
Ohio	103,772	96,604	40,172	22,355	143,944	118,959
Ind.	15,937	17,490	1,396	1,038	17,333	18,528
Ill.	18,972	20,407	1,202	1,554	20,174	21,961
Mich.	73,296	69,270	7,092	3,004	80,388	72,274
Wis.	43,920	56,488	0	4,088	43,920	60,576
E.N.C.	255,897	260,259	49,862	32,039	305,759	292,298
Minn.	245,207	289,942	78,509	59,865	323,716	349,807
Iowa	44,728	70,090	3,000	0	47,728	70,090
Mo.	137,580	159,578	43,284	41,748	180,864	201,326
N.Dak.	10,538	19,596	1,720	1,819	12,258	21,415
S.Dak.	4,127	0	890	0	5,017	0
Nebr.	23,761	23,434	1,092	50	24,853	23,484
Kans.	33,350	35,842	3,432	1,753	36,782	37,595
W.N.C.	499,291	598,482	131,927	105,235	631,218	703,717
Del.	3,318	3,644	706	32	4,024	3,676
Md.	17,171	14,969	3,157	1,452	20,328	16,421
Va.	89,161	97,628	159,865	166,770	249,026	264,398
W.Va.	5,604	1,484	6,859	7,581	12,463	9,065
N.C.	30,940	35,791	4,899	1,484	35,839	37,275
S.C.	61,168	66,455	18,330	6,711	79,498	73,166
Ga.	3,771	3,833	0	200	3,771	4,033
Fla.	4,418	3,485	2,049	4,171	6,467	7,656
S.A.	215,551	227,289	195,865	188,401	411,416	415,690
Ky.	23,127	28,228	467	0	23,594	28,228
Tenn.	160	0	134	0	294	0
Ala.	5,140	9,582	3,548	2,261	8,688	11,843
Miss.	3,472	5,766	0	0	3,472	5,766
E.S.C.	31,899	43,576	4,149	2,261	36,048	45,837
Ark.	24,069	29,412	4,700	7,482	28,769	36,894
La.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.	40,772	43,344	5,744	10,235	46,516	53,579
Texas	194,022	236,765	53,570	31,085	247,592	267,850
W.S.C.	258,863	309,521	64,014	48,802	322,877	358,323
Mont.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	290	662	700	662	990
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	4,884	4,416	465	0	5,349	4,416
N.Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ariz.	2,042	2,981	0	0	2,042	2,981
Utah	20,538	31,083	9,734	3,997	30,272	35,080
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
unt.	27,464	38,770	10,861	4,697	38,325	43,467
wash.	75,362	74,425	10,298	4,660	85,660	79,085
Oreg.	207,350	219,245	25,996	21,566	233,346	240,811
Calif.	606,654	688,571	32,701	31,866	639,355	720,437
Pac.	889,366	982,241	68,995	58,092	958,361	1,040,333
U.S.	2,324,538	2,599,006	538,102	445,359	2,862,640	3,044,365

Turkeys tested by official State agencies - United States

Heavy breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change
	1954-55	1955-56	% change from last year	1954-55	1955-56	from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	
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	385,992	384,147	-	588,150	644,689	+ 56,539	+ 10
November	583,123	633,228	+ 9	1,171,273	1,277,917	+106,644	+ 9
December	643,566	693,382	+ 8	1,814,839	1,971,299	+156,460	+ 9
January	319,754	385,101	+ 20	2,134,593	2,356,400	+221,807	+ 10
February	131,790	165,331	+ 25	2,266,383	2,521,731	+255,348	+ 11
March	46,599	48,597	+ 4	2,312,982	2,570,328	+257,346	+ 11
April	11,556	28,678	+148	2,324,538	2,599,006	+274,468	+ 12
May	4,841			2,329,379			
June	30,167			2,359,546			

Light breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change
	1954-55	1955-56	% change from last year	1954-55	1955-56	from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	
July	78,588	31,621	- 60	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	35,692	+ 48	282,176	208,119	- 74,057	- 26
December	73,096	73,503	+ 1	355,272	281,622	- 73,650	- 21
January	52,165	54,128	+ 4	407,437	335,750	- 71,687	- 18
February	71,931	59,609	- 17	479,368	395,359	- 84,009	- 18
March	36,748	42,543	+ 16	516,116	437,902	- 78,214	- 15
April	21,986	7,457	- 66	538,102	445,359	- 92,743	- 17
May	12,503			550,605			
June	23,845			574,450			

Total all breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change
	1954-55	1955-56	% change from last year	1954-55	1955-56	from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	
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	429,547	431,339	-	846,160	817,116	- 29,044	- 3
November	607,289	668,920	+ 10	1,453,449	1,486,036	+ 32,587	+ 2
December	716,662	766,885	+ 7	2,170,111	2,252,921	+ 82,819	+ 4
January	371,919	439,229	+ 18	2,542,030	2,692,150	+150,120	+ 6
February	203,721	224,940	+ 10	2,745,751	2,917,090	+171,339	+ 6
March	83,347	91,140	+ 9	2,829,098	3,008,230	+179,132	+ 6
April	33,542	36,135	+ 8	2,862,640	3,044,365	+181,725	+ 6
May	17,344			2,879,984			
June	54,012			2,933,996			

Chickens tested by official State agencies 1/

States	During April			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	85,149	103,763	---	1,962
N.H.....	60,003	75,160	---	---
Vt.....	7,987	8,000	---	---
Mass.....	25,956	34,790	1,486	5,895
R.I.....	801	0	7,646	0
Conn.....	22,532	20,685	7,255	26,718
N.Y.....	5,312	5,053	327	20,409
N.J.....	17,022	1,135	8,205	8,914
Pa.....	31,100	42,017	2,622	14,814
Ohio.....	11,647	5,111	---	---
Ind.....	---	107,351	---	29,376
Ill.....	6,641	2,637	3,400	31,024
Mich.....	18,016	16,526	3,123	3,787
Wis.....	3,342	7,864	7,475	308
Minn.....	2,239	4,113	565	277
Iowa.....	---	44,456	---	---
Mo.....	68,917	83,456	1,196	3,957
N.Dak.....	---	---	---	---
S.Dak.....	---	---	---	---
Nebr.....	132	26,632	1,131	3,088
Kans.....	---	17,357	---	7,467
Del.....	8,135	24,629	---	---
Md.....	17,939	28,233	1,522	1,381
Va.....	61,779	96,951	817	---
W.Va.....	6,223	6,659	698	3
N.C.....	97,906	121,755	8,328	7,344
S.C.....	18,434	15,525	---	---
Ga.....	131,474	187,645	3,521	2,589
Fla.....	9,672	14,687	510	4,060
Ky.....	28,300	39,727	881	---
Tenn.....	26,845	41,178	266	---
Ala.....	47,899	50,185	---	254
Miss.....	20,794	46,890	192	823
Ark.....	37,972	18,447	---	---
La.....	13,636	48,140	755	1,971
Okla.....	---	---	---	---
Texas.....	46,624	23,209	---	5,266
Mont.....	---	---	---	---
Idaho.....	279	---	---	227
Wyo.....	---	---	1,163	---
Colo.....	1,612	---	---	---
N.Mex.....	---	---	---	---
Ariz.....	---	---	---	---
Utah.....	3,990	---	2,975	228
Nev.....	---	---	---	---
Wash.....	4,806	7,653	4,267	11,888
Oreg.....	13,786	16,724	52	9,472
Calif.....	23,915	32,805	8,770	7,040
Total....	2/	1,427,148	2/	210,542

1/ Information not available for States not shown.

2/ See page 7 for 1954-1955 and 1955-1956 comparisons for 32 States.

Chickens tested by official State agencies 1/

States	July through April			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	612,045	1,237,182	89,023	147,765
N.H.....	563,113	1,143,113	---	---
Vt.....	22,956	123,329	842	75,693
Mass.....	503,359	497,150	459,995	468,435
R.I.....	21,271	17,522	33,052	24,580
Conn.....	155,574	341,923	97,319	300,581
N.Y.....	170,216	117,744	468,239	569,878
N.J.....	131,055	102,185	864,350	887,729
Pa.....	716,452	509,258	620,126	534,510
Ohio.....	367,791	224,084	---	---
Ind.....	---	564,559	---	770,909
Ill.....	249,113	282,356	2,480,746	1,616,148
Mich.....	154,943	198,877	356,886	498,585
Wis.....	117,944	86,473	289,910	312,464
Minn.....	61,154	15,468	1,427,342	856,763
Iowa.....	---	289,747	---	---
Mo.....	1,639,804	1,242,999	1,098,206	955,427
N.Dak.....	13,024	12,797	235,774	236,267
S.Dak.....	6,123	3,528	267,751	261,194
Nebr.....	48,429	157,709	499,604	475,683
Kans.....	---	238,703	---	418,899
Del.....	436,044	416,961	33,357	---
Md.....	317,545	325,818	182,940	119,319
Va.....	1,071,198	939,444	72,627	67,475
W.Va.....	154,209	181,003	54,259	35,367
N.C.....	1,611,793	1,761,065	298,905	199,013
S.C.....	143,102	130,569	49,621	45,369
Ga.....	1,477,062	1,851,949	72,828	146,442
Fla.....	106,066	104,967	102,164	115,320
Ky.....	479,890	284,336	301,324	211,282
Tenn.....	284,648	205,603	85,239	116,005
Ala.....	477,580	442,248	99,294	82,847
Miss.....	303,345	329,973	31,419	36,187
Ark.....	445,728	463,267	558	12,755
La.....	168,467	231,486	15,978	13,765
Okla.....	---	147,994	---	114,667
Texas.....	95,926	120,453	83,174	284,448
Mont.....	---	---	---	---
Idaho.....	12,194	19,600	93,864	83,928
Wyo.....	---	---	4,363	3,701
Colo.....	21,968	35,639	51,464	26,370
N.Mex.....	1,000	---	6,600	---
Ariz.....	1,434	1,068	2,833	8,184
Utah.....	14,419	13,269	53,269	69,744
Nev.....	---	---	---	---
Wash.....	228,024	170,341	197,756	210,626
Oreg.....	404,348	355,679	148,798	146,307
Calif.....	465,173	310,254	239,233	242,424
Total.....	2/	16,249,692	27	11,803,055

1/ Information not available for States not shown.

2/ See page 7 for 1954-1955 and 1955-1956 comparisons for 32 States.

Chickens tested by State agencies - comparable total for 32 States 1/

For broiler production

Month	Month			To date		
	1954-55	1955-56	% change from last year	1954-55	1955-56	Change from last year
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number
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	1,420,031	+ 8	8,116,089	6,259,392	-1,856,697 - 23
December	1,012,982	1,178,509	+ 16	9,129,071	7,437,901	-1,691,170 - 19
January	938,087	1,197,653	+ 28	10,067,158	8,635,554	-1,431,604 - 14
February	645,843	1,042,153	+ 61	10,713,001	9,677,707	-1,035,294 - 10
March	791,973	924,068	+ 17	11,504,974	10,601,775	-903,199 - 8
April	734,619	1,001,417	+ 36	12,239,593	11,603,192	-636,401 - 5
May	735,172			12,974,765		
June	819,876			13,974,641		

All other chickens tested

Month	Month			To date		
	1954-55	1955-56	% change from last year	1954-55	1955-56	Change from last year
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number
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	2,035,193	+ 20	6,585,195	5,110,740	-1,474,455 - 22
December	1,492,392	1,397,825	- 6	8,077,587	6,508,565	-1,569,022 - 19
January	916,226	1,007,531	+ 10	8,993,813	7,516,096	-1,477,717 - 16
February	315,051	466,422	+ 48	9,308,864	7,982,518	-1,326,346 - 14
March	129,944	208,354	+ 60	9,438,808	8,190,872	-1,247,936 - 13
April	68,205	135,689	+ 99	9,507,013	8,326,561	-1,180,452 - 12
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.