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TURKEYS AND CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

MAY 1956

Turkeys Tested

The number of heavy breed turkeys tested for pullorum disease during May totaled 21,683 compared with 4,841 in May last year. The testing of heavy breed turkeys is at the low point of the yearly cycle. The number tested July through May totaled 2,620,689 compared with 2,329,379 during the same months a year earlier--an increase of 13 percent.

Light breed turkeys tested during May totaled 9,680 compared with 12,503 in May last year--a decrease of 23 percent. The number of light breed turkeys tested July through May totaled 455,039 compared with 550,605 during the same period a year earlier--a decrease of 17 percent.

Chickens Tested

In the 32 States for which comparisons are available 1,095,143 chickens for supplying broiler hatching eggs were tested for pullorum disease during May--49 percent more than during May last year. The number tested July through May totaled 12,698,335 compared with 12,974,765 during the same month a year earlier--a decrease of 2 percent.

The number of chickens for other purposes tested during May totaled 95,184 compared with 56,444 in May last year--an increase of 69 percent. The number tested July through May totaled 8,421,745 compared with 9,563,457 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	Heavy breeds		During May 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	0	0	0	0	0
Vt.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mass.....	479	0	0	0	479	0
R.I.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.....	374	0	187	0	561	0
N.E.....	853	0	187	0	1,040	0
N.Y.....	0	0	0	131	0	131
N.J.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pa.....	378	0	0	0	378	0
M.A.....	378	0	0	131	378	131
Ohio.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ill.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mich.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wis.....	0	684	0	0	0	684
E.N.C.....	0	684	0	0	0	684
Minn.....	3,417	9,045	0	4,358	3,417	13,403
Iowa.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mo.....	0	0	879	225	879	225
N.Dak.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Dak.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kans.....	0	229	0	0	0	229
W.N.C.....	3,417	9,274	879	4,583	4,296	13,857
Del.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Md.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Va.....	0	0	10,910	3,266	10,910	3,266
W.Va.....	11	0	0	0	11	0
N.C.....	0	3,216	0	0	0	3,216
S.C.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ga.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fla.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.A.....	11	3,216	10,910	3,266	10,921	6,482
Ky.....	0	1,600	0	0	0	1,600
Tenn.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ala.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.S.C.....	0	1,600	0	0	0	1,600
Ark.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
La.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.....	182	0	0	0	182	0
Texas.....	0	6,909	0	1,286	0	8,195
W.S.C.....	182	6,909	0	1,286	182	8,195
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	527	0	527	0
Nev.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.....	0	0	527	0	527	0
Wash.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oreg.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calif.....	0	0	0	411	0	411
Pac.....	0	0	0	411	0	411
U.S.....	4,841	21,683	12,503	9,680	17,344	31,363

Turkeys tested by official State agencies

State and division	July through May					
	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.....	25,614	32,309	106	100	25,720	32,409
R.I.....	1,204	852	65	0	1,269	852
Conn.....	12,528	10,930	566	533	13,094	11,463
N.E.....	58,330	61,503	2,259	2,078	60,589	63,581
N.Y.....	37,850	34,108	0	131	37,850	34,239
N.J.....	6,895	5,666	2,753	1,862	9,648	7,528
Pa.....	44,363	37,591	7,604	1,892	51,967	39,483
M.A.....	89,108	77,365	10,357	3,885	99,465	81,250
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	57,172	0	4,088	43,920	61,260
E.N.C.....	255,897	260,943	49,862	32,039	305,759	292,982
Minn.....	248,624	298,987	78,509	64,223	327,133	363,210
Iowa.....	44,728	70,090	3,000	0	47,728	70,090
Mo.....	137,580	159,578	44,163	41,973	181,743	201,551
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	36,071	3,432	1,753	36,782	37,824
W.N.C.....	502,708	607,756	132,806	109,818	635,514	717,574
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.....	39,161	97,628	170,775	170,036	259,936	267,664
W.Va.....	5,615	1,484	6,859	7,581	12,474	9,065
N.C.....	30,940	39,007	4,899	1,484	35,839	40,491
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.....	215,562	230,505	206,775	191,667	422,337	422,172
Ky.....	23,127	29,828	467	0	23,594	29,828
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	45,176	4,149	2,261	36,048	47,437
Ark.....	24,069	29,412	4,700	7,482	28,769	36,894
La.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.....	40,954	43,344	5,744	10,235	46,698	53,579
Texas.....	194,022	243,674	53,570	32,371	247,592	276,045
W.S.C.....	259,045	316,430	64,014	50,088	323,059	366,518
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	10,261	3,997	30,799	35,080
Nev.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.....	27,464	38,770	11,388	4,697	38,852	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	32,280	639,355	720,851
Pac.....	889,366	982,241	68,995	58,506	958,361	1,040,747
U.S.....	2,329,379	2,620,689	550,605	455,039	2,879,984	3,075,728

Turkeys tested by official State agencies - United States

Heavy breeds

Month	Month			To date			
	1954-55	1955-56	% change	1954-55	1955-56	Change	
			from			from	
		last year				last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	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	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	21,683	+ 348	2,329,379	2,620,689	+291,310	+ 13
June	30,167			2,359,546			

Light breeds

Month	Month			To date			
	1954-55	1955-56	% change	1954-55	1955-56	Change	
			from			from	
		last year				last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
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	9,680	- 23	550,605	455,039	- 95,566	- 17
June	23,845			574,450			

Total all breeds

Month	Month			To date			
	1954-55	1955-56	% change	1954-55	1955-56	Change	
			from			from	
		last year				last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	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	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	+ 82,810	+ 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	31,363	+ 81	2,879,984	3,075,728	+195,744	+ 7
June	54,012			2,933,996			

Chickens tested by official State agencies 1/

States	For broiler production		During May	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	82,306	71,763	19,893	12,567
N. H.....	89,798	78,034	----	88
Vt.....	10,829	----	----	----
Mass.....	37,241	42,602	8,205	1,975
R. I.....	4,117	5,314	335	270
Conn.....	21,949	38,681	13,004	32,870
N. Y.....	6,094	2,090	12,209	5,770
N. J.....	----	3,614	----	2,104
Pa. ....	13,929	20,587	8,866	2,097
Ohio.....	7,864	2,108	----	----
Ind.....	----	48,643	----	571
Ill.....	6,070	22,878	----	2,574
Mich.....	----	24,710	4,747	1,549
Wis.....	----	----	----	----
Minn.....	----	40,092	----	----
Iowa.....	----	81,427	----	----
Mo.....	105,785	106,141	----	----
N. Dak....	----	----	----	----
S. Dak....	----	----	----	----
Nebr.....	3,286	27,373	297	3,622
Kans.....	----	----	----	1,730
Del.....	6,440	20,713	----	----
Md.....	9,596	18,540	1,650	1,981
Va.....	56,133	94,845	----	134
W. Va.....	7,931	6,617	----	----
N. C.....	134,576	235,970	8,135	21,306
S. C.....	16,047	23,230	----	719
Ga.....	90,887	152,895	----	3,757
Fla.....	4,903	17,640	2,872	7,892
Ky.....	36,293	31,355	----	----
Tenn.....	27,047	11,666	3,101	----
Ala.....	44,809	80,573	40	1,175
Miss.....	16,633	53,713	----	----
Ark.....	39,150	19,340	----	----
La.....	30,441	32,939	----	2,055
Okla.....	----	----	----	----
Texas.....	26,899	33,245	6,533	9,030
Mont.....	----	----	----	----
Idaho.....	955	----	941	----
Wyo.....	----	----	----	----
Colo.....	----	----	----	----
N. Mex....	----	----	----	----
Ariz.....	----	----	----	----
Utah.....	----	----	----	460
Nev.....	----	----	----	----
Wash.....	11,171	14,793	2,649	22,335
Oreg.....	15,072	12,735	100	824
Calif.....	10,566	36,980	7,044	14,134
Total...	27	1519,846	27	153,589

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 May			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	694,351	1,308,945	108,916	160,332
N.H.....	652,911	1,221,147	---	88
Vt.....	33,785	123,329	842	75,693
Mass.....	540,600	539,752	468,200	470,410
R.I.....	25,388	22,836	33,387	24,850
Conn.....	177,523	380,604	110,323	333,451
N.Y.....	176,310	119,834	480,448	575,648
N.J.....	131,055	105,799	864,350	889,833
Pa.....	730,381	529,845	628,992	536,607
Ohio.....	375,655	226,192	---	---
Ind.....	---	613,202	---	771,480
Ill.....	255,183	305,234	2,480,746	1,618,722
Mich.....	154,943	223,587	361,633	500,134
Wis.....	117,944	86,473	289,910	312,464
Minn.....	61,154	55,560	1,427,342	856,763
Iowa.....	---	371,174	---	---
Mo.....	1,745,589	1,349,140	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.....	51,715	185,082	499,901	479,305
Kans.....	---	238,703	---	420,629
Del.....	442,484	437,674	33,357	---
Md.....	327,141	344,358	184,590	121,300
Va.....	1,127,331	1,034,289	72,627	67,609
W.Va.....	162,140	187,620	54,259	35,367
N.C.....	1,746,369	1,997,035	307,040	220,319
S.C.....	159,149	153,799	49,621	46,088
Ga.....	1,567,949	2,004,844	72,828	150,199
Fla.....	110,969	122,607	105,036	123,212
Ky.....	516,183	315,691	301,324	211,282
Tenn.....	311,695	217,269	88,340	116,005
Ala.....	522,389	522,821	99,334	84,022
Miss.....	319,978	383,686	31,419	36,187
Ark.....	484,878	482,607	558	12,755
La.....	198,908	264,425	15,978	15,820
Okla.....	---	147,994	---	114,667
Texas.....	122,825	153,698	89,707	293,478
Mont.....	---	---	---	---
Idaho.....	13,149	19,600	94,805	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	70,204
Nev.....	---	---	---	---
Wash.....	239,195	185,134	200,405	232,961
Oreg.....	419,420	368,414	148,898	147,131
Calif.....	475,739	347,234	246,277	256,558
Total.....	27	17,763,538	2/	11,956,644

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
July	1,387,098	654,925	-53	1,387,098	654,925	-732,173
August	1,594,982	1,024,525	-36	2,982,080	1,679,450	-1,302,630
September	1,902,518	1,480,073	-22	4,884,598	3,159,523	-1,725,075
October	1,914,763	1,679,838	-12	6,799,361	4,839,361	-1,960,000
November	1,316,728	1,420,031	+8	8,116,089	6,259,392	-1,856,697
December	1,012,982	1,178,509	+16	9,129,071	7,437,901	-1,691,170
January	938,087	1,197,653	+28	10,067,158	8,635,554	-1,431,604
February	645,843	1,042,153	+61	10,713,001	9,677,707	-1,035,294
March	791,973	924,068	+17	11,504,974	10,601,775	-903,199
April	734,619	1,001,417	+36	12,239,593	11,603,192	-636,401
May	735,172	1,095,143	+49	12,974,765	12,698,335	-276,430
June	819,876			13,974,641		

All other chickens tensted

Month	Month			To date		
	1954-55	1955-56	% change from last year	1954-55	1955-56	Change from last year
July	365,718	223,732	-39	365,718	223,732	-141,986
August	680,487	381,078	-44	1,046,205	604,810	-441,395
September	1,634,720	791,722	-52	2,680,925	1,396,532	-1,284,393
October	2,202,852	1,679,015	-24	4,883,777	3,075,547	-1,808,230
November	1,701,418	2,035,193	+20	6,585,195	5,110,740	-1,474,455
December	1,492,392	1,397,825	-6	8,077,587	6,508,565	-1,569,022
January	916,226	1,007,531	+10	8,993,813	7,516,096	-1,477,717
February	315,051	466,422	+48	9,308,864	7,982,518	-1,326,346
March	129,944	208,354	+60	9,438,808	8,190,872	-1,247,936
April	68,205	135,689	+99	9,507,013	8,326,561	-1,180,452
May	56,444	95,184	+69	9,563,457	8,421,745	-1,141,712
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., Arkl, La., Idaho, Colo., Utah, Wash., Oreg., Calif.