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TURKEYS AND CHICKENS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

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Turkeys Tested

The number of heavy breed turkeys tested during September for pullorum disease was larger than a year ago. The number of light breed turkeys tested was less. The number of heavy white breeds tested totaled 60,479, compared with 46,150 during September last year--an increase of 31 percent. Other heavy breeds tested totaled 183,075, compared with 123,348--an increase of 48 percent. The number of heavy white breeds tested July through September totaled 152,450, compared with 88,295 during the same months last year--an increase of 73 percent. The number of other heavy breeds tested July through September totaled 278,857, compared with 172,247 during the same months a year ago--an increase of 62 percent.

The number of light breed turkeys tested for pullorum disease during September totaled 29,408, compared with 50,132 during September last year--a decrease of 41 percent. The number of light breed turkeys tested July through September of this year was approximately the same as a year ago. The number tested totaled 125,851, compared with 125,235 during July through September last year.

Chickens Tested

In the 40 States for which comparisons are available, 2,148,609 chickens for supplying broiler hatching eggs were tested for pullorum disease during September compared with 1,788,280 in September last year--an increase of 20 percent. The number tested during the months July through September totaled 5,376,312, compared with 4,033,209 during the same months last year--an increase of 33 percent.

The number of chickens for other purposes tested for pullorum disease during September totaled 1,032,857, about the same as in September last year. The number tested July through September totaled 1,790,065, compared with 1,804,111 during the same period last year--a decrease of 1 percent.

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Turkeys tested by official State agencies

State and division	During September					
	Heavy white breeds		Other heavy breeds		Total all heavy 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.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. I.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. E.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Y.....	0	944	0	0	0	944
N. J.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pa.....	0	2,382	400	0	400	2,382
M. A.....	0	3,326	400	0	400	3,326
Ohio.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ill.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mich.....	952	0	1,100	0	2,052	0
Wis.....	2,346	5,676	0	0	2,346	5,676
E. N. C.....	3,298	5,676	1,100	0	4,398	5,676
Minn.....	12,717	10,935	14,189	11,528	26,906	22,463
Iowa.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mo.....	1,578	0	75	4,801	1,653	4,801
N. Dak.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Dak.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kans.....	763	1,648	566	234	1,329	1,882
W. N. C.....	15,058	12,583	14,830	16,563	29,888	29,116
Del.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Md.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Va.....	1,942	760	1,894	6,563	3,836	7,323
W. Va.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. C.....	0	0	1,152	0	1,152	0
S. C.....	10,092	9,440	4,068	8,228	14,160	17,668
Ga.....	0	0	0	550	0	550
Fla.....	0	0	0	2,644	0	2,644
S. A.....	12,034	10,200	7,114	17,985	19,148	28,185
Ky.....	0	0	0	4,049	0	4,049
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	0	0	4,049	0	4,049
Ark.....	680	0	0	0	680	0
La.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.....	1,180	3,212	0	0	1,180	3,212
Texas.....	12,933	15,120	12,543	5,440	25,476	20,560
W. S. C.....	14,793	18,332	12,543	5,440	27,336	23,772
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	3,944	0	3,944	0
Nev.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.....	0	0	3,944	0	3,944	0
Wash.....	0	0	3,847	15,138	3,847	15,138
Oreg.....	450	490	18,286	20,090	18,736	20,580
Calif.....	517	9,872	61,284	103,810	61,801	113,682
Pac.....	967	10,362	83,417	139,038	84,384	149,400
U. S.....	46,130	60,479	123,348	183,075	169,498	243,554

Turkeys tested by official State agencies

State and division	July through September					
	Heavy white breeds		Other heavy breeds		Total all	heavy breed
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. H.....	0	164	0	0	0	164
Vt.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mass.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. I.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. E.....	0	164	0	0	0	164
N. Y.....	0	944	0	0	0	944
N. J.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pa.....	0	5,839	1,047	0	1,047	5,839
M. A.....	0	6,783	1,047	0	1,047	6,783
Ohio.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ill.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mich.....	952	0	1,100	0	2,052	0
Wis.....	7,150	13,059	0	0	7,150	13,059
E. N. C.....	8,102	13,059	1,100	0	9,202	13,059
Minn.....	30,851	33,098	14,189	22,269	45,040	55,367
Iowa.....	0	5,218	2,104	0	2,104	5,218
Mo.....	1,578	0	274	5,143	1,852	5,143
N. Dak.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Dak.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kans.....	763	3,838	566	234	1,329	4,072
W. N. C.....	33,192	42,154	17,133	27,646	50,325	69,800
Del.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Md.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Va.....	1,942	1,273	2,192	7,964	4,134	9,237
W. Va.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. C.....	0	5,463	4,146	0	4,146	5,463
S. C.....	10,092	13,099	15,394	19,898	25,486	32,997
Ga.....	0	0	0	550	0	550
Fla.....	0	0	0	2,644	0	2,644
S. A.....	12,034	19,835	21,732	31,056	33,766	50,891
Ky.....	0	0	0	4,049	0	4,049
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	0	0	4,049	0	4,049
Ark.....	680	0	0	0	680	0
La.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okla.....	1,180	5,611	2,260	0	3,440	5,611
Texas.....	19,404	42,283	12,543	11,177	31,947	53,460
W. S. C.....	21,264	47,894	14,803	11,177	36,067	59,071
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	3,944	0	3,944	0
Nev.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount.....	0	0	3,944	0	3,944	0
Wash.....	0	297	4,375	18,809	4,375	19,106
Oreg.....	450	490	20,166	20,212	20,616	20,702
Calif.....	13,253	21,774	87,947	165,908	101,200	187,682
Pac.....	13,703	22,561	112,488	204,929	126,191	227,490
U. S.....	88,295	152,450	172,247	278,857	260,542	431,307

Turkeys tested by official State agencies

State and division	During September		July through September	
	Light breeds		Light breeds	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	0	0	0	0
N.H.....	0	0	0	0
Vt.....	0	0	0	0
Mass.....	0	0	0	0
R.I.....	0	0	0	0
Conn.....	0	0	0	0
N.E.....	0	0	0	0
N.Y.....	0	0	0	0
N.J.....	0	0	0	0
Pa.....	0	0	0	0
M.A.....	0	0	1,349	295
Ohio.....	0	1,414	1,349	295
Ind.....	0	0	1,038	1,590
Ill.....	0	0	0	0
Mich.....	1,497	0	1,497	0
Wis.....	0	0	2,307	0
E.N.C.....	1,497	1,414	4,842	1,590
Minn.....	4,153	1,196	22,306	2,831
Iowa.....	0	0	0	0
Mo.....	5,574	1,894	10,856	15,300
N.Dak.....	0	0	0	0
S.Dak.....	0	0	0	0
Nebr.....	0	0	0	0
Kans.....	0	0	0	264
W.N.C.....	9,727	3,090	33,162	18,395
Del.....	0	0	0	0
Md.....	0	0	1,452	2,103
Va.....	22,734	12,935	35,691	53,289
W.Va.....	0	0	2,242	2,182
N.C.....	1,404	0	1,404	0
S.C.....	0	0	0	471
Ga.....	0	0	0	0
Fla.....	0	0	0	0
S.A.....	24,138	12,935	40,789	58,045
Ky.....	0	0	0	0
Tenn.....	0	0	0	0
Ala.....	0	0	0	0
Miss.....	0	0	0	0
E.S.C.....	0	0	0	0
Ark.....	2,027	0	5,033	0
La.....	0	0	0	0
Okla.....	0	0	0	0
Texas.....	5,840	3,107	19,917	22,610
W.S.C.....	7,867	3,107	24,955	22,610
Mont.....	0	0	0	0
Idaho.....	0	0	0	0
Wyo.....	0	0	0	0
Colo.....	0	0	0	0
N.Mex.....	0	0	0	0
Ariz.....	0	0	0	0
Utah.....	0	0	0	0
Nev.....	0	0	0	0
Mount.....	0	0	0	0
Wash.....	0	0	0	0
Oreg.....	0	2,416	6,409	9,102
Calif.....	6,903	6,446	13,729	15,814
Pac.....	6,903	8,862	20,138	24,916
U.S.....	50,132	29,408	125,235	125,851

Heavy white breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change from last year
	1955-56	1956-57	% change from last year	1955-56	1956-57	Change from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
July	25,957	39,176	+ 51	25,957	39,176	+13,219	+ 51
August	16,188	52,795	+226	42,145	91,971	+49,826	+118
September	46,150	60,479	+ 31	88,295	152,450	+64,155	+ 73
October	72,875			161,170			
November	120,434			281,604			
December	207,480			489,084			
January	94,245			583,329			
February	82,598			665,927			
March	36,478			702,405			
April	23,270			725,675			
May	15,809			741,484			
June	20,263			761,747			

Other heavy breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change from last year
	1955-56	1956-57	% change from last year	1955-56	1956-57	Change from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
July	5,213	20,999	+303	5,213	20,999	+15,786	+303
August	43,686	74,783	+ 71	48,899	95,782	+46,883	+ 96
September	123,348	183,075	+ 48	172,247	278,857	+106,610	+ 62
October	311,272			483,519			
November	512,794			996,313			
December	485,902			1,482,215			
January	290,856			1,773,071			
February	82,733			1,855,804			
March	12,119			1,867,923			
April	5,408			1,873,331			
May	5,874			1,879,205			
June	22,437			1,901,642			

Total all heavy breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change from last year
	1955-56	1956-57	% change from last year	1955-56	1956-57	Change from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
July	31,170	60,175	+ 93	31,170	60,175	+29,005	+ 93
August	59,874	127,578	+113	91,044	187,753	+96,709	+106
September	169,498	243,554	+ 44	260,542	431,307	+170,765	+ 66
October	384,147			644,689			
November	633,228			1,277,917			
December	693,382			1,971,299			
January	385,101			2,356,400			
February	165,331			2,521,731			
March	48,597			2,570,328			
April	28,678			2,599,006			
May	21,683			2,620,689			
June	42,700			2,663,389			

Turkeys tested by official State agencies - United States

Light breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change
	1955-56	1956-57	% change from last year	1955-56	1956-57	Change from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
July	31,621	47,177	+ 49	31,621	47,177	+15,556	+ 49
August	43,482	49,266	+ 13	75,103	96,443	+21,340	+ 28
September	50,132	29,408	- 41	125,235	125,851	+ 616	-
October	47,192			172,427			
November	35,692			208,119			
December	73,503			281,622			
January	54,128			335,750			
February	59,609			395,359			
March	42,543			437,902			
April	7,457			445,359			
May	9,680			455,039			
June	3,870			458,909			

Total all breeds

Month	Month			To date			Change
	1955-56	1956-57	% change from last year	1955-56	1956-57	Change from last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
July	62,791	107,352	+ 71	62,791	107,352	+44,561	+ 71
August	103,356	176,844	+ 71	166,147	284,196	+118,049	+ 71
September	219,630	272,962	+ 24	385,777	557,153	+171,381	+ 44
October	431,339			817,116			
November	668,920			1,486,036			
December	766,885			2,252,921			
January	439,229			2,692,150			
February	224,940			2,917,090			
March	91,140			3,008,230			
April	36,135			3,044,365			
May	31,363			3,075,728			
June	46,570			3,122,298			

Chickens tested by official State agencies 1/

States	During September			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	91,001	158,101	28,888	28,037
N.H.....	110,765	115,457	0	109
Vt.....	10,135	20,417	14,898	6,500
Mass.....	47,419	43,955	38,399	20,410
R. I.....	4,048	1,487	8,238	1,111
Conn.....	37,954	28,358	56,186	74,348
N.Y.....	22,289	17,328	37,991	66,945
N.J.....	10,787	13,396	115,786	89,349
Pa.....	55,851	84,967	71,336	116,744
Ohio.....	21,035	31,631	---	---
Ind.....	---	305,992	---	101,225
Ill.....	140,995	105,434	141,386	202,609
Mich.....	59,527	---	51,519	---
Wis.....	18,335	16,668	4,923	1,335
Minn.....	---	---	74,678	80,348
Iowa.....	50,836	74,481	---	---
Mo.....	151,954	172,855	61,327	49,941
N.Dak.....	1,058	---	8,990	12,066
S.Dak.....	2,951	---	15,979	16,411
Nebr.....	33,129	48,390	16,142	22,919
Kans.....	---	22,186	---	13,367
Del.....	83,896	67,193	---	---
Md.....	66,686	69,183	14,939	21,462
Va.....	164,935	139,130	5,054	7,768
W.Va.....	27,894	28,029	5,293	1,162
N.C.....	171,464	173,432	15,268	19,509
S.C.....	19,682	41,509	6,389	5,232
Ga.....	186,136	285,312	45,301	23,377
Fla.....	13,396	11,810	26,900	14,057
Ky.....	40,934	51,094	32,432	15,738
Tenn.....	14,654	12,262	7,062	3,435
Ala.....	32,941	67,412	6,979	4,464
Miss.....	26,656	61,577	3,166	16,206
Ark.....	55,525	73,820	---	---
La.....	6,931	30,974	5,945	---
Okla.....	23,679	38,295	19,493	---
Texas.....	13,638	17,501	46,251	20,646
Mont.....	---	---	---	12,355
Idaho.....	---	---	1,026	---
Wyo.....	---	---	---	---
Colo.....	---	5,100	---	5,193
N.Mex.....	---	---	---	---
Ariz.....	---	---	---	---
Utah.....	2,499	---	207	---
Nev.....	---	---	---	---
Wash.....	15,776	23,235	26,804	28,360
Oreg.....	36,321	54,575	15,972	9,285
Calif.....	24,931	38,722	52,488	47,781
Total.....	<u>2/</u>	2,551,268	<u>2/</u>	1,159,804

1/ Information not available for States not shown.

2/ See page 9 for 1955-1956 and 1956-1957 comparisons for 40 States.

Chickens tested by official State agencies 1/

States	July through September			
	For broiler production		All other chickens	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine.....	262,765	359,251	48,486	59,093
N. H.....	317,039	343,206	---	690
Vt.....	59,516	52,215	20,941	12,776
Mass.....	123,966	167,280	100,130	73,021
R.I.....	9,197	7,591	9,596	6,206
Conn.....	103,094	125,855	147,291	173,558
N.Y.....	38,559	37,430	102,399	105,817
N.J.....	32,684	73,486	243,131	215,809
Pa.....	148,353	220,258	150,920	193,198
Ohio.....	51,958	57,004	---	---
Ind.....	---	643,359	---	180,241
Ill.....	214,485	216,630	152,513	209,067
Mich.....	59,527	---	51,519	---
Wis.....	25,524	55,234	4,923	1,335
Minn.....	367	6,653	74,678	109,972
Iowa.....	55,106	174,447	---	---
Mo.....	250,954	359,212	63,301	56,605
N.Dak.....	2,414	---	8,990	12,066
S.Dak.....	2,951	3,416	15,979	16,411
Nebr.....	54,858	135,146	16,142	22,919
Kans.....	---	36,751	---	13,367
Del.....	196,084	255,068	---	---
Md.....	108,236	119,345	30,572	34,765
Va.....	305,290	331,370	12,018	21,487
W.Va.....	61,421	51,622	6,725	1,370
N.C.....	373,639	420,995	15,268	36,426
S.C.....	40,618	90,774	8,589	7,147
Ga.....	450,752	683,981	66,331	29,897
Fla.....	30,606	38,484	56,141	48,222
Ky.....	72,337	129,007	37,867	23,111
Tenn.....	55,028	53,304	20,154	11,818
Ala.....	93,629	163,553	24,576	13,518
Miss.....	72,804	142,030	3,166	16,206
Ark.....	108,204	169,682	---	---
La.....	45,290	72,815	6,547	---
Okla.....	50,319	57,268	34,400	---
Texas.....	28,628	40,726	81,783	39,764
Mont.....	---	---	---	24,458
Idaho.....	1,626	---	2,029	---
Wyo.....	---	---	494	---
Colo.....	3,102	5,100	---	5,193
N.Mex.....	---	---	---	---
Ariz.....	---	---	---	---
Utah.....	2,909	3,129	207	---
Nev.....	---	---	---	---
Wash.....	51,938	59,093	84,965	93,527
Oreg.....	107,180	154,402	39,579	28,465
Calif.....	74,885	114,697	113,280	110,606
Total.....	2/	6,230,869	2/	2,008,131

1/ Information not available for States not shown.

2/ See page 9 for 1955-1956 and 1956-1957 comparisons for 40 States.

Chickens tested by State agencies - comparable total for 40 States ^{1/}
 For broiler production

Month	Month			To date			
	1955-56	1956-57	% change	1955-56	1956-57	Change	
			from			from	
			last year			last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
July	892,817	1,394,071	+56	892,817	1,394,071	+501,254	+56
August	1,352,112	^{2/} 1,833,632	+36	2,244,929	^{2/3} 2,227,703	+982,774	+44
September	1,788,280	2,148,609	+20	4,033,209	5,376,312	+1,343,103	+33
October	2,169,091			6,202,300			
November	1,865,071			8,067,371			
December	1,546,431			9,613,802			
January	1,535,441			11,149,243			
February	1,340,638			12,489,881			
March	1,227,423			13,717,304			
April	1,245,639			14,962,943			
May	1,365,057			16,328,000			
June	1,137,939			17,465,939			

All other chickens

Month	Month			To date			
	1955-56	1956-57	% change	1955-56	1956-57	Change	
			from			from	
			last year			last year	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number	Percent
July	289,867	290,397	--	289,867	290,397	+ 530	--
August	482,128	^{2/} 466,811	-3	771,995	^{2/} 757,208	-14,787	-2
September	1,032,116	1,032,857	--	1,804,111	1,790,065	-14,046	-1
October	2,160,816			3,964,927			
November	2,419,851			6,384,778			
December	1,649,686			8,034,464			
January	1,167,472			9,201,936			
February	517,750			9,719,686			
March	222,817			9,942,503			
April	169,912			10,112,415			
May	149,739			10,262,154			
June	144,325			10,406,479			

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