

TURKEYS

Number Raised
1964 Intentions

January 30, 1964

GROWERS INTEND TO RAISE MORE TURKEYS IN 1964

Turkey growers intend to produce 4 percent more turkeys in 1964 than last year the Crop Reporting Board announced today. Present plans are to increase heavy breeds 4 percent with heavy whites up 13 percent and other heavy breeds down 2 percent. An increase of 6 percent is planned for light breeds. If growers carry out their intentions, about 97.0 million turkeys will be raised compared with the revised estimate of 93.4 million in 1963. Increased production of turkeys is planned in all regions of the country--20 percent in the South Central States, 7 percent in the South Atlantic States, 2 percent in the North Atlantic and the East North Central States, and 1 percent in the West North Central and the Western States.

Growers intend to raise 86.8 million heavy breeds in 1964--4 percent more than last year. They plan to raise 36.3 million heavy white breeds, 13 percent more than the 32.2 million raised in 1963. Present plans indicate that heavy white breeds will account for about 42 percent of all heavies raised in 1964, compared with 38 percent in 1963 and 37 percent in 1962. The expected number of heavy whites to be raised in 1964 is above last year in all regions of the country except in the North Atlantic. Increases planned are 63 percent in the South Central, 22 percent in the West, 8 percent in the West North Central, 7 percent in the East North Central, and 6 percent in South Atlantic regions. Decrease planned is 5 percent in the North Atlantic States.

Growers intend to raise 50.5 million bronze and other heavy breed turkeys, compared with 51.5 million in 1963--a decrease of 2 percent. Decreases indicated are 4 percent in the West North Central and West and 10 percent in the East North Central regions. These decreases are partially offset by increases of 9 percent in the North Atlantic and South Atlantic and 3 percent in the South Central regions.

Light breed producers plan to raise 10.2 million light breed turkeys in 1964, up 6 percent from last year. Increased production of light breeds is planned in all regions of the country except in the West North Central and the West. Increases planned are 69 percent in the South Central, 16 percent in the North Atlantic, 12 percent in the East North Central and 6 percent in the South Atlantic. Decreases in intentions to raise were 15 percent in the Western States and 4 percent in the West North Central regions.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1964 may vary somewhat from the January 1, 1964 intentions of growers. Such changes depend on reactions to this report, price of feed, supply and prices of hatching eggs and poults, and prices received for turkeys during the next few months. On January 1, 1963 growers intended to produce 3 percent more turkeys in 1963 than 1962. The crop turned out to be 1 percent more than in 1962. In recent months, the turkey-feed price ratio has been about the same as in late 1962 but well below the more favorable levels of 1960 and earlier years.

Testings of all heavy breed turkeys during July through December 1963 were down 1 percent from the corresponding period of the previous year. The July-December 1963 testings of lights were up 15 percent from the same months last year. Testings of breeder hens indicate that hatching egg supplies will be adequate to permit turkey growers to expand output this year.

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Intentions to raise turkeys in 1964

State and division	Number raised in 1963			Intended for raising in 1964			Total turkeys 1964 as % of 1963 Percent
	Heavy	Light	Total	Heavy	Light	Total	
	:breeds	:breeds	: Total	:breeds	:breeds	: Total	
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Maine	: 28	0	28	27	0	27	96
N.H.	: 86	0	86	82	0	82	95
Vt.	: 20	0	20	19	0	19	95
Mass.	: 353	8	361	355	9	364	101
R.I.	: 20	1	21	21	1	22	105
Conn.	: 226	12	238	213	12	225	95
N.Y.	: 453	40	493	385	35	420	85
N.J.	: 150	9	159	222	9	231	145
Pa.	: 1,267	115	1,382	1,306	148	1,454	105
N.A.	: 2,603	185	2,788	2,630	214	2,844	102
Ohio	: 2,777	919	3,696	2,973	1,103	4,076	110
Ind.	: 2,970	252	3,222	2,913	202	3,115	97
Ill.	: 1,054	38	1,092	982	67	1,049	96
Mich.	: 1,051	56	1,107	886	48	934	84
Wis.	: 5,269	90	5,359	5,515	102	5,617	105
E.N.C.	: 13,121	1,355	14,476	13,269	1,522	14,791	102
Minn.	: 13,784	1,300	15,084	13,805	1,300	15,105	100
Iowa	: 7,110	854	7,964	7,248	880	8,128	102
Mo.	: 4,396	825	5,221	4,445	668	5,113	98
N.Dak.	: 805	17	822	861	3	864	105
S.Dak.	: 561	338	899	565	355	920	102
Nebr.	: 897	17	914	950	11	961	105
Kans.	: 734	26	760	741	20	761	100
W.N.C.	: 28,287	3,377	31,664	28,615	3,237	31,852	101
Del.	: 168	176	344	158	194	352	102
Md.	: 187	50	237	187	40	227	96
Va.	: 2,391	2,285	4,676	2,400	2,651	5,051	108
W.Va.	: 334	830	1,164	415	772	1,187	102
N.C.	: 2,676	50	2,726	2,543	45	2,588	95
S.C.	: 446	15	461	458	16	474	103
Ga.	: 1,075	102	1,177	1,681	20	1,701	145
Fla.	: 50	176	226	53	176	229	101
S.A.	: 7,327	3,684	11,011	7,895	3,914	11,809	107
Ky.	: 622	5	627	894	7	901	144
Tenn.	: 100	0	100	165	0	165	165
Ala.	: 496	40	536	691	85	776	145
Miss.	: 166	3	169	142	3	145	86
Ark.	: 2,661	335	2,996	3,349	636	3,985	133
La.	: 34	1	35	31	1	32	91
Okla.	: 1,368	69	1,437	1,388	55	1,443	100
Texas	: 4,553	32	4,585	5,087	32	5,119	112
S.C.	: 10,000	485	10,485	11,747	819	12,566	120
Mont. & Idaho ^{1/}	: ---	---	285	---	---	284	100
Wyo.	: 3	0	3	4	0	4	133
Colo.	: 1,980	6	1,986	1,954	5	1,959	99
N.Mex.	: 7	1	8	6	0	6	75
Ariz.	: 209	0	209	218	0	218	104
Utah	: 3,247	74	3,321	3,274	0	3,274	99
Nev.	: 0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Wash.	: 367	8	375	377	8	385	103
Oreg.	: 1,495	182	1,677	1,401	182	1,583	94
Calif.	: 14,845	237	15,082	15,178	225	15,403	102
West	: 22,364	582	22,946	22,622	494	23,116	101
U.S.	: 83,702	9,668	93,370	86,778	10,200	96,978	104

^{1/} Montana and Idaho combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.