

TURKEYS
Number Raised
1965 Intentions

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GROWERS INTEND TO RAISE MORE TURKEYS IN 1965

Turkey growers intend to produce 4 percent more turkeys in 1965 than last year according to the Crop Reporting Board. Present plans of growers are to increase heavy breeds 2 percent with heavy whites up 12 percent and other heavy breeds down 5 percent. For light breeds an increase of 13 percent is planned. Assuming growers carry out their intentions, the 1965 crop for the Nation will be about 103 million turkeys compared with the revised estimate of 99.5 million turkeys raised in 1964. Increased production is planned in all regions of the country except the North Atlantic and the West. Increases planned are 8 percent in the South Central, 7 percent in the West North Central, 5 percent in the South Atlantic, and 1 percent in the East North Central. Decreases of 2 percent are planned in the North Atlantic and Western regions.

Growers plan to produce 90.2 million heavy breed turkeys in 1965, 2 percent more than last year. They plan to raise 43.6 million heavy white breeds, 12 percent more than the 38.9 million raised last year. Present plans indicate that heavy white turkeys will account for about 48 percent of all heavies raised in 1965 compared with 44 percent in 1964 and 38 percent in 1963. The expected number of heavy whites to be raised in 1965 is above last year in all regions except the North Atlantic which shows no change. Increases planned for heavy whites are 21 percent in the South Central, 20 percent in the West, 12 percent in the West North Central, 8 percent in the East North Central, and 7 percent in the South Atlantic States.

In 1965 growers intend to raise 46.6 million bronze and other heavy breed turkeys compared with 49.1 million in 1964. Decreases indicated are 12 percent in the East North Central, 9 percent in the West, 7 percent in the South Atlantic, and 2 percent in the South Central. An increase of 1 percent is planned in the North Atlantic while in the West North Central no change is indicated.

Light breed producers intend to raise 13.0 million light breed turkeys in 1965, up 13 percent from last year. Increases planned are 25 percent in each the West North Central and South Central and 13 percent in the South Atlantic States. These increases are partially offset by decreases of 21 percent in the North Atlantic, 4 percent in the West, and 2 percent in the East North Central States.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1965 may vary somewhat from the January 1, 1965 intentions of growers. Such changes may 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, 1964 growers intended to produce 4 percent more turkeys in 1964 than 1963. The crop turned out to be 7 percent more than in 1963. In recent months, the turkey-feed price ratios have been at slightly less favorable levels than a year earlier.

Testings of all heavy breeds July through December were down 2 percent from the corresponding period in 1963. The July-December testings of light breeds were up 18 percent from the same months last year. Testings of breeders indicate that hatching egg supplies will be adequate to permit turkey growers to increase output this year.

Intentions to raise turkeys in 1965

State and division	Number raised in 1964			Intended for raising in 1965			Total turkeys 1965 as % of 1964
	Heavy breeds	Light breeds	Total	Heavy breeds	Light breeds	Total	
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	
Maine	55	0	55	50	0	50	91
N.H.	71	3	74	63	2	65	88
Vt.	14	0	14	13	0	13	93
Mass.	377	10	317	303	9	312	98
R.I.	9	0	9	8	0	8	89
Conn.	198	5	203	188	4	192	95
N.Y.	372	42	414	324	42	366	88
N.J.	231	9	240	379	11	390	162
Pa.	1,308	294	1,602	1,251	220	1,471	92
N.A.	2,565	363	2,928	2,579	288	2,867	98
Ohio	3,119	809	3,928	3,119	793	3,912	100
Ind.	3,157	181	3,338	3,314	170	3,484	104
Ill.	1,266	63	1,329	1,193	69	1,262	95
Mich.	956	70	1,026	981	64	1,045	102
Wis.	5,003	159	5,162	5,129	157	5,286	102
E.N.C.	13,501	1,282	14,783	13,736	1,253	14,989	101
Minn.	13,725	1,807	15,532	14,668	2,042	16,710	108
Iowa	7,592	393	7,985	7,395	452	7,847	98
Mo.	6,091	644	6,735	6,999	1,063	8,062	120
N.Dak.	836	56	892	885	60	945	106
S.Dak.	484	426	910	492	532	1,024	113
Nebr.	1,127	12	1,139	1,114	12	1,126	99
Kans.	796	20	816	690	22	712	87
W.N.C.	30,651	3,358	34,009	32,243	4,183	36,426	107
Del.	156	143	299	148	86	234	78
Md.	183	34	217	176	34	210	97
Va.	1,799	2,902	4,701	1,698	3,337	5,035	107
W.Va.	515	1,021	1,536	540	1,072	1,612	105
N.C.	3,951	500	4,451	4,030	670	4,700	106
S.C.	720	49	769	820	49	869	113
Ga.	1,315	43	1,358	1,242	80	1,322	97
Fla.	13	190	203	13	213	226	111
S.A.	8,652	4,882	13,534	8,667	5,541	14,208	105
Ky.	815	1	816	931	1	932	114
Tenn.	115	0	115	78	2	80	70
Ala.	681	27	708	835	34	869	123
Miss.	137	2	139	155	2	157	113
Ark.	3,426	328	3,754	3,963	361	4,324	115
La.	27	1	28	21	1	22	79
Okla.	1,188	84	1,272	1,069	168	1,237	97
Texas	4,806	64	4,870	4,953	64	5,017	103
S.C.	11,195	507	11,702	12,005	633	12,638	108
Mont. & Idaho 1/	195	60	255	199	59	258	101
Wyo.	4	0	4	4	0	4	100
Colo.	1,671	30	1,701	1,794	5	1,799	106
N.Mex.	6	1	7	6	0	6	86
Ariz.	190	0	190	181	0	181	95
Utah	2,895	6	2,901	2,351	5	2,356	81
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Wash.	431	6	437	385	6	391	89
Oreg.	1,182	131	1,313	1,137	111	1,248	95
Calif.	14,884	889	15,773	14,906	889	15,795	100
West.	21,458	1,123	22,581	20,963	1,075	22,038	98
U.S.	88,022	11,515	99,537	90,193	12,973	103,166	104

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