

TURKEYS
Number Raised
1966 Intentions

January 28, 1966

GROWERS INTEND TO RAISE MORE TURKEYS IN 1966

Turkeys growers intend to produce 7 percent more turkeys in 1966 than last year according to the Crop Reporting Board. Present plans of growers are to increase heavy breeds 6 percent with heavy whites up 15 percent and other heavy breeds down 2 percent. For light breeds an increase of 12 percent is planned. Assuming growers carry out their intentions, the 1966 turkey crop for the Nation would be about 112.1 million compared with the revised estimate of 104.7 million turkeys raised in 1965. A crop this size would exceed the previous record crop in 1961 by 4 percent. Increased production is planned in all regions of the country. Increases planned are: South Central 14 percent, South Atlantic and West, each 9 percent; North Atlantic, 7 percent; West North Central, 4 percent; and East North Central, up 3 percent.

Growers plan to produce 98.9 million heavy breed turkeys in 1966, an increase of 6 percent from last year. Of this number 54.9 million will be heavy white breeds, 15 percent more than the 47.9 million raised last year. Present plans indicate that heavy white turkeys will account for about 56 percent of all heavies raised in 1966, compared with 52 percent in 1965 and 44 percent in 1964. The expected number of heavy whites to be raised in 1966 is above last year in all regions. Increases planned for heavy whites are 37 percent in the South Central, 15 percent in the West North Central, 14 percent in the West, and 7 percent in each the East North Central, North Atlantic, and South Atlantic States.

In 1966 growers intend to raise 43.9 million bronze and other heavy breed turkeys compared with 45.0 million in 1965. Decreases indicated are 12 percent in the West North Central; 7 percent in the East North Central, and 4 percent in the South Central. Increases are 10 percent in the South Atlantic, 6 percent in the West and 5 percent in the North Atlantic.

Producers intend to raise 13.3 million light breed turkeys in 1966, up 12 percent from last year. The expected number of lights to be raised in 1966 is above last year in all regions. Increases planned are 19 percent in the West North Central, 11 percent in the South Atlantic States, 10 percent in the North Atlantic, 9 percent in the West, and 6 percent in the South Central, with only a slight increase in the East North Central.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1966 may vary somewhat from the January 1, 1966 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, 1965 growers intended to produce 4 percent more turkeys in 1965 than 1964. The crop turned out to be 5 percent more than in 1964.

Testings of all heavy breeds July through December were up 14 percent from the corresponding period in 1964. The July-December testings of light breeds were down 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.

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Intentions to raise turkeys in 1966

State and division	Number raised in 1965			Intended for raising in 1966			Total turkeys 1966 as % of 1965
	Heavy	Light	Total	Heavy	Light	Total	
	breeds	breeds		breeds	breeds		
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	
Maine	48	0	48	45	0	45	94
N. H.	81	5	86	81	5	86	100
Vt.	22	0	22	20	0	20	91
Mass.	320	4	324	317	4	321	99
R. I.	21	0	21	23	0	23	110
Conn.	174	1	175	152	1	153	87
N. Y.	348	26	374	344	29	373	100
N. J.	476	14	490	586	14	600	122
Pa.	1,357	270	1,627	1,462	300	1,763	108
N. A.	2,847	320	3,167	3,031	353	3,384	107
Ohio	2,723	785	3,508	2,779	761	3,540	101
Ind.	3,203	199	3,402	3,505	219	3,724	109
Ill.	1,239	95	1,334	1,200	59	1,259	94
Mich.	968	65	1,033	1,063	70	1,133	110
Wis.	5,263	181	5,444	5,333	221	5,554	102
E. N. C.	13,396	1,325	14,721	13,880	1,330	15,210	103
Minn.	13,877	1,970	15,847	13,899	2,502	16,401	103
Iowa	7,683	456	8,139	7,704	483	8,187	101
Mo.	6,996	592	7,588	7,636	622	8,258	109
N. Dak.	955	18	973	990	18	1,008	104
S. Dak.	604	477	1,081	567	582	1,149	106
Nebr.	1,148	21	1,169	1,091	19	1,110	95
Kans.	655	37	692	628	41	669	97
W. N. C.	31,918	3,571	35,489	32,515	4,267	36,782	104
Del.	156	267	423	197	299	496	117
Md.	250	16	266	255	16	271	102
Va.	2,417	2,516	4,933	2,527	2,390	4,917	100
W. Va.	658	1,221	1,879	735	1,526	2,261	120
N. C.	4,222	820	5,042	4,376	984	5,360	106
S. C.	810	12	822	1/870	1/324	993	121
Ga.	1,194	57	1,251	1,585	103	1,688	135
Fla.	20	189	209	1/	1/	201	96
S. A.	9,727	5,098	14,825	10,545	5,642	16,187	109
Ky.	1,021	1	1,022	1,056	1	1,057	103
Tenn.	72	2	74	132	0	132	178
Ala.	762	21	783	942	21	963	123
Miss.	113	2	115	113	2	115	100
Ark.	4,394	408	4,802	5,529	449	5,978	124
La.	21	1	22	17	1	18	82
Okla.	1,354	91	1,445	1,508	93	1,601	111
Texas	5,246	37	5,283	5,611	30	5,641	107
S. C.	12,983	563	13,546	14,908	597	15,505	114
Mont. & Idaho 2/	198	2/32	230	255	48	303	132
Wyo.	4	0	4	4	0	4	100
Colo.	2,010	36	2,046	2,508	18	2,526	123
N. Mex.	10	1	11	7	1	8	73
Ariz.	108	1	109	130	1	131	120
Utah	2,836	21	2,857	2,853	30	2,883	101
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Wash.	482	41	523	487	41	528	101
Oreg.	1,335	210	1,545	1,372	231	1,603	104
Calif.	15,027	640	15,667	16,360	704	17,064	109
West.	22,010	982	22,992	23,976	1,074	25,050	109
U. S.	92,881	11,859	104,740	98,855	13,263	112,118	107

1/ South Carolina and Florida combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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