

TURKEYS RAISED 1966

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TURKEY CROP LARGER THAN LAST YEAR

Turkeys raised in 1966 are expected to total 115.8 million birds, 11 percent above last year's crop and 7 percent above the record year of 1961, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of heavy white turkeys being raised is up 33 percent, light breeds are up 8 percent, but bronze and other heavy breeds are down 13 percent. An increase in production of turkeys is expected in all regions of the country. Increases by regions are: South Central, 18 percent; South Atlantic, 13; West, 10; North Atlantic and East North Central, each 9 percent; and West North Central, 8 percent.

The number of heavy breed turkeys raised in 1966 is expected to total 102.9 million compared with 92.8 million last year. Increases in heavy breeds are 19 percent in the South Central, 15 percent in the South Atlantic, 12 percent in the West, 10 percent in both the East North Central and North Atlantic, and 7 percent in West North Central. The heavy white turkey crop of 63.6 million is 62 percent of all heavies compared with 51 percent last year. Compared with last year increases in heavy white production are expected in all regions, with the South Central up 77 percent, West up 31 percent, South Atlantic up 30 percent, West North Central up 28 percent, East North Central up 24 percent, and the North Atlantic up 9 percent.

The number of other heavy breed turkeys raised this year is expected to total 39.3 million birds, 13 percent below the 45.0 million raised in 1965. Decreases are 30 percent in the South Central, 26 percent in the East North Central, 17 percent in the West North Central, and 12 percent in the South Atlantic. There was a 10 percent increase in the North Atlantic and a 1 percent increase in the West.

Number of light breed turkeys raised totaled 12.9 million compared with 12.0 million in 1965. Increases in light breed production are expected in all regions except the West which is down 30 percent and the North Atlantic which is unchanged. Increases are 20 percent in the West North Central, 9 percent in the South Atlantic, 5 percent in the South Central and 1 percent in the East North Central.

California, the leading turkey producing State this year, will raise 17.0 million birds; followed by Minnesota with 16.6; Missouri, 10.2; Iowa, 7.6; Texas and Arkansas, 6.4 each; North Carolina, 5.9; Wisconsin, 5.7; and Virginia, 5.5.

Turkey poults hatched September 1965 through July 1966 were 11 percent more than in corresponding period the previous year. Compared with a year earlier, increases occurred in all months with the largest percentage increases occurring from August 1965 through February 1966. The number of heavy breed eggs in incubators on August 1 was down 12 percent from a year earlier. The number of light breed eggs in incubators was up 6 percent from August 1 last year. Prices received by producers for live turkeys during January through April were above the same months in 1965, but have been below a year earlier each month since April.

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Turkeys: Number Raised on Farms

State and division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			Total all breeds		
	1966 as:		% of 1965	1966 as:		% of 1965	1966 as:		% of 1965
	1965	1966		1965	1966		1965	1966	
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
Maine	48	45	94	0	2	---	48	47	98
N.H.	81	81	100	5	6	120	86	87	101
Vt.	22	24	109	0	0	---	22	24	109
Mass.	320	270	84	4	9	225	324	279	86
R.I.	21	20	95	0	0	---	21	20	95
Conn.	174	153	88	1	4	400	175	157	90
N.Y.	348	357	103	26	20	77	374	377	101
N.J.	476	632	133	14	18	130	490	650	133
Pa.	1,357	1,536	113	270	262	97	1,627	1,798	111
N.A.	2,847	3,118	110	320	321	100	3,167	3,439	109
Ohio	2,723	3,383	124	785	754	96	3,508	4,137	118
Ind.	3,203	3,467	108	199	257	129	3,402	3,724	109
Ill.	1,239	1,378	111	95	60	63	1,334	1,438	108
Mich.	968	1,042	108	65	86	132	1,033	1,128	109
Wis.	5,263	5,510	105	181	177	98	5,444	5,687	104
E.N.C.	13,396	14,780	110	1,325	1,334	101	14,721	16,114	109
Minn.	13,877	13,918	100	1,970	2,719	138	15,847	16,637	105
Iowa	7,683	7,203	94	456	365	80	8,139	7,568	93
Mo.	6,996	9,732	139	592	480	81	7,588	10,212	135
N.Dak.	955	968	101	18	64	356	973	1,032	106
S.Dak.	604	689	114	477	601	126	1,081	1,290	119
Nebr.	1,148	949	83	21	11	52	1,169	960	82
Kans.	655	562	86	37	46	124	692	608	88
W.N.C.	31,918	34,021	107	3,571	4,286	120	35,489	38,307	108
Del.	156	114	73	267	224	84	423	338	80
Md.	250	170	68	16	51	319	266	221	83
Va.	2,417	2,465	102	2,516	3,070	122	4,933	5,535	112
W.Va.	658	617	94	1,221	1,184	97	1,879	1,801	96
N.C.	4,222	5,121	121	820	779	95	5,042	5,900	117
S.C.	810	1,086	134	12	0	---	822	1,086	132
Ga.	1,194	1,572	132	57	82	144	1,251	1,654	132
Fla.	20	22	110	189	185	98	209	207	99
S.A.	9,727	11,167	115	5,098	5,575	109	14,825	16,742	113
Ky.	1,021	762	75	1	19	1,900	1,022	781	76
Tenn.	72	39	54	2	0	---	74	39	53
Ala.	762	1,289	169	21	21	100	783	1,310	167
Miss.	113	96	85	2	2	100	115	98	85
Ark.	4,394	5,993	136	408	400	98	4,802	6,393	133
La.	21	16	76	1	1	100	22	17	77
Okla.	1,354	834	62	91	87	96	1,445	921	64
Texas	5,146	6,244	121	137	167	122	5,283	6,411	121
S.C.	12,883	15,273	119	663	697	105	13,546	15,970	118
Mont. & Idaho 1/	198	222	112	32	13	41	230	235	102
Wyo.	4	4	100	0	0	---	4	4	100
Colo.	2,010	2,322	116	36	11	31	2,046	2,333	114
N.Mex.	10	9	90	1	1	100	11	10	91
Ariz.	108	73	68	1	0	---	109	73	67
Utah	2,836	3,346	118	21	32	153	2,857	3,378	118
Nev.	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---
Wash.	482	462	96	41	43	105	523	505	97
Oreg.	1,335	1,410	106	210	315	150	1,545	1,725	112
Calif.	15,027	16,697	111	640	275	43	15,667	16,972	108
West.	22,010	24,545	112	982	690	70	22,992	25,235	110
U.S.	92,781	102,904	111	11,959	12,903	108	104,740	115,807	111

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