

# TURKEYS

Numbers Raised - 1967

August 25, 1967

## TURKEY CROP LARGER THAN LAST YEAR

Turkeys raised in 1967 are expected to total a record 125.6 million birds, 8 percent above 1966, according to the Crop Reporting Board. An increase in production of turkeys is expected in all regions except the North Atlantic and East North Central regions. Percent change from last year by regions is: North Atlantic, down 10 percent; East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central and South Atlantic, both up 6 percent; South Central, up 22 percent; and the West up 13 percent.

The number of heavy breed turkeys raised in 1967 is expected to total 110.2 million compared with 101.0 million last year--an increase of 9 percent. Increases in heavy breeds by regions are 6 percent in the West North Central, 17 percent in the South Atlantic, 22 percent in the South Central and 12 percent in the West. The North Atlantic is 10 percent below a year earlier and the East North Central is down 7 percent.

Light breed turkeys raised during 1967 are expected to total 15.4 million birds, 1 percent below the 15.6 million raised during 1966. Decreases are shown in both the North Atlantic and South Atlantic regions which are down 14 and 16 percent respectively. The East North Central is expected to increase 14 percent, the West North Central 6 percent, South Central 16 percent, and the West 30 percent.

California, the leading turkey producing State this year, will raise 19.1 million birds; followed by Minnesota with 16.9; Missouri, 11.7; Arkansas, 8.7; Texas, 8.0; Iowa, 7.5; North Carolina, 6.9; Virginia, 5.7; Ohio, 4.3 and Utah, 3.8 million.

Turkey poults hatched during the period September 1966 through July 1967 were 8 percent above the corresponding period the previous year. Compared with a year earlier, increases occurred in all months except April, which was down 3 percent and May which was 4 percent below 1966. The largest percentage increases occurred during the period September 1966 through February 1967 and ranged from 122 percent of the previous year in September to 151 percent in December. The number of heavy breed eggs in incubators on August 1 was up 41 percent and light breed eggs in incubators were 13 percent above a year earlier. Prices received by producers for live turkeys during January through July have been below the same months of 1966.

Turkeys: Number Raised on Farms

State and division	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total all Breeds		
	1966	1967	1967 as % of 1966	1966	1967	1967 as % of 1966	1966	1967	1967 as % of 1966
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
Maine	37	30	81	2	3	150	39	33	85
N. H.	83	73	88	6	4	67	89	77	87
Vt.	33	20	61	0	0	---	33	20	61
Mass.	309	234	76	11	15	136	320	249	78
R. I.	19	14	74	0	0	---	19	14	74
Conn.	153	134	88	4	9	225	157	143	91
N. Y.	352	331	94	26	39	150	378	370	98
N. J.	592	373	63	18	28	156	610	401	66
Pa.	1,648	1,692	103	265	186	70	1,913	1,878	98
N. A.	3,226	2,901	90	332	284	86	3,558	3,185	90
Ohio	2,991	3,696	124	745	626	84	3,736	4,322	116
Ind.	3,911	3,391	87	289	338	117	4,200	3,729	89
Ill.	1,276	949	74	60	82	137	1,336	1,031	77
Mich.	1,108	976	88	89	77	87	1,197	1,053	88
Wis.	5,350	4,644	87	177	432	244	5,527	5,076	92
E. N. C.	14,636	13,656	93	1,360	1,555	114	15,996	15,211	95
Minn.	11,718	11,545	99	4,947	5,392	109	16,665	16,937	102
Iowa	6,895	7,128	103	328	387	118	7,223	7,515	104
Mo.	9,457	11,319	120	533	405	76	9,990	11,724	117
N. Dak.	1,044	1,023	98	77	127	165	1,121	1,150	103
S. Dak.	587	660	112	444	453	102	1,031	1,113	108
Nebr.	894	874	98	19	10	53	913	884	97
Kans.	562	593	106	48	2	4	610	595	98
W. N. C.	31,157	33,142	106	6,396	6,776	106	37,553	39,918	106
Del.	102	105	103	216	190	88	318	295	93
Md.	179	157	88	48	1	2	227	158	70
Va.	2,764	2,771	100	3,470	2,950	85	6,234	5,721	92
W. Va.	663	893	135	1,264	771	61	1,927	1,664	86
N. C.	5,317	5,969	112	828	886	107	6,145	6,855	112
S. C.	1,089	1,885	173	0	0	---	1,089	1,885	173
Ga.	1,629	1,973	121	80	109	136	1,709	2,082	122
Fla.	22	64	291	181	201	111	203	265	131
S. A.	11,765	13,817	117	6,087	5,108	84	17,852	18,925	106
Ky.	569	217	38	19	22	115	588	239	41
Tenn.	42	32	76	0	0	---	42	32	76
Ala.	1,257	1,115	89	21	9	43	1,278	1,124	88
Miss.	85	94	111	1	1	100	86	95	110
Ark.	6,055	8,216	136	420	504	120	6,475	8,720	135
La.	11	10	91	1	0	---	12	10	83
Okla.	1,298	1,585	122	111	51	46	1,409	1,636	116
Texas	6,323	7,806	123	104	199	191	6,427	8,005	125
S. C.	15,640	19,075	122	677	786	116	16,317	19,861	122
Mont. & Idaho 1/	222	249	112	19	6	32	241	255	106
Wyo.	4	7	175	0	0	---	4	7	175
Colo.	2,287	2,582	113	12	99	825	2,299	2,681	117
N. Mex.	11	9	82	1	1	100	12	10	83
Ariz.	93	69	74	1	0	---	94	69	73
Utah	3,346	3,739	112	36	22	61	3,382	3,761	111
Nev.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wash.	457	400	88	49	178	363	506	578	114
Oreg.	1,435	1,740	121	317	339	107	1,752	2,079	119
Calif.	16,697	18,813	113	275	275	100	16,972	19,088	112
West.	24,552	27,608	112	710	920	130	25,262	28,528	113
48 States:									
Total	100,976	110,199	109	15,562	15,429	99	116,538	125,628	108

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