

TURKEYS

Numbers Raised - 1969

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Turkeys raised in 1969 are expected to total 106.4 million birds, less than 1 percent below 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Fewer turkeys are expected in the East North Central and West North Central regions, down 6 and 5 percent respectively. Increases by regions are as follows: South Atlantic, 10 percent; North Atlantic, 8 percent; and the South Central and West combined up 1 percent.

Heavy breed turkeys raised in 1969 are expected to total 95.0 million compared with 93.2 million last year -- an increase of 2 percent. Increases by regions are as follows: South Atlantic, 17 percent; North Atlantic, 10 percent; and the South Central and West combined, 3 percent. The East North Central is down 5 percent and the West North Central down 4 percent.

Light breed turkeys raised during 1969 are estimated at 11.5 million birds, 14 percent below the 13.3 million raised during 1968. All regions are below a year earlier. Decreases by regions are as follows: South Central and West combined, 42 percent; South Atlantic, 17 percent; East North Central, 10 percent; West North Central, 8 percent; and the North Atlantic, 6 percent.

Minnesota, the leading turkey producing State this year, will raise 16.7 million birds; followed by California with 15.0; North Carolina, 9.7; Missouri, 7.7; Texas, 7.0; Arkansas, 6.5; Iowa, 5.7; Virginia, 4.2; Ohio, 4.0; and Indiana, 3.6 million.

Turkey poults hatched during the period, September 1968 through July 1969, was less than 1 percent below the corresponding period a year earlier. Compared with a year earlier, decreases occurred during the months, September through December, increases January through March and decreases again from May through July. The largest increases from a year earlier were in January and February, 18 and 13 percent respectively. The greatest percentage decreases were in the September - December 1968 period, ranging from 13 to 18 percent. Decreases May through July ranged from 2 to 4 percent. Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 1969 were up 16 percent.

Turkeys: Number Raised on Farms

State and division	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total all Breeds		
	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
N. H.	37	32	86	5	4	80	42	36	86
Mass.	234	241	103	16	21	131	250	262	105
R. I.	14	17	121	0	0	---	14	17	121
Conn.	114	133	117	8	9	112	122	142	116
N. Y.	298	375	126	46	37	80	344	412	120
Maine, Vt., & N. J. 1/	395	138	35	19	15	79	414	153	37
Pa.	1,342	1,731	129	269	256	95	1,611	1,987	123
N. Atl.	2,434	2,667	110	363	342	94	2,797	3,009	108
Ohio	3,727	3,578	96	302	384	127	4,029	3,962	98
Ind.	3,111	3,515	113	227	107	47	3,338	3,622	109
Ill.	756	666	88	26	9	35	782	675	86
Mich.	1,031	1,010	98	78	76	97	1,109	1,086	98
Wis.	3,925	3,101	79	78	63	81	4,003	3,164	79
E. N. Cent.	12,550	11,870	95	711	639	90	13,261	12,509	94
Minn.	10,040	10,743	107	6,309	5,930	94	16,349	16,673	102
Iowa	5,673	5,616	99	240	72	30	5,913	5,688	96
Mo.	8,816	7,670	87	217	54	25	9,033	7,724	86
N. Dak.	764	688	90	51	92	180	815	780	96
S. Dak.	500	410	82	658	757	115	1,158	1,167	101
Nebr.	949	635	67	2	5	250	951	640	67
Kans.	388	338	87	7	3	43	395	341	86
W. N. Cent.	27,130	26,100	96	7,484	6,913	92	34,614	33,013	95
Va.	2,771	3,325	120	1,296	829	64	4,067	4,154	102
W. Va.	813	447	55	247	215	87	1,060	662	62
N. C.	7,044	8,382	119	1,232	1,331	108	8,276	9,713	117
S. C.	1,525	2,577	169	0	0	---	1,525	2,577	169
Ge.	1,699	1,512	89	121	4	3	1,820	1,516	83
Del. Md. & Fla. 1/	181	119	66	296	283	96	477	402	84
S. Atl.	14,033	16,362	117	3,192	2,662	83	17,225	19,024	110
Ky.	115	58	50	0	0	---	115	58	50
Tenn.	26	20	77	0	0	---	26	20	77
Ala.	729	627	86	13	11	85	742	638	86
Miss.	39	50	128	1	1	100	40	51	128
Ark.	6,534	6,403	98	268	64	24	6,802	6,467	95
La.	9	7	78	0	0	---	9	7	78
Texas	7,105	6,963	98	125	62	50	7,230	7,025	97
Mont. Idaho, Wyo.									
N. Mex. Ariz., & Okla 1/	1,241	1,562	126	60	73	122	1,301	1,635	126
Colo.	2,279	2,439	107	24	2	8	2,303	2,441	106
Utah	3,176	3,112	98	5	1	20	3,181	3,113	98
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Wash.	345	386	112	233	182	78	578	568	98
Oreg.	1,636	1,570	96	301	307	102	1,937	1,877	97
Calif.	13,802	14,768	107	551	220	40	14,353	14,988	104
S. Cent. & West	37,036	37,965	103	1,581	923	58	38,617	38,888	101
48 State Total	93,183	94,964	102	13,331	11,479	86	106,514	106,443	100
U. S.	93,183	94,964	102	13,331	11,479	86	106,514	106,443	100

1/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.