

# turkeys

Number Raised - 1973



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Turkeys raised in 1973 are expected to total 132 million birds, 2 percent more than in 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Minnesota, the leading State, expects to raise 23 million birds compared with 21 million a year ago, an increase of 10 percent. California expects a decrease of 2 percent from a year ago but North Carolina, the third largest State, expects an increase of 12 percent.

Heavy breed turkeys raised in 1973 are expected to total 116 million, up 2 percent from the 114 million raised in 1972. Light breed turkeys raised during 1973 are estimated at 16 million, a 6 percent increase from the number raised in 1972.

Poult hatchings during the period September 1972 through July 1973 were above a year earlier in all months except February, March, April and May. Turkey eggs in incubators August 1, 1973 were up 5 percent from last year.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED ON FARMS

| State           | HEAVEY BREEDS |         |                          | LIGHT BREEDS |        |                          | TOTAL ALL BREEDS |         |                         |
|-----------------|---------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------|
|                 | 1972          | 1973    | :1973 as %<br>: of 1972: | 1972         | 1973   | :1973 as %<br>: of 1972: | 1972             | 1973    | :1973 as %<br>: of 1972 |
|                 | 1,000 head    |         | Percent                  | 1,000 head   |        | Percent                  | 1,000 head       |         | Percent                 |
| Alabama         | 14            | 5       | 36                       | 14           | 24     | 171                      | 28               | 29      | 104                     |
| Arkansas 1/     |               |         |                          |              |        |                          | 8,165            | 7,433   | 91                      |
| California      | 17,095        | 16,073  | 94                       | 541          | 1,218  | 225                      | 17,636           | 17,291  | 98                      |
| Colorado        | 3,461         | 3,506   | 101                      | 16           | 0      |                          | 3,477            | 3,506   | 101                     |
| Connecticut     | 75            | 72      | 96                       | 5            | 3      | 60                       | 80               | 75      | 94                      |
| Delaware        | 138           | 221     | 160                      | 12           | 3      | 25                       | 150              | 224     | 149                     |
| Georgia         | 1,796         | 1,922   | 107                      | 10           | 20     | 200                      | 1,806            | 1,942   | 108                     |
| Illinois        | 667           | 576     | 86                       | 7            | 0      |                          | 674              | 576     | 85                      |
| Indiana         | 5,600         | 4,859   | 87                       | 460          | 636    | 138                      | 6,060            | 5,495   | 91                      |
| Iowa            | 7,076         | 7,005   | 99                       | 80           | 76     | 95                       | 7,156            | 7,081   | 99                      |
| Kansas          | 285           | 171     | 60                       | 0            | 2      |                          | 285              | 173     | 61                      |
| Kentucky        | 15            | 5       | 33                       | 7            | 1      | 14                       | 22               | 6       | 27                      |
| Louisiana       | 2             | 2       | 100                      |              |        |                          | 2                | 2       | 100                     |
| Maine           | 3             | 5       | 167                      | 1            | 2      | 200                      | 4                | 7       | 175                     |
| Maryland        | 53            | 44      | 83                       | 4            | 1      | 25                       | 57               | 45      | 79                      |
| Massachusetts   | 141           | 144     | 102                      | 29           | 29     | 100                      | 170              | 173     | 102                     |
| Michigan        | 1,049         | 1,165   | 111                      | 40           | 0      |                          | 1,089            | 1,165   | 107                     |
| Minnesota       | 14,620        | 15,536  | 106                      | 6,260        | 7,484  | 120                      | 20,880           | 23,020  | 110                     |
| Mississippi     | 34            | 0       |                          | 1            | 0      |                          | 35               | 0       |                         |
| Missouri 1/     |               |         |                          |              |        |                          | 10,000           | 9,900   | 99                      |
| Nebraska        | 933           | 1,305   | 140                      | 0            | 17     |                          | 933              | 1,322   | 142                     |
| Nevada          |               |         |                          |              |        |                          |                  |         |                         |
| New Hampshire   | 20            | 20      | 100                      | 1            | 5      | 500                      | 21               | 25      | 119                     |
| New Jersey      | 82            | 70      | 85                       | 9            | 5      | 56                       | 91               | 75      | 82                      |
| New York 1/     |               |         |                          |              |        |                          | 195              | 185     | 95                      |
| North Carolina  | 10,435        | 11,530  | 110                      | 1,600        | 1,950  | 122                      | 12,035           | 13,480  | 112                     |
| North Dakota    | 1,000         | 1,040   | 104                      | 150          | 178    | 119                      | 1,150            | 1,218   | 106                     |
| Ohio            | 3,150         | 2,772   | 88                       | 614          | 596    | 97                       | 3,764            | 3,368   | 89                      |
| Oklahoma 1/     |               |         |                          |              |        |                          | 1,795            | 1,747   | 97                      |
| Oregon 1/       |               |         |                          |              |        |                          | 1,850            | 1,600   | 86                      |
| Pennsylvania    | 2,524         | 2,396   | 95                       | 402          | 414    | 103                      | 2,926            | 2,810   | 96                      |
| Rhode Island    | 12            | 11      | 92                       | 1            | 0      | 0                        | 13               | 11      | 85                      |
| South Carolina  | 2,104         | 2,146   | 102                      | 113          | 105    | 93                       | 2,217            | 2,251   | 102                     |
| South Dakota    | 589           | 607     | 103                      | 553          | 614    | 111                      | 1,142            | 1,221   | 107                     |
| Tennessee       | 10            | 12      | 120                      |              | 5      |                          | 10               | 17      | 170                     |
| Texas           | 7,780         | 9,025   | 116                      | 71           | 66     | 93                       | 7,851            | 9,091   | 116                     |
| Utah            | 3,905         | 4,061   | 104                      |              |        |                          | 3,905            | 4,061   | 104                     |
| Vermont         | 7             | 13      | 186                      |              |        |                          | 7                | 13      | 186                     |
| Virginia        | 3,888         | 4,199   | 108                      | 1,631        | 1,011  | 62                       | 5,519            | 5,210   | 94                      |
| Washington      | 457           | 409     | 89                       |              |        |                          | 457              | 409     | 89                      |
| West Virginia   | 299           | 761     | 255                      | 1,111        | 769    | 69                       | 1,410            | 1,530   | 109                     |
| Wisconsin       | 3,953         | 4,450   | 113                      | 56           | 22     | 39                       | 4,009            | 4,472   | 112                     |
| Other States 2/ | 44            | 29      | 66                       | 13           | 14     | 108                      | 57               | 43      | 75                      |
| U. S. Total     | 114,149       | 116,373 | 102                      | 14,984       | 15,929 | 106                      | 129,133          | 132,302 | 102                     |

1/ Breakdown by breeds not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming, combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.