

# turkeys



Intentions to Raise Turkeys, 1974---20 States  
Breeder Hens on Farms and Value, December 1, 1971-73--26 States  
Turkeys Raised, 1971-73--All States

Release:  
January 9, 1974  
3:00 P.M. ET

## INTENTIONS TO RAISE TURKEYS IN 1974:

Turkey growers in 20 States intend to raise 6 percent more turkeys in 1974 than in 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. An increase of 4 percent is intended for heavy breeds, while an 18 percent increase is intended for light breeds. If producers carry out present intentions, the 1974 turkey crop in the 20 States will total 134 million birds compared with 127 million raised in 1973. Producers in the 20 States intend to raise 116 million heavy breed turkeys in 1974 and 18.0 million light breeds.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1974 may differ from the intentions of growers shown in this report. Such changes may depend on the supply and price of feed, fuel, hatching eggs and poults, and the effect of this report itself on growers' actions.

## TURKEY BREEDER HEN INVENTORY, DECEMBER 1, 1973:

Turkey breeder hens on farms December 1, 1973 in 26 States totaled 3,605,000, up 9 percent from a year earlier. The number of breeder hens on farms consisted of 3,159,000 heavy breeds and 446,000 light breeds. Heavy breeds increased 8 percent from December 1, 1972 and light breeds increased 17 percent.

The December 1, 1973 value of breeder hens on farms was \$34.5 million compared with \$21.5 million on December 1, 1972. The average value per bird of \$9.58 on December 1, 1973, compares with \$6.50 on December 1, 1972.

## TURKEYS RAISED IN 1973:

In 1973, there were 132 million turkeys raised in the United States. Heavy breed turkeys numbered about 116 million and light breeds totaled about 16 million.

Turkey growers raised 2 percent more turkeys in 1973 than in 1972. The number of heavy breed turkeys raised was up 1 percent and light breed production increased by 9 percent.

Turkeys: Number raised in 20 selected States in 1972 and 1973 and number intended to be raised in 1974

State	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			All breeds			:1974 as % of 1973 Percent
	1972	1973	1974 1/	1972	1973	1974 1/	1972	1973	1974 1/	
	1,000 head									
Arkansas 2/							8,165	7,707	5,918	77
California	17,095	15,898	18,500	541	1,650	3,000	17,636	17,548	21,500	123
Colorado	3,461	3,547	4,044	16	6	3	3,477	3,553	4,047	114
Georgia	1,796	1,900	1,995	10	36	36	1,806	1,936	2,031	105
Indiana	5,600	4,796	4,316	460	644	773	6,060	5,440	5,089	94
Iowa	7,076	7,430	7,579	80	76	76	7,156	7,506	7,655	102
Minnesota	14,620	15,936	14,820	6,260	7,387	7,830	20,880	23,323	22,650	97
Missouri 2/							10,000	10,295	10,372	101
North Carolina	10,435	11,478	13,200	1,600	1,600	1,744	12,035	13,078	14,944	114
North Dakota	1,000	1,040	1,142	150	178	180	1,150	1,218	1,322	109
Ohio	3,150	2,646	2,461	614	540	594	3,764	3,186	3,055	96
Oklahoma 2/							1,795	1,975	2,033	103
Oregon 2/							1,850	1,231	1,170	95
Pennsylvania	2,524	2,336	2,219	402	496	456	2,926	2,832	2,675	94
South Carolina	2,104	2,200	2,380	113	100	120	2,217	2,300	2,500	109
South Dakota	589	586	662	553	570	570	1,142	1,156	1,232	107
Texas	7,780	8,791	11,000	71	90	1,000	7,851	8,881	12,000	135
Utah	3,905	4,061	4,142	0			3,905	4,061	4,142	102
Virginia 2/							5,519	5,210	5,471	105
Wisconsin	3,953	4,209	4,335	56	20	20	4,009	4,229	4,355	103
20 State Total	109,656	111,423	116,117	13,687	15,242	18,044	123,343	126,665	134,161	106

1/ Intended. 2/ Breakdown by breeds combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Turkey breeder hens: Number on farms, 26 selected States, December 1, 1971-73

State	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			All breeds			:1973 as % of 1972 Percent
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	
	1,000 head									
Arkansas 1/							60	43	36	84
California	713	677	894	58	60	78	771	737	972	132
Colorado	47	70	76				47	70	76	109
Georgia	40	30	33				40	30	33	110
Illinois	27	31	35				27	31	35	113
Indiana	17	14	5				17	14	5	36
Iowa	109	136	157	3	4	3	112	140	160	114
Kansas	17	21	26	1	1		18	22	26	118
Michigan	87	70	65				87	70	65	93
Minnesota	334	359	340	147	180	180	481	539	520	96
Missouri 1/							215	160	200	125
Nebraska	45	33	25				45	33	25	76
New York 1/							12	8	6	75
North Carolina 1/							240	256	275	107
North Dakota	11	12	7				11	12	7	58
Ohio	140	134	127	11	11	12	151	145	139	96
Oklahoma 1/							8	12	16	133
Oregon 1/							144	130	125	96
Pennsylvania	29	27	23	7	9	6	36	36	29	81
South Carolina	62	65	60		4	9	62	69	69	100
Texas	502	490	460	9	1	40	511	491	500	102
Utah	39	39	50				39	39	50	128
Virginia	66	60	77	50	48	48	116	108	125	116
Washington	23	18	17				23	18	17	94
West Virginia	9	7	6	7	7	7	16	14	13	93
Wisconsin	81	76	81				81	76	81	107
26 State Total	3,005	2,922	3,159	365	381	446	3,370	3,303	3,605	109

1/ Breakdown by breeds combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Turkey breeder hens: Number on farms and value, December 1, 1971-73,  
26 selected States

State	Number			Average value per head			Total value		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	1,000 head			Dollars			1,000 dollars		
Arkansas	60	43	36	6.90	6.60	11.00	414	284	396
California	771	737	972	6.70	7.30	10.80	5,166	5,380	10,498
Colorado	47	70	76	6.00	6.60	11.00	282	462	836
Georgia	40	30	33	5.10	5.50	11.00	204	165	363
Illinois	27	31	35	6.50	7.50	9.50	176	233	333
Indiana	17	14	5	7.00	6.80	9.00	119	95	45
Iowa	112	140	160	5.50	7.00	10.00	616	980	1,600
Kansas	18	22	26	5.60	7.30	11.00	101	161	286
Michigan	87	70	65	5.60	6.50	9.00	487	455	585
Minnesota	481	539	520	5.80	5.70	8.90	2,790	3,072	4,628
Missouri	215	160	200	7.50	7.00	11.00	1,613	1,120	2,200
Nebraska	45	33	25	5.30	6.30	8.00	239	208	200
New York	12	8	6	6.00	6.50	9.00	72	52	54
North Carolina	240	256	275	5.70	6.10	8.70	1,368	1,562	2,393
North Dakota	11	12	7	5.10	6.10	8.00	56	73	56
Ohio	151	145	139	6.90	6.40	9.80	1,042	928	1,362
Oklahoma	8	12	16	6.00	5.70	8.30	48	68	133
Oregon	144	130	125	5.60	6.50	7.50	806	845	938
Pennsylvania	36	36	29	6.60	7.40	9.30	238	266	270
South Carolina	62	69	69	6.10	6.40	9.50	378	442	656
Texas	511	491	500	6.50	6.20	8.40	3,322	3,044	4,200
Utah	39	39	50	5.30	6.00	11.00	207	234	550
Virginia	116	108	125	5.00	5.80	7.40	580	626	925
Washington	23	18	17	7.00	7.80	9.50	161	140	162
West Virginia	16	14	13	5.00	5.50	6.90	80	77	90
Wisconsin	81	76	81	5.50	6.50	9.50	446	494	770
26 State Total	3,370	3,303	3,605	6.23	6.50	9.58	21,011	21,466	34,529

Turkeys : Numbers Raised, 1971-73

State	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total all Breeds:			1973 as % of 1972
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	
	1,000 head									Percent
Alabama	13	14	5	10	14	24	23	28	29	104
Arkansas <sup>1/</sup>							7,840	8,165	7,707	94
California	16,281	17,095	15,898	520	541	1,650	16,801	17,636	17,548	100
Colorado	2,814	3,461	3,547	7	16	6	2,821	3,477	3,553	102
Delaware	113	138	210	57	12	8	170	150	218	145
Georgia	2,237	1,796	1,900	1	10	36	2,238	1,806	1,936	107
Illinois	784	667	591		7	2	784	674	593	88
Indiana	4,050	5,600	4,796	700	460	644	4,750	6,060	5,440	90
Iowa	6,318	7,076	7,430	48	80	76	6,366	7,156	7,506	105
Kansas	299	285	200	8		1	307	285	201	71
Kentucky	30	15	5		7	1	30	22	6	27
Louisiana	2	2	2				2	2	2	100
Maryland	47	53	44	2	4	1	49	57	45	79
Michigan	1,001	1,049	1,088		40		1,001	1,089	1,088	100
Minnesota	13,040	14,620	15,936	5,380	6,260	7,387	18,420	20,880	23,323	112
Mississippi	26	34		1	1		27	35		
Missouri <sup>1/</sup>							8,683	10,000	10,295	103
Nebraska	786	933	841	25		17	811	933	858	92
New Jersey	96	82	70	9	9	5	105	91	75	82
New York	227	153	164	37	42	20	264	195	184	94
North Carolina	8,918	10,435	11,478	1,250	1,600	1,600	10,168	12,035	13,078	109
North Dakota	1,060	1,000	1,040	140	150	178	1,200	1,150	1,218	106
Ohio	3,750	3,150	2,646	675	614	540	4,425	3,764	3,186	85
Oklahoma <sup>1/</sup>							1,770	1,795	1,975	110
Oregon <sup>1/</sup>							1,940	1,850	1,231	67
Pennsylvania	2,296	2,524	2,336	459	402	496	2,755	2,926	2,832	97
South Carolina	2,174	2,104	2,200		113	100	2,174	2,217	2,300	104
South Dakota	571	589	586	576	553	570	1,147	1,142	1,156	101
Tennessee	10	10	12			5	10	10	17	170
Texas	8,190	7,780	8,791	188	71	90	8,378	7,851	8,881	113
Utah	3,828	3,905	4,061				3,828	3,905	4,061	104
Virginia	3,775	3,888	4,199	1,305	1,631	1,011	5,080	5,519	5,210	94
Washington	446	457	450	147		1	593	457	451	99
West Virginia	395	299	415	750	1,111	965	1,145	1,410	1,380	98
Wisconsin	3,442	3,953	4,209	56	56	20	3,498	4,009	4,229	105
New England	299	258	260	29	37	38	328	295	298	101
Other States <sup>2/</sup>	111	44	29	84	13	14	195	57	43	75
U. S.	106,701	114,149	115,809	13,425	14,984	16,344	120,126	129,133	132,153	102

<sup>1/</sup> Breakdown by breeds combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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