

Turkeys



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Turkeys Raised in 1992 Up 1 Percent

Turkeys raised in the United States during 1992 totaled 289 million, 1 percent more than the 285 million turkeys raised during 1991.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 62.0 million, followed by Minnesota with 43.5 million; Arkansas with 25.0 million; California with 23.5 million; Missouri with 20.5 million; Virginia with 19.3 million; and Indiana with 15.4 million. These States accounted for over two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1992.

Turkey Growers Plan 2 Percent Increase in 1993

Turkey growers in the 20 major producing States intend to raise 277 million turkeys in 1993, up 2 percent from 1992. Intentions for the top 5 producing States compared with 1992 are as follows: North Carolina, up 2 percent; Minnesota, up 1 percent; Arkansas, up 2 percent; California, down 2 percent; and Missouri, up 10 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1993 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

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Turkeys: Number Raised by Selected States
and United States, 1991-92

State	Number		1992 as % of 1991
	1991	1992	
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AR	24,000	25,000	104
CA	29,000	23,500	81
CT	25	30	120
GA	1,900	1,990	105
IL	3,120	3,400	109
IN	15,000	15,400	103
IA	8,700	8,600	99
KS	560	730	130
MD <u>1/</u>	120	125	104
MA	140	150	107
MN	44,000	43,500	99
MO	21,500	20,500	95
NE	2,110	2,110	100
NH	25	20	80
NJ	90	95	106
NY	490	480	98
NC	58,000	62,000	107
ND	1,430	1,250	87
OH	4,500	5,200	116
OR	2,350	2,400	102
PA	8,400	8,800	105
SC	6,000	6,350	106
SD	2,700	2,800	104
UT	4,050	3,750	93
VA	17,300	19,300	112
WV	4,100	4,100	100
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	25,500	27,400	107
US	285,110	288,980	101

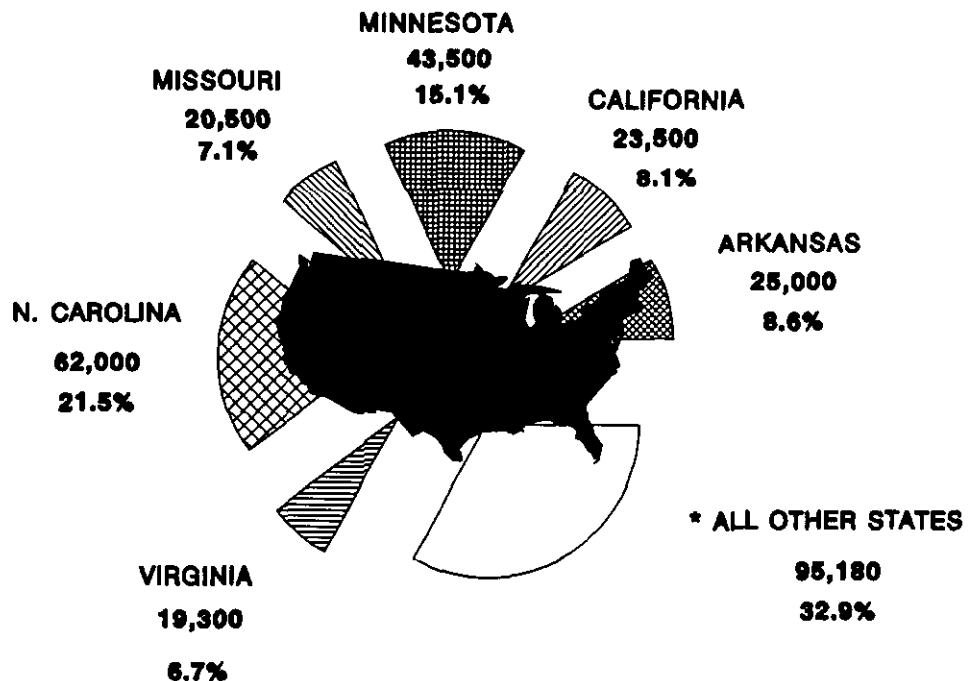
1/ Includes DE.

2/ CO, MI, OK, TX, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Turkeys: Death Loss, by Geographic Division and United States, 1990-92

Geographic Division	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	1990	1991	1992
	Percent		
E N Cent	11	10	10
W N Cent	10	10	10
N & S Atl	9	9	9
S Cent	10	11	9
West	10	11	10
US	9.7	9.9	9.5

TURKEYS RAISED, 1992 (1,000 Head).



* All other states include: CO,GA,IN, IA,ND,OH,OK,OR,PA,SC,SD,TX,UT,WI,CT, DE,IL,KS,MD,MA,MI,NE,NH,NJ,NY,WV.

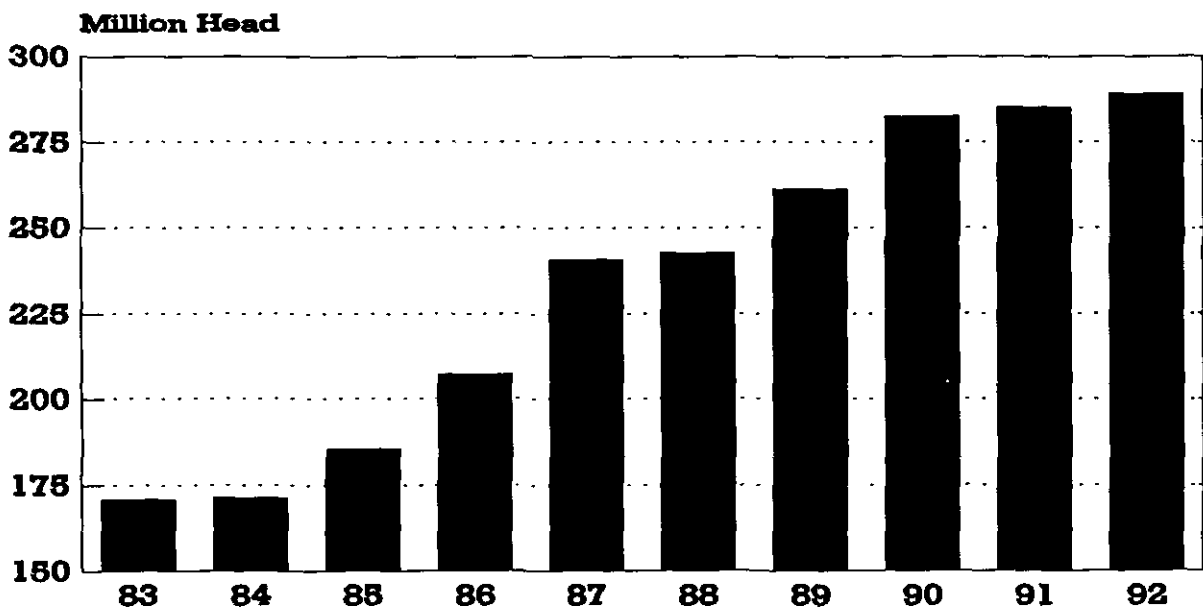
U.S. TOTAL 288,980

Turkeys: Number Raised in 1992 and Intentions for 1993,
Selected States and 20 State Total

State	Number		1993 as % of 1992
	1992	1993	
	1,000 Head		Percent
AR	25,000	25,500	102
CA	23,500	23,000	98
GA	1,990	1,770	89
IN	15,400	15,100	98
IA	8,600	8,600	100
MN	43,500	44,000	101
MO	20,500	22,500	110
NC	62,000	63,000	102
ND	1,250	1,200	96
OH	5,200	5,400	104
OR	2,400	2,300	96
PA	8,800	8,500	97
SC	6,350	6,050	95
SD	2,800	2,600	93
UT	3,750	3,700	99
VA	19,300	20,000	104
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>	23,400	107
20 State Total:	<u>2/</u>	276,620	102

1/ CO, OK, TX, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
2/ Other States and U.S. not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS RAISED UNITED STATES, 1983-92



Turkeys Raised Estimates

Survey Procedures: Survey data for the turkeys raised estimate are collected from a list of contractors and independent growers during December. States use all known sources of producer names to ensure that the list is as complete as possible. Turkey producers are then contacted either by mail, telephone, or in person. Diligent effort is made to ensure that all operations are accounted for in the estimate.

Estimation Procedures: Turkeys raised estimates include young turkeys intended for meat production, as well as breeder turkeys which reached maturity during the calendar year. These estimates exclude turkeys lost to disease or those destroyed. Placements of turkey poults from the Monthly Turkey Hatchery Survey provide the basis for the preliminary estimates published in August. Final estimates, published in January, use indications from the December Growers Survey in addition to updated hatchery data. Other indications for the final estimates are obtained from monthly slaughter totals and check-off data provided by individual State turkey or poultry associations.

Generally, individual State data are not published if there are less than three operations in a State, or if any one operation has 60 percent or more of the total turkeys in the State. These data are combined into the "Other States" category.

Reliability: Turkeys raised estimates are based on a census of known active producers and, therefore, have no sampling variability. However, estimates may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing of the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when preliminary raised estimates are made in August. Revisions are primarily based on updated hatchery and slaughter data, and at the U.S. level, are usually less than one-half of one percent of the final estimate published in January. Estimates are also reviewed after data from the Department of Commerce's five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions are made after that date.

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