

Turkeys



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Turkeys Raised 1 Percent Below 1992

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 1993 is 285 million, 1 percent below the 289 million raised during 1992.

The following six States are expected to account for two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1993:

North Carolina is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 61.0 million birds, down 3 percent from the January 1993 Intentions and 2 percent below 1992.

Minnesota ranks second with 42.5 million, down 3 percent from January Intentions and down 1 percent from a year ago.

Arkansas and **California** are expected to tie for third place with each state producing 23.0 million birds, down 8 and 4 percent, respectively, from the previous year. Arkansas was down 10 percent from their January Intentions, while California remained unchanged.

Virginia is expected to replace Missouri as the nation's fifth largest producing State with 21.0 million birds, up 5 percent from January Intentions and 9 percent above a year ago.

Missouri ranks sixth with 19.5 million, down 13 percent from January Intentions and down 5 percent from 1992.

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Turkeys: Number Raised by Selected States
and United States, 1992-93

State	Number		1993
	1992 <u>1/</u>	1993	as % of 1992
	1,000 Head		Percent
AR	25,000	23,000	92
CA	24,000	23,000	96
CO	4,400	4,700	107
CT	30	25	83
GA	1,990	1,610	81
IL	3,400	3,500	103
IN	15,400	14,800	96
IA	8,600	8,600	100
KS	730	1,260	173
MD <u>2/</u>	125	180	144
MA	150	130	87
MN	43,000	42,500	99
MO	20,500	19,500	95
NE	2,110	2,500	118
NH	20	20	100
NJ	95	95	100
NY	480	470	98
NC	62,000	61,000	98
ND	1,250	1,300	104
OH	5,200	5,700	110
OR	2,400	600	25
PA	8,800	8,600	98
SC	6,350	6,050	95
SD	2,800	2,460	88
UT	3,750	3,950	105
VA	19,300	21,000	109
WV	4,100	4,400	107
Oth Sts <u>3/</u>	23,000	24,400	106
US	288,980	285,350	99

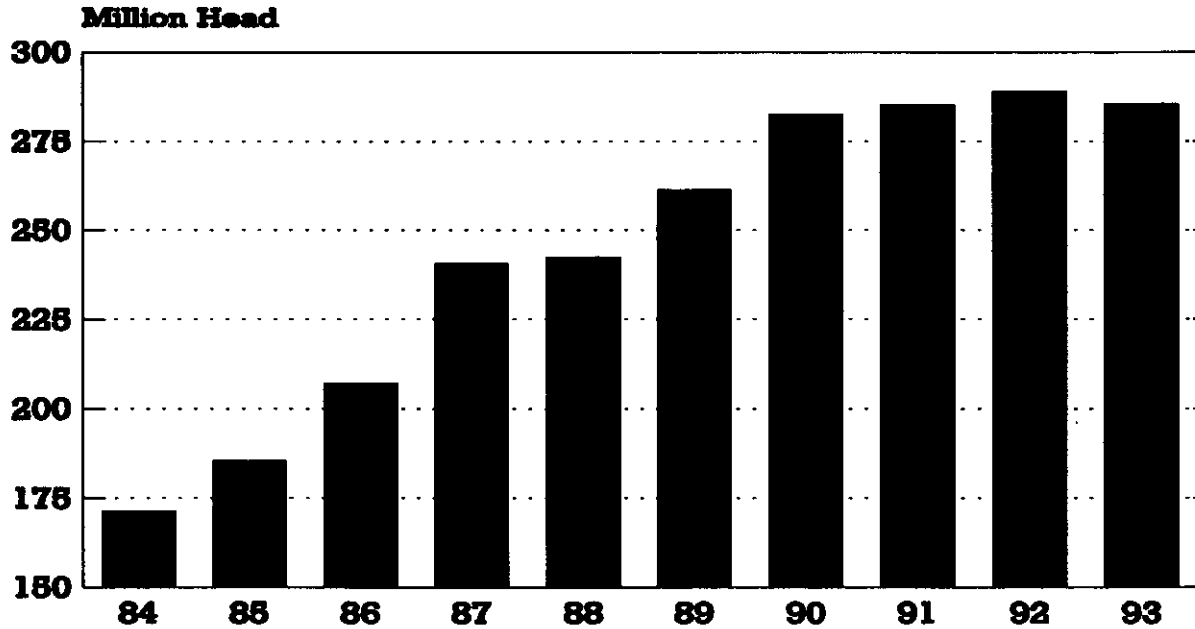
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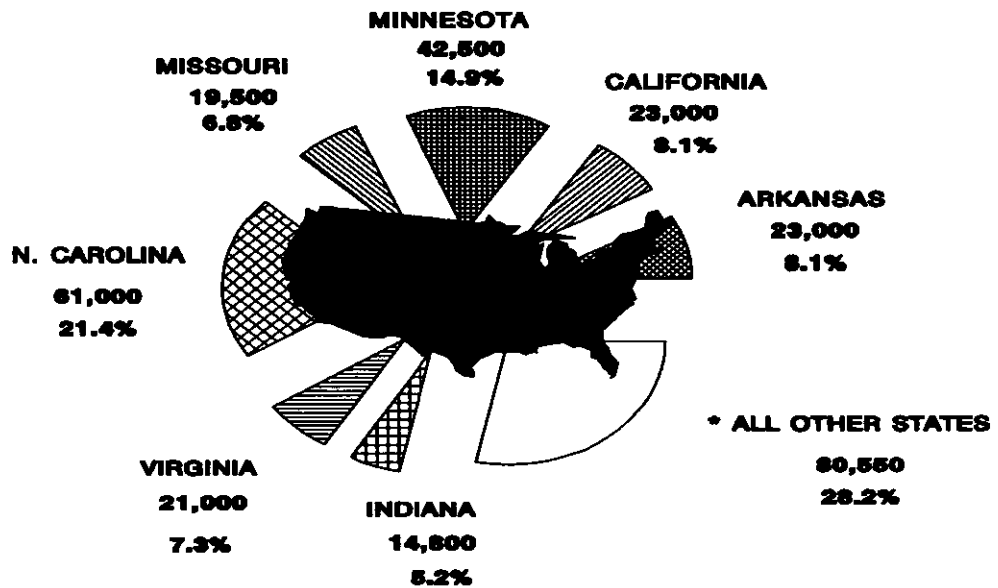
3/ MI, OK, TX, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Number of Turkeys Raised

United States, 1984-93



Turkeys Raised, 1993 (1,000 Head).



U.S. TOTAL 285,350

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

Turkeys Raised Estimates

Data Sources: The Turkey Hatchery Survey provides the basis for the preliminary Turkeys Raised estimate published in August. Turkey hatchery estimates are made in 21 States each month and provide the number of eggs in incubators and poultts placed in production. Another seven States survey hatcheries periodically to collect data for the Turkey Raised estimates and for the "Annual Hatchery Summary". Data on poultts placed into the United States from Canadian hatcheries are also included in the preliminary estimate.

Survey data for the final turkeys raised estimate published in January are collected from a list of contractors and independent growers during December.

Estimation Procedures: Turkeys Raised preliminary 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. Hatchery data for the preliminary raised estimate is submitted to Headquarters in late July, along with outshipments of poultts to other States. The Turkey Hatchery survey provides the number of poultts placed for turkey production from September of the previous year through June of the current year. Estimates are made for poultts placed during July and August. A cross-state movement summary is then returned to the 32 turkey raised estimating States for setting State level estimates. The previous year's death loss percentage, plus any adjustment based on current conditions, is applied to net placements to derive an indicated number raised.

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 preliminary estimates are based on a census of known active hatcheries 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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