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Number Raised
Production
Gross Income, 1973-74

NUMBER RAISED

There were 131 million turkeys raised in the United States in 1974, down 1 percent from 1973. Heavy breed turkeys raised was nearly the same as a year ago at 116 million but the number of lights decreased by 7 percent to 15 million.

The number raised in Minnesota was down 6 percent but the California and North Carolina numbers raised were above a year ago.

PRODUCTION AND GROSS INCOME

Turkey production in 1974 totaled 2,426 million pounds live weight, 1 percent less than the 2,451 million pounds produced in 1973.

Gross income from turkeys in 1974 was $680 million, compared with $936 million in 1973. It was below 1973 in all leading States. The price received by producers during 1974 averaged 28.0 cents per pound (live weight equivalent) compared with 38.2 cents in 1973.

DEATH LOSS

Death loss of pouls in 1974 was 8.9 percent, compared with 8.3 percent in 1973. By regions, turkey poult death losses in 1974 were: East North Central, West North Central and South Central, 9 percent; North Atlantic, 7 percent; South Atlantic, 8 percent; and West, 10 percent. Loss of breeder hens in the 26 major producing States during 1974, as a percent of breeder hens on hand December 1, 1974, was 5.8 percent, compared with 5.0 percent a year earlier.
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Turkeys, March 1975

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