

TURKEY CROP ABOVE LAST YEAR

Turkeys raised in 1964 are expected to total 98.7 million birds, 6 percent above last year's crop, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of heavy white breed turkeys being raised is up 20 percent, light breeds are up 14 percent, but bronze and other heavy breeds are down 5 percent. Increased production of turkeys is expected in all regions of the country except the West. Increases are 20 percent in the South Atlantic, 10 percent in the South Central, 7 percent in the West North Central, 3 percent in the North Atlantic and 2 percent in the East North Central. The West is expected to have a 2-percent decrease.

Heavy breed turkeys raised this year are expected to total 87.7 million compared with 83.7 million last year. Heavy breeds are up 17 percent in the South Atlantic Region, 9 percent in the South Central, 8 percent in the West North Central, and 4 percent in the East North Central. Decreases are 4 percent in the West and 3 percent in the North Atlantic. The heavy white turkey crop of 38.7 million is 44 percent of all heavies compared with 38 percent in 1963. Increased heavy white production is indicated in all regions except the North Atlantic. Increases are 89 percent in the South Central, 25 percent in the South Atlantic, 20 percent in the West, 15 percent in the West North Central, and 11 percent in the East North Central. Heavy white production in the North Atlantic shows a 1-percent decrease.

The number of other heavy breed turkeys raised, at 49.0 million birds, is 5 percent below the 51.5 million raised in 1963. Increases in other heavies are 9 percent in the South Atlantic Region and 3 percent in the West North Central. Decreases are 15 percent in the South Central, 10 percent in the East North Central, 9 percent in the West and 5 percent in the North Atlantic.

The number of light breed turkeys being raised totals 11.0 million, compared with 9.7 million in 1963. Increases in light breed production are 94 percent in the North Atlantic States, 59 percent in the West and 26 percent in both the South Atlantic and South Central. Decreases are 9 percent in the East North Central and 4 percent in the West North Central.

California, the leading State, will raise 15.6 million turkeys in 1964, followed by Minnesota with 15.3, Iowa with 8.2, Missouri with 6.5, and Wisconsin with 5.2 million.

Turkey poult hatch September 1963 through July 1964 was 5 percent above the same period a year earlier. The largest percentage increase occurred during the September 1963-January 1964 period when the seasonal hatch is small. Turkey-feed price ratios have been below a year earlier for each month since October 1963 except for January and July 1964, when they were the same as the previous year. Prices received by producers for live turkeys have been below the same month a year earlier for every month since February 1964.

In this report light breed turkeys include Beltsville small white, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and wild turkeys; heavy breed turkeys include heavy white, bronze, other heavy breeds and crosses with light breeds.

Turkeys: Number Raised on Farms

State and division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			Total all breeds		
	1963		1964 as % of 1963	1963		1964 as % of 1963	1963		1964 as % of 1963
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
Maine	28	36	129	0	0	---	28	36	129
N.H.	86	73	85	0	3	---	86	76	88
Vt.	20	14	70	0	0	---	20	14	70
Mass.	353	294	83	8	10	125	361	304	84
R.I.	20	9	45	1	0	---	21	9	43
Conn.	226	163	72	12	5	42	238	168	71
N.Y.	453	402	89	40	42	105	493	444	90
N.J.	150	231	154	9	9	100	159	240	151
Pa.	1,267	1,303	103	115	289	251	1,382	1,592	115
N.A.	2,603	2,525	97	185	358	194	2,788	2,883	103
Ohio	2,777	3,099	112	919	800	87	3,696	3,899	105
Ind.	2,970	3,202	108	252	199	79	3,222	3,401	106
Ill.	1,054	1,259	119	38	61	161	1,092	1,320	121
Mich.	1,051	921	88	56	60	107	1,107	981	89
Wis.	5,269	5,103	97	90	118	131	5,359	5,221	97
E.N.C.	13,121	13,584	104	1,355	1,238	91	14,476	14,822	102
Minn.	13,784	13,725	100	1,300	1,560	120	15,084	15,285	101
Iowa	7,110	7,536	106	854	641	75	7,964	8,177	103
Mo.	4,396	6,016	137	825	528	64	5,221	6,544	125
N.Dak.	805	847	105	17	61	359	822	908	110
S.Dak.	561	484	86	338	426	126	899	910	101
Nebr.	897	1,117	125	17	17	100	914	1,134	124
Kans.	734	786	107	26	18	69	760	804	106
W.N.C.	28,287	30,511	108	3,377	3,251	96	31,664	33,762	107
Del.	168	158	94	176	113	64	344	271	79
Md.	187	181	97	50	24	48	237	205	86
Va.	2,391	1,799	75	2,285	2,902	127	4,676	4,701	101
W.Va.	334	519	155	830	996	120	1,164	1,515	130
N.C.	2,676	3,887	145	50	414	828	2,726	4,301	158
S.C.	446	689	154	15	49	327	461	738	160
Ga.	1,075	1,307	122	102	5	5	1,177	1,312	111
Fla.	50	12	24	176	157	89	226	169	75
S.A.	7,327	8,552	117	3,684	4,660	126	11,011	13,212	120
Ky.	622	755	121	5	1	20	627	756	121
Tenn.	100	115	115	0	7	---	100	122	122
Ala.	496	697	141	40	26	64	536	723	135
Miss.	166	137	83	3	2	67	169	139	82
Ark.	2,661	3,172	119	335	425	127	2,996	3,597	120
La.	34	27	79	1	1	100	35	28	80
Okla.	1,368	1,206	88	69	89	129	1,437	1,295	90
Texas	4,553	4,819	106	32	58	181	4,585	4,877	106
S.C.	10,000	10,928	109	485	609	126	10,485	11,537	110
Mont. & Idaho 1/	211	213	101	74	40	54	285	253	89
Wyo.	3	4	133	0	0	---	3	4	133
Colo.	1,980	1,655	84	6	25	417	1,986	1,680	85
N.Mex.	7	6	86	1	1	100	8	7	88
Ariz.	209	194	93	0	0	---	209	194	93
Utah	3,247	2,999	92	74	5	7	3,321	3,004	90
Nev.	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	0
Wash.	367	431	117	8	6	75	375	437	117
Oreg.	1,495	1,182	79	182	146	80	1,677	1,328	79
Calif.	14,845	14,874	100	237	704	297	15,082	15,578	103
West.	22,364	21,558	96	582	927	159	22,946	22,485	98
U.S.	83,702	87,658	105	9,668	11,043	114	93,370	98,701	106

1/ Montana and Idaho combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.