

# turkeys



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Intentions to Raise Turkeys, 1972--20 States  
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## TURKEYS RAISED INTENTIONS:

Turkey growers in 20 States intend to raise 1 percent more turkeys in 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. An increase of 5 percent is intended for light breeds while the increase in heavy breeds is indicated to be 1 percent. If producers carry out present intentions, the 1972 turkey crop in the 20 States would total 116.6 million birds compared with 115.0 million raised in 1971. Producers in the 20 States intend to raise 102.9 million heavy breed turkeys in 1972 and 13.8 million light breeds.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1972 may vary somewhat from the 1972 intentions of growers. Such changes may depend on reactions to this report, price of feed, supply and price of hatching eggs and poults, and prices received for turkeys during the next few months.

## TURKEY BREEDER HENS:

Turkey breeder hens on farms December 1, 1971 in 26 States totaled 3,375,000; 1 percent less than on January 1, 1971. The number of breeder hens on farms consisted of 3,001,000 heavy breeds and 374,000 light breeds. The number of heavy breeds was virtually unchanged from January 1, 1971 and the number of light breed hens was 5 percent smaller.

The December 1, 1971 value of breeder hens on farms totaled \$20,964,000 compared with \$20,217,000 on January 1, 1971. The average value per bird was \$6.21 on December 1, 1971 compared with \$5.94 on January 1, 1971.

Heavy breed turkeys tested for pullorum disease July through November 1971 in the United States was 16 percent below the same period a year earlier. Light breed testings for the same period were down 22 percent.

The following changes in the turkey estimating program announced in October 1971 are effective with this report:

1. The date of the turkey inventory estimates is changed from January 1 to December 1. The estimate for "total turkeys" has been discontinued beginning with December 1971 and estimates of breeder hens for 26 States with 10,000 or more breeder hens are provided. Estimates of breeder hens in the remaining States have been discontinued.

Revised turkey inventory and value estimates for January 1, 1970 and 1971 are shown on pages 6 and 7. For historic relationships, the January 1 series of breeder hen estimates can be compared with the December 1 estimates since breeder hen inventories reflect the number producing eggs during the season.

2. Intentions to raise turkeys are provided for 20 important States. Intentions estimates for other States have been discontinued. The August report of Turkeys Raised and the Production, Disposition and Income reports will provide estimates of turkeys raised for all States and the United States.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED IN 1971 AND NUMBER INTENDED TO BE RAISED IN 1972

State	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total All Breeds		
	1971	1972	1972 as:	1971	1972	1972 as:	1971	1972	1972 as:
			% of 1971			% of 1971			% of 1971
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Pennsylvania	2,296	2,526	110	459	436	95	2,755	2,962	108
Ohio	3,750	3,938	105	675	527	78	4,425	4,465	101
Indiana	4,050	4,455	110	700	630	90	4,750	5,085	107
Wisconsin	3,442	3,614	105	56	57	102	3,498	3,671	105
Minnesota	13,040	13,478	103	5,380	5,918	110	18,420	19,396	105
Iowa	6,318	6,318	100	48	48	100	6,366	6,366	100
Missouri 2/							8,683	8,829	102
North Dakota	1,060	1,160	109	140	160	114	1,200	1,320	110
South Dakota	571	622	109	576	576	100	1,147	1,198	104
Virginia 2/							5,730	5,827	102
North Carolina	8,918	9,186	103	1,551	1,706	110	10,469	10,892	104
South Carolina	2,174	2,174	100				2,174	2,174	100
Georgia	2,245	2,192	98	1	1	100	2,246	2,193	98
Arkansas 2/							7,840	7,722	98
Oklahoma 2/							1,770	1,672	94
Texas	8,190	8,215	100	188	150	80	8,378	8,365	100
Colorado	2,780	3,100	112	7	16	229	2,787	3,116	112
Utah	3,907	4,024	103				3,907	4,024	103
Oregon 2/							1,604	1,582	99
California	16,281	15,467	95	520	312	60	16,801	15,779	94
20 State Total	101,809	102,868	101	13,141	13,770	105	114,950	116,638	101

TURKEY BREEDER HENS: NUMBER ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, 1970-71

State	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total All Breeds		
	1970 1/	1971	1971 as:	1970 1/	1971	1971 as:	1970 1/	1971	1971 as:
			% of 1970			% of 1970			% of 1970
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
New York 2/							12	10	83
Pennsylvania	28	29	104	7	7	100	35	36	103
Ohio	133	133	100	11	11	100	144	144	100
Indiana	17	15	88	6	0		23	15	65
Illinois	19	27	142	0	0		19	27	142
Michigan	89	87	98	0	0		89	87	98
Wisconsin	91	89	98	1	0		92	89	97
Minnesota	324	321	99	141	165	117	465	486	105
Iowa	109	109	100	4	3	75	113	112	99
Missouri 2/							165	215	130
North Dakota	12	11	92	0	0		12	11	92
Nebraska	42	34	81	0	0		42	34	81
Kansas	25	27	108	1	1	100	26	28	108
Virginia	58	60	103	49	50	102	107	110	103
West Virginia	8	10	125	11	11	100	19	21	111
North Carolina	270	270	100	7	0		277	270	97
South Carolina	60	57	95	0	0		60	57	95
Georgia	47	45	96	0	0		47	45	96
Arkansas 2/							54	60	111
Oklahoma 2/							38	8	21
Texas	497	547	110	41	9	22	538	556	103
Colorado	57	57	100	0	0		57	57	100
Utah	51	46	90	0	0		51	46	90
Washington	19	23	121	0	0		19	23	121
Oregon 2/							182	154	85
California	699	629	90	20	45	225	719	674	94
26 State Total	3,011	3,001	100	394	374	95	3,405	3,375	99

1/ January 1, 1971. 2/ Breakdown by breeds combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

ALL TURKEY BREEDER HENS: . NUMBER ON FARMS AND VALUE, DECEMBER 1, 1969-71

State	Number			Value Per Head			Total Value		
	1969 1/	1970 2/	1971	1969 1/	1970 2/	1971	1969 1/	1970 2/	1971
	1,000 head			Dollars			1,000 dollars		
New York	13	12	10	6.00	6.30	6.00	78	76	60
Pennsylvania	31	35	36	6.50	6.90	6.60	202	242	238
Ohio	116	144	144	6.30	5.80	6.90	731	835	994
Indiana	15	23	15	5.70	5.90	7.00	86	136	105
Illinois	17	19	27	5.60	5.50	6.50	95	105	176
Michigan	78	89	87	5.20	5.10	5.60	406	454	487
Wisconsin	101	92	89	6.00	5.40	5.50	606	497	490
Minnesota	452	465	486	5.20	5.00	5.80	2,350	2,325	2,819
Iowa	126	113	112	6.50	6.00	5.50	819	678	616
Missouri	205	165	215	4.90	6.00	7.50	1,005	990	1,613
North Dakota	17	12	11	6.60	5.80	5.10	112	70	56
Nebraska	48	42	34	5.80	5.20	5.30	278	218	180
Kansas	21	26	28	5.90	5.50	5.60	124	143	157
Virginia	98	107	110	5.10	5.20	5.00	500	556	550
West Virginia	25	19	21	5.00	5.10	5.00	125	97	105
North Carolina	276	277	270	5.10	5.00	5.70	1,408	1,385	1,539
South Carolina	83	60	57	5.60	5.10	6.10	465	306	348
Georgia	50	47	45	5.50	5.00	5.10	275	235	230
Arkansas	65	54	60	5.20	4.80	6.90	338	259	414
Oklahoma	30	38	8	6.00	5.40	6.00	180	205	48
Texas	463	538	556	6.00	5.50	6.50	2,778	2,959	3,614
Colorado	48	57	57	5.80	6.10	6.00	278	348	342
Utah	45	51	46	6.00	6.50	5.30	270	332	244
Washington	16	19	23	5.50	6.30	7.00	88	120	161
Oregon	172	182	154	6.40	6.10	5.60	1,101	1,110	862
California	720	719	674	7.20	7.70	6.70	5,184	5,536	4,516
26 State Total	3,331	3,405	3,375	5.97	5.94	6.21	19,882	20,217	20,964

1/ January 1, 1970.

2/ January 1, 1971.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED, 1970-71

State	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total All Breeds		
	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Maine	4	4	100	1	1	100	5	5	100
N. H.	21	21	100	3	3	100	24	24	100
Vt.	8	12	150	1	1	100	9	13	144
Mass.	209	173	83	15	19	127	224	192	86
R. I.	12	14	117	0	0	0	12	14	117
Conn.	97	75	77	3	5	167	100	80	80
N. Y.	265	227	86	41	113	276	306	340	111
Pa.	1,913	2,296	120	353	459	130	2,266	2,755	122
Ohio	3,600	3,750	104	632	675	107	4,232	4,425	105
Ind.	4,780	4,050	85	190	700	368	4,970	4,750	96
Ill.	809	784	97	23	0	0	832	784	94
Mich.	883	1,001	113	70	0	0	953	1,001	105
Wis.	3,442	3,442	100	47	56	119	3,489	3,498	100
Minn.	12,462	13,040	105	5,804	5,380	93	18,266	18,420	101
Iowa	6,017	6,318	105	92	48	52	6,109	6,366	104
Mo. 1/							7,967	8,683	109
N. Dak.	924	1,060	115	189	140	74	1,113	1,200	108
S. Dak.	432	571	132	689	576	84	1,121	1,147	102
Nebr.	652	786	121	0	25	0	652	811	124
Kans.	325	299	92	1	8	800	326	307	94
Del.	4	21	525	111	4	4	115	25	22
Md.	44	57	130	1	2	200	45	59	131
Va.	3,482	3,875	111	1,053	1,855	176	4,535	5,730	126
W. Va.	382	295	77	251	200	80	633	495	78
N. C.	8,182	8,918	109	1,397	1,551	111	9,579	10,469	109
S. C.	2,718	2,174	80	0	0	0	2,718	2,174	80
Ga.	2,283	2,245	98	0	1	0	2,283	2,246	98
Ky.	82	30	37	0	0	0	82	30	37
Tenn.	10	10	100	0	0	0	10	10	100
Ala.	12	13	108	11	10	91	23	23	100
Miss.	24	26	108	1	1	100	25	27	108
Ark. 1/							7,324	7,840	107
La.	3	2	67	0	0	0	3	2	67
Okla. 1/							1,347	1,770	131
Texas	8,216	8,190	100	134	188	140	8,350	8,378	100
Colo.	2,854	2,780	97	2	7	350	2,856	2,787	98
Utah	3,946	3,907	99	0	0	0	3,946	3,907	99
Wash.	425	446	105	190	147	77	615	593	96
Oreg. 1/							2,178	1,604	74
Calif.	15,506	16,281	105	79	520	658	15,585	16,801	108
Other States 2/	260	207	80	235	93	40	495	300	61
U. S.	103,231	106,312	103	12,492	13,773	110	115,723	120,085	104

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

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

TURKEYS: NUMBER ON FARMS, BY CLASSES, JANUARY 1, 1970-71

State	All Turkeys				Breeder Hens				Total	
	Heavy		Light		Heavy		Light		Total	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	1,000 head									
Maine	1									
N. H.	3.9	4		.1	2.7	2.7			2.7	2.7
Vt.	.5	.5								
Mass.	11.4	10.2	2.1	9.1	2	3	1	1	3	4
R. I.	.8	.8			.5	.6			.5	.6
Conn.	5	5								
N. Y.	24	27	12	6	13	12			13	12
Pa.	161	154	12	12	24	28	7	7	31	35
Ohio	148	274	19	22	100	133	16	11	116	144
Ind.	26	54	2	16	13	17	2	6	15	23
Ill.	29	31			17	19			17	19
Mich.	98	138	4		76	89	2		78	89
Wis.	185	164	7	7	100	91	1	1	101	92
Minn.	715	817	192	170	292	324	160	141	452	465
Iowa	145	193	5	6	121	109	5	4	126	113
Mo.	268	211	9	11	200	160	5	5	205	165
N. Dak.	21	20			17	12			17	12
S. Dak. 1/	9	10	22	4					16	6
Nebr.	70	101			48	42			48	42
Kans.	34	37	1	1	20	25	1	1	21	26
Del.	2	1	4	3						
Md.	13	8			5	3			5	3
Va.	204	369	66	71	48	58	50	49	98	107
W. Va.	59	52	18	16	13	8	12	11	25	19
N. C.	693	812	17	12	265	270	11	7	276	277
S. C.	254	239			83	60			83	60
Ga.	105	188			50	47			50	47
Ky.	10	1		4	8			3.5	8	3.5
Tenn.	14	10			10	8			10	8
Ala.	1	.6	1		1	.2	1		2	.2
Miss.	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	2
Ark. 1/	220	109	3	4					65	54
La.	4	3			3	2			3	2
Okla. 1/	27	41	9	14					30	38
Texas	1,062	1,300	15	61	452	497	11	41	463	538
Colo.	75	121			48	57			48	57
Utah	68	116			45	51			45	51
Wash.	23	47			16	19			16	19
Oreg. 1/	179	149	39	77					172	182
Calif.	1,285	1,259	23	22	699	699	21	20	720	719
Other States 2/	19.4	46	9.4	41.6	9.5	9.2	3.2	18.5	12.7	27.7
U. S.	6,276	7,124	493	591	3,030	3,045	368	420	3,398	3,465

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

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

ALL TURKEYS: NUMBER ON FARMS AND VALUE, JANUARY 1, 1970-71 1/

State	Number		Value per head		Total value	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	1,000 head		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Maine	1		7.00		7	
N. H.	3.9	4.1	7.40	7.40	29	30
Vt.	.5	.5	6.70	7.10	3	4
Mass.	13.5	19.3	7.20	7.20	97	139
R. I.	.8	.8	7.30	7.30	6	6
Conn.	5	5	7.10	7.00	36	35
N. Y.	36	33	6.70	6.00	241	198
Pa.	173	166	5.20	5.70	900	946
Ohio	167	296	6.00	5.40	1,002	1,598
Ind.	28	70	5.40	5.50	151	385
Ill.	29	31	5.40	5.30	157	164
Mich.	102	138	5.10	5.00	520	690
Wis.	192	171	5.70	5.10	1,094	872
Minn.	907	987	5.00	4.70	4,535	4,639
Iowa	150	199	6.30	6.50	945	1,294
Mo.	277	222	4.85	4.90	1,343	1,088
N. Dak.	21	20	6.60	6.10	139	122
S. Dak.	31	14	4.60	4.40	143	62
Nebr.	70	101	5.50	5.10	385	515
Kans.	35	38	5.60	5.20	196	198
Del.	6	4	5.50	6.00	33	24
Md.	13	8	5.70	6.20	74	50
Va.	270	440	4.60	4.70	1,242	2,068
W. Va.	77	68	4.70	4.80	362	326
N. C.	710	824	4.60	4.60	3,266	3,790
S. C.	254	239	5.30	4.90	1,346	1,171
Ga.	105	188	5.40	4.70	567	884
Ky.	10	5	5.10	5.50	51	28
Tenn.	14	10	4.70	4.70	66	47
Ala.	2	.6	5.30	4.70	11	3
Miss.	4	2	5.10	5.00	20	10
Ark.	223	113	5.00	4.50	1,115	509
La.	4	3	6.00	5.60	24	17
Okla.	36	55	5.80	5.40	209	297
Texas	1,077	1,361	5.50	5.10	5,924	6,941
Colo.	75	121	5.60	5.80	420	702
Utah	68	116	6.10	6.20	415	719
Wash.	23	47	5.30	6.10	122	287
Oreg.	218	226	6.30	6.00	1,373	1,356
Calif.	1,308	1,281	6.50	6.40	8,502	8,198
Other States 2/	28.8	87.6	5.52	5.66	159	496
U. S.	6,769	7,715	5.50	5.30	37,230	40,908

1/ Excludes market turkeys less than 4 months old.

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

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