

turkeys



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NUMBER RAISED

In 1973, there were 132 million turkeys raised in the United States. Heavy breed turkeys numbered about 116 million and light breeds totaled over 16 million birds.

The 132 million turkeys raised in 1973 was 2 percent more than in 1972. Heavy breed turkeys were up 1 percent and light breed production increased by 9 percent. The number raised in Minnesota and North Carolina were above a year ago but California production remained about the same.

PRODUCTION AND GROSS INCOME:

Turkey production in 1973 totaled 2,445 million pounds live weight, 1 percent more than the 2,432 million pounds produced in 1972.

Gross income from turkeys in 1973 totaled \$934 million compared with \$539 million in 1972. The price received by producers during 1973 averaged 38.2 cents per pound, compared with 22.2 cents in 1972. Gross income from turkeys was above 1972 in all leading States.

DEATH LOSS:

Death loss of poults in 1973 was 8.3 percent compared with 8.6 percent in 1972. By regions, turkey poult death loss in 1973 was: North Atlantic, East North Central, and West North Central, 7 percent; South Atlantic 10 percent; South Central, 8 percent; and the West, 9 percent. Loss of breeder hens in the 26 major producing States during 1973, as a percent of breeders hens on hand December 1, 1973, was 5.0 percent, compared with 5.3 percent a year earlier.

Turkeys: Production and gross income, 1972

State	Number raised ^{1/}			Pounds produced ^{2/}	Price per pound	Gross income
	Heavy breeds	Light breeds	Total			
	1,000 head			1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars
Alabama	14	14	28	448	22.0	99
Arkansas ^{3/}			8,165	157,585	22.5	35,457
California	17,095	541	17,636	335,084	21.8	73,048
Colorado	3,461	16	3,477	72,322	25.0	18,081
Connecticut	75	5	80	1,584	34.0	539
Delaware	138	12	150	2,865	22.0	630
Georgia	1,796	10	1,806	32,508	23.5	7,639
Illinois	667	7	674	14,289	27.4	3,915
Indiana	5,600	460	6,060	110,898	24.4	27,059
Iowa	7,076	80	7,156	148,129	22.2	32,885
Kansas	285	0	285	5,672	23.1	1,310
Kentucky	15	7	22	484	22.0	106
Louisiana	2	0	2	40	26.0	10
Maine	3	1	4	74	34.0	25
Maryland	53	4	57	1,089	22.0	240
Massachusetts	141	29	170	3,383	36.0	1,218
Michigan	1,049	40	1,089	26,027	22.4	5,830
Minnesota	14,620	6,260	20,880	348,696	21.0	73,226
Mississippi	34	1	35	700	23.0	161
Missouri ^{3/}			10,000	198,000	21.3	42,174
Nebraska	933	0	933	20,339	19.6	3,986
New Hampshire	20	1	21	395	35.0	138
New Jersey	82	9	91	2,084	43.0	896
New York	153	42	195	3,705	30.0	1,112
North Carolina	10,435	1,600	12,035	197,374	22.4	44,212
North Dakota	1,000	150	1,150	20,355	21.8	4,437
Ohio	3,150	614	3,764	69,258	23.0	15,929
Oklahoma ^{3/}			1,795	30,515	21.0	6,408
Oregon ^{3/}			1,850	34,410	22.0	7,570
Pennsylvania	2,524	402	2,926	57,350	25.2	14,452
Rhode Island	12	1	13	242	35.5	86
South Carolina	2,104	113	2,217	56,977	21.7	12,364
South Dakota	589	553	1,142	23,754	21.0	4,988
Tennessee	10	0	10	200	21.5	43
Texas	7,780	71	7,851	160,160	21.1	33,794
Utah	3,905	0	3,905	89,034	21.5	19,142
Vermont	7	0	7	132	35.0	46
Virginia	3,888	1,631	5,519	91,064	22.5	20,489
Washington	457	0	457	9,140	21.0	1,919
West Virginia	299	1,111	1,410	26,085	21.3	5,556
Wisconsin	3,953	56	4,009	78,176	22.2	17,355
Other States ^{4/}	44	13	57	921	26.2	241
United States	114,149	14,984	129,133	2,431,547	22.2	538,815

^{1/} Based on turkeys hatched September 1, 1971 to August 31, 1972. Excludes young turkeys lost.

^{2/} Includes home consumption, which is less than 1 percent of total production.

^{3/} Breakdown by breeds combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

^{4/} Florida, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico and Arizona combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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Alabama	5	24	29	479	31.2	149
Arkansas ^{3/}			7,707	141,809	33.5	47,506
California	15,898	1,650	17,548	322,883	38.4	123,987
Colorado	3,547	6	3,553	73,192	43.0	31,473
Connecticut	67	2	69	1,373	62.0	851
Delaware	210	8	218	4,382	35.4	1,551
Georgia	1,900	36	1,936	36,784	32.0	11,771
Illinois	591	2	593	12,216	43.0	5,253
Indiana	4,796	644	5,440	94,656	36.0	34,076
Iowa	7,430	76	7,506	150,120	41.0	61,549
Kansas	200	1	201	3,779	43.0	1,625
Kentucky	5	1	6	120	38.0	46
Louisiana	2	0	2	40	35.0	14
Maine	5	2	7	129	64.0	83
Maryland	44	1	45	783	35.6	279
Massachusetts	144	29	173	3,287	62.0	2,038
Michigan	1,088	0	1,088	26,112	39.0	10,184
Minnesota	15,936	7,387	23,323	387,162	41.0	158,736
Mississippi	0	0	0			
Missouri ^{3/}			10,295	197,664	31.0	61,276
Nebraska	841	17	858	18,876	42.0	7,928
New Hampshire	20	5	25	463	64.0	296
New Jersey	70	5	75	1,815	54.0	980
New York	164	20	184	3,496	43.0	1,503
North Carolina	11,478	1,600	13,078	226,249	38.1	86,201
North Dakota	1,040	178	1,218	22,533	40.0	9,013
Ohio	2,646	540	3,186	59,260	44.4	26,311
Oklahoma ^{3/}			1,975	32,193	35.0	11,268
Oregon ^{3/}			1,231	20,435	44.5	9,094
Pennsylvania	2,336	496	2,832	53,808	36.0	19,371
Rhode Island	10	0	10	188	62.0	117
South Carolina	2,200	100	2,300	58,650	29.5	17,302
South Dakota	586	570	1,156	22,080	42.0	9,274
Tennessee	12	5	17	323	34.0	110
Texas	8,791	90	8,881	177,620	39.7	70,515
Utah	4,061	0	4,061	91,373	43.0	39,290
Vermont	14	0	14	265	59.0	156
Virginia	4,199	1,011	5,210	85,965	37.0	31,807
Washington	450	1	451	8,885	50.0	4,443
West Virginia	415	965	1,380	21,390	29.8	6,374
Wisconsin	4,209	20	4,229	81,620	36.0	29,383
Other States ^{4/}	29	14	43	803	44.6	358
United States	115,809	16,344	132,153	2,445,260	38.2	933,541

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Turkeys: Death Loss

Geographic division	Young turkeys lost as a percent of total number bought and home hatched			Breeder hens lost as a percent of breeders on hand December 1		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	Percent					
North Atlantic	7	7	7			
East North Central	8	8	7			
West North Central	8	8	7			
South Atlantic	10	9	10			
South Central	9	9	8			
West	11	10	9			
United States	9.0	8.6	8.3	<u>1/5.8</u>	<u>1/5.3</u>	<u>1/5.0</u>

1/ 26 States for which breeder hen inventory estimates are available.