

# Turkeys



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## Turkeys Raised in 1993 Down 1 Percent

Turkeys raised in the United States during 1993 totaled 287 million, 1 percent less than the 289 million turkeys raised during 1992.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 61.0 million, followed by Minnesota with 42.0 million; Arkansas with 25.0 million; California with 22.5 million; Missouri and Virginia with 21.0 million; and Indiana with 14.6 million. These States accounted for 72 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1993.

## Turkey Growers Plan 2 Percent Increase in 1994

Turkey growers in the 20 major producing States intend to raise 2 percent more turkeys in 1994 than 1993 and 1 percent more than 1992. Intentions for the top 7 producing States compared with 1993 are as follows: North Carolina, up 5 percent; Minnesota, down 4 percent; Arkansas, up 4 percent; California, unchanged; Missouri, up 5 percent; Virginia, up 2 percent; and Indiana up 2 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1994 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

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

State	Number		1993
	1992	1993	as % of 1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AR	25,000	25,000	100
CA	24,000	22,500	94
CO	4,400	4,700	107
CT	30	30	100
GA	1,990	1,470	74
IL	3,400	3,600	106
IN	15,400	14,600	95
IA	8,600	8,400	98
KS	730	1,230	168
MD <u>1/</u>	125	180	144
MA	150	150	100
MN	43,000	42,000	98
MO	20,500	21,000	102
NE	2,110	2,500	118
NH	20	20	100
NJ	95	90	95
NY	480	480	100
NC	62,000	61,000	98
ND	1,250	1,250	100
OH	5,200	5,200	100
OR	2,400	520	22
PA	8,800	8,600	98
SC	6,350	6,550	103
SD	2,800	2,500	89
UT	3,750	3,850	103
VA	19,300	21,000	109
WV	4,100	4,300	105
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	23,000	24,500	107
US	288,980	287,220	99

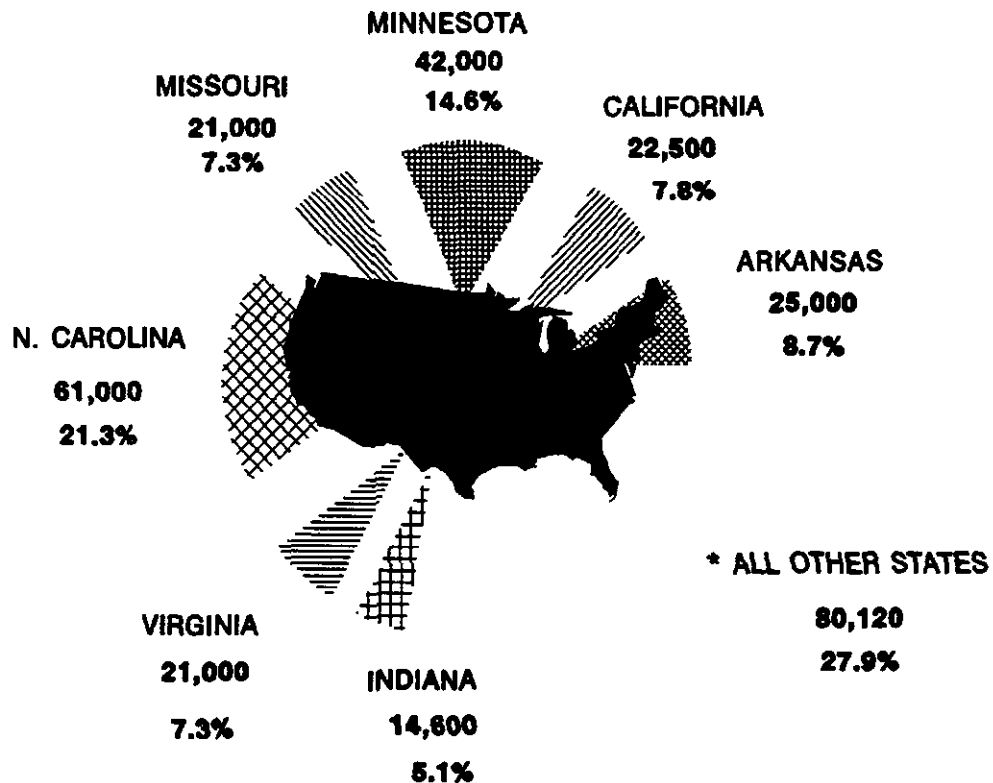
1/ Includes DE.

2/ MI, OK, TX, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Turkeys: Death Loss by Geographic Division and United States, 1991-93

Geographic Division	Young Turkeys Lost as a Percent of Total Poults Placed		
	1991	1992	1993
	Percent		
E N Cent	10	10	10
W N Cent	10	10	10
N & S Atl	9	9	9
S Cent	11	9	10
West	11	10	9
US	9.9	9.5	9.5

## Turkeys Raised, 1993 (1,000 Head)



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

**U.S. TOTAL 287,220**

Turkeys: Number Raised in 1993 and Intentions for 1994,  
Selected States and 20 State Total

State	Number		1994 as % of 1993
	1993	1994	
----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent
AR	25,000	26,000	104
CA	22,500	22,500	100
CO	4,700	4,800	102
GA	1,470	1,470	100
IN	14,600	14,900	102
IA	8,400	8,600	102
MN	42,000	40,500	96
MO	21,000	22,000	105
NC	61,000	64,000	105
ND	1,250	1,200	96
OH	5,200	5,000	96
PA	8,600	9,750	113
SC	6,550	6,400	98
SD	2,500	2,500	100
UT	3,850	3,950	103
VA	21,000	21,500	102
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	97
20 State Total:	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	102

1/ OK, OR, TX, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
2/ Other States and U.S. not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poults Placements,  
United States, 1991-93 1/ 2/

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	1991-92	1992-93		1991-92	1992-93	
----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	
Sep	21,200	21,622	102	21,200	21,622	102
Oct	21,955	21,866	100	43,155	43,488	101
Nov	22,231	22,091	99	65,368	65,579	100
Dec	24,396	24,017	98	89,782	89,596	100
Jan	25,817	24,606	95	115,599	114,202	99
Feb	25,178	25,272	100	140,777	139,474	99
Mar	27,495	27,725	101	168,272	167,199	99
Apr	27,824	28,802	104	196,096	196,001	100
May	28,492	27,945	98	224,588	223,946	100
Jun	28,648	28,405	99	253,236	252,351	100
Jul	29,293	28,616	98	282,529	280,967	99
Aug	25,480	25,968	102	308,009	306,935	100

1/ 1993 Revised.  
2/ Excludes exported poults.

## Turkeys Raised Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** Survey data for the turkeys raised estimate are collected from a list of contractors and independent growers during December. States use all known sources of producer names to ensure that the list is as complete as possible. Turkey producers are then contacted either by mail, telephone, or in person. Diligent effort is made to ensure that all operations are accounted for in the estimate.

**Estimation Procedures:** Turkeys raised 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. Placements of turkey poults from the monthly turkey hatchery survey provide the basis for the preliminary estimates published in August. Final estimates, published in January, use indications from the December growers survey in addition to updated hatchery data. Other indications for the final estimates are obtained from monthly slaughter totals and check-off data provided by individual State turkey or poultry associations.

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 estimates are based on a census of known active producers 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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