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## NO CHANGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA TURKEYS RAISED FOR 2008

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** turkeys raised during 2008 are estimated at 10,500,000, no change from 2007, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the **UNITED STATES** during 2008 is 271,000,000, down less than one percent from the number raised during 2007.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2008:

*Minnesota*, at 49.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a two percent increase from last year.

*North Carolina* ranks second with 39.0 million birds, no change from 2007.

*Arkansas* is in third place by producing 31.0 million birds, no change from a year ago.

*Virginia*, at 21.0 million birds is unchanged from 2007.

*Missouri* growers expect to produce 20.0 million birds in 2008, no change from the previous year.

*California* expects to raise 15.7 million turkeys, two percent less than a year earlier.