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SOUTH CAROLINA TURKEYS RAISED UP FROM 2006

SOUTH CAROLINA'S turkeys raised during 2007 are estimated at 10,500,000, up nine percent from 2006, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the **UNITED STATES** during 2007 is 272 million, up four percent from the number raised during 2006.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2007:

Minnesota, at 46.0 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, up four percent from 2006.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 31.0 million birds, three percent more than a year ago.

Virginia, at 21.5 million birds is unchanged from 2006.

Missouri growers expect to produce 21.0 million birds in 2007, up five percent from the previous year.

California expects to raise 16.8 million turkeys, six percent more than a year earlier.