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## INCREASE IN SOUTH CAROLINA TURKEYS RAISED FOR 2010

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** turkeys raised during 2010 are estimated at 12,200,000, up 3 percent from 2009, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the **UNITED STATES** during 2010 is 242,000,000, down 2 percent from the number raised during 2009.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2010:

*Minnesota*, at 47.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state.

*North Carolina* ranks second with 31.0 million birds, down 13 percent from last year.

*Arkansas* is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, down 3 percent from a year ago.

*Missouri* growers expect to produce 17.5 million birds in 2009, down 5 percent from last year.

*Indiana*, at 16.0 million birds is up 7 percent from 2009.

*Virginia*, at 15.5 million turkeys, is down 9 percent from last year.