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## DROP IN SOUTH CAROLINA TURKEYS RAISED FOR 2009

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** turkeys raised during 2009 are estimated at 11,700,000, down 6 percent from 2008, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the **UNITED STATES** during 2009 is 250,000,000, down 8 percent from the number raised during 2008.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2009:

*Minnesota*, at 45.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, but is down 5 percent from last year.

*North Carolina* ranks second with 37.5 million birds, down 6 percent from last year.

*Arkansas* is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, down 10 percent from a year ago.

*Missouri* growers expect to produce 21.0 million birds in 2008, no change from the previous year.

*Virginia*, at 16.4 million birds is down 9 percent from 2008.

*California* expects to raise 15.0 million turkeys, is down 6 percent from last year.