

Turkey Production Up 4 Percent in 2007

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2007 totaled 272 million birds, up 4 percent from 2006. Minnesota led with 48.0 million turkeys, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 31.0 million, Virginia with 22.0 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 16.0 million, and Indiana with 15.3 million. Together, these states accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2007. Wisconsin production numbers are included in the total U.S. production, but are not reported separately to avoid disclosing individual operations. Death loss of young turkeys as a percent of total poult placed in the U.S. was 11.6 percent, up from 11.1 percent in 2006.

Turkey producers in 23 states, which account for over 99 percent of the total turkeys raised in 2007, intend to raise 2 percent more birds in 2008. The actual number of turkeys raised in 2008 may vary from intentions, due to feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poult, and prices growers receive for turkeys during 2008.

Turkeys Raised in 2006-2007 & Intentions to Raise 2008

State	2006	2007	2008	Change
	1,000 Head			Percent
AR	30,000	31,000	32,000	+3
CA	15,800	16,000	16,600	+4
IL	2,700	2,800	2,900	+4
IN	13,800	15,300	16,200	+6
IA	8,200	8,300	8,700	+5
MI	4,600	4,800	4,800	n.c.
MN	45,000	48,000	49,000	+2
MO	20,000	20,000	21,000	+5
NC	37,500	39,000	39,000	n.c.
ND	1,800	1,900	2,000	+5
OH	5,100	5,100	5,100	n.c.
PA	10,500	11,000	11,200	+2
SC	9,600	10,500	10,900	+4
SD	4,200	4,500	4,600	+2
VA	21,500	22,000	22,500	+2
WV	3,600	3,500	3,600	+3
US*	260,950	271,689	276,600	+2

*23-state total. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO