



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Turkeys Raised  
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### **2004 NORTH DAKOTA TURKEY PRODUCTION**

#### **North Dakota**

Turkeys raised in North Dakota during 2003 totaled 1.10 million birds compared with 1.90 million in 2002, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 42 percent from 2002 and down 58 percent from the 1997 record high of 2.60 million turkeys raised. Since 1990, North Dakota turkey production ranged from a low of 1.10 million turkeys in 2003 to the 1997 record high. The 2003 production level is similar to that of the 1970's and early 1980's.

As of December 2003, producers intended to raise 1.00 million turkeys in 2004. This is down 9 percent from last year. The number of birds raised in 2004 may vary from growers' intentions. Actual production depends on feed cost, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

#### **United States**

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2003 totaled 274 million birds, up 1 percent from the 272 million raised in 2002. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 42.5 million, Arkansas and Missouri each with 26.5 million, Virginia with 23.0 million, California with 17.3 million, and South Carolina with 13.0 million. These States accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003.

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2004. These states produced over 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2003. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2003 are as follows: Minnesota down 4 percent, North Carolina down 11 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri down 4 percent, Virginia down 4 percent, California down 7 percent, and South Carolina unchanged.

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Turkeys: Number Raised in 2002 and 2003 1/

State	Number		2003 as % of 2002
	2002	2003	
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AR	29,500	26,500	90
CA	17,700	17,300	98
CT	7	5	71
DE 2/	3		
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,000	12,800	98
IA	6,800	8,500	125
MD	435	500	115
MA	68	73	107
MI	4,800	5,000	104
MN	44,000	45,000	102
MO	25,500	26,500	104
NH	5	5	100
NJ	34	33	97
NY	520	570	110
NC	45,500	42,500	93
ND	1,900	1,100	58
OH	5,400	5,500	102
PA	9,900	9,500	96
SC	9,900	13,000	131
SD	4,800	4,600	96
VT	46	52	113
VA	20,000	23,000	115
WV	3,600	4,300	119
Oth Sts 2/	26,111	25,110	96
US	272,429	274,348	101

1/ Revised.

2/ CO, DE (2003), KS, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Turkeys: Number Raised in 2003 and Intentions for 2004,  
Selected States and 23 State Total

State	Number		2004 as % of 2003
	2003	2004	
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AR	26,500	26,000	98
CA	17,300	16,100	93
IL	2,900	3,000	103
IN	12,800	12,800	100
IA	8,500	9,000	106
MI	5,000	5,000	100
MN	45,000	43,000	96
MO	26,500	25,500	96
NC	42,500	38,000	89
ND	1,100	1,000	91
OH	5,500	5,300	96
PA	9,500	9,500	100
SC	13,000	13,000	100
SD	4,600	4,500	98
VA	23,000	22,000	96
WV	4,300	4,300	100
Oth Sts 1/	25,100	23,800	95
23 State Total:	273,100	261,800	96

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