



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Turkeys Raised  
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### **2004 North Dakota Turkey Production**

#### **North Dakota**

Turkeys raised in North Dakota during 2004 totaled 1.00 million birds compared to 1.30 million in 2003, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 23 percent from 2003 and is the lowest since 1986 when 1.00 million turkeys were also raised. The record high occurred in 1997 when 2.60 million turkeys were raised.

As of December 2004, producers intended to raised 1.10 million turkeys in 2005. This is up 10 percent from turkeys raised in 2004. The number of birds raised in 2005 may vary from growers' intentions. Actual production depends of 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 2004 totaled 264 million birds, down 4 percent from the 274 million raised in 2003. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 28.5 million, Missouri with 21.5 million, Virginia with 19.7 million, California with 15.7 million, and Indiana with 13.3 million. These states accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004.

Turkey growers in 23 states intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2005. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2004. Intentions for the top seven producing states compared with 2004 are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 5 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, California down 4 percent, and Indiana up 2 percent.

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Turkeys: Number Raised in 2003 and 2004 1/

State	Number		2004 as % of 2003
	2003	2004	
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AR	30,000	28,500	95
CA	17,300	15,700	91
CT	5	5	100
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	12,800	13,300	104
IA	8,500	9,000	106
MD	500	750	150
MA	73	70	96
MI	5,000	5,000	100
MN	45,000	46,500	103
MO	23,500	21,500	91
NH	5	4	80
NJ	33	37	112
NY	570	580	102
NC	42,500	39,000	92
ND	1,300	1,000	77
OH	5,500	5,800	105
PA	9,500	12,000	126
SC	12,000	12,000	100
SD	4,600	4,500	98
VT	52	52	100
VA	23,000	19,700	86
WV	4,300	3,200	74
Oth Sts 2/	25,110	23,109	92
US	274,048	264,207	96

1/ Revised.

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

Turkeys: Number Raised in 2004 and Intentions for 2005,  
Selected States and 23 State Total

State	Number		2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005	
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AR	28,500	28,000	98
CA	15,700	15,000	96
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,300	13,600	102
IA	9,000	9,200	102
MI	5,000	5,000	100
MN	46,500	47,500	102
MO	21,500	22,500	105
NC	39,000	37,000	95
ND	1,000	1,100	110
OH	5,800	5,700	98
PA	12,000	11,800	98
SC	12,000	8,600	72
SD	4,500	4,400	98
VA	19,700	20,000	102
WV	3,200	3,200	100
Oth Sts 1/	23,100	22,100	96
23 State Total:	262,700	257,600	98

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