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West Virginia Turkeys Raised Down

West Virginia ---The **preliminary estimate of turkeys raised** in West Virginia during 2004 is 3.4 million birds, down 900,000 or 21 percent from last year.

United States ---The **preliminary estimate of turkeys raised** in the United States during 2004 is 263 million, down 4 percent from the number raised during 2003.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004:

Minnesota, at 46.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 3 percent increase from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 39.0 million birds, down 8 percent from 2003.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, 7 percent less than a year ago.

Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2004, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Virginia, at 19.0 million birds is down 17 percent from 2003.

California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 8 percent less than a year earlier.