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## West Virginia Turkeys Raised

**West Virginia** -- Turkeys raised in West Virginia during 2003 totaled 4.3 million birds, up 19 percent from 2002. Growers' intentions for 2004 are to raise the same number of birds.

**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 Plan 4 Percent Decrease in 2004

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2004. These states produced over 99% 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.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2004 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.