

Turkeys 4 Percent Higher Than 2006

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2007 totaled 272 million birds, compared with 262 million in 2006. This was an increase of 4 percent over the previous year. The ranking of the top six states did not change from 2006. Minnesota will have the highest number of turkeys raised with 46.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 31.0 million, Virginia with 21.5 million, Missouri with 21.0 million, and California with 16.8 million. These six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the U.S. during 2007. Wisconsin numbers are included in the total U.S. production, but are not reported separately, due to few operations.

Turkeys Raised

State	2006	2007	Change
	1,000 head		Percent
Arkansas	30,000	31,000	+3
California	15,800	16,800	+6
Illinois	2,700	2,800	+4
Indiana	13,800	15,400	+12
Iowa	8,200	7,800	-5
Michigan	4,600	4,200	-9
Minnesota	45,000	46,000	+2
Missouri	20,000	21,000	+5
N. Carolina	37,500	39,000	+4
N. Dakota	1,800	2,000	+11
Ohio	5,100	5,100	n.c.
Pennsylvania	10,500	10,500	n.c.
S. Carolina	9,600	10,500	+9
S. Dakota	4,200	4,600	+10
Virginia	21,500	21,500	n.c.
United States	262,460	271,676	+4

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.