



Turkeys Raised

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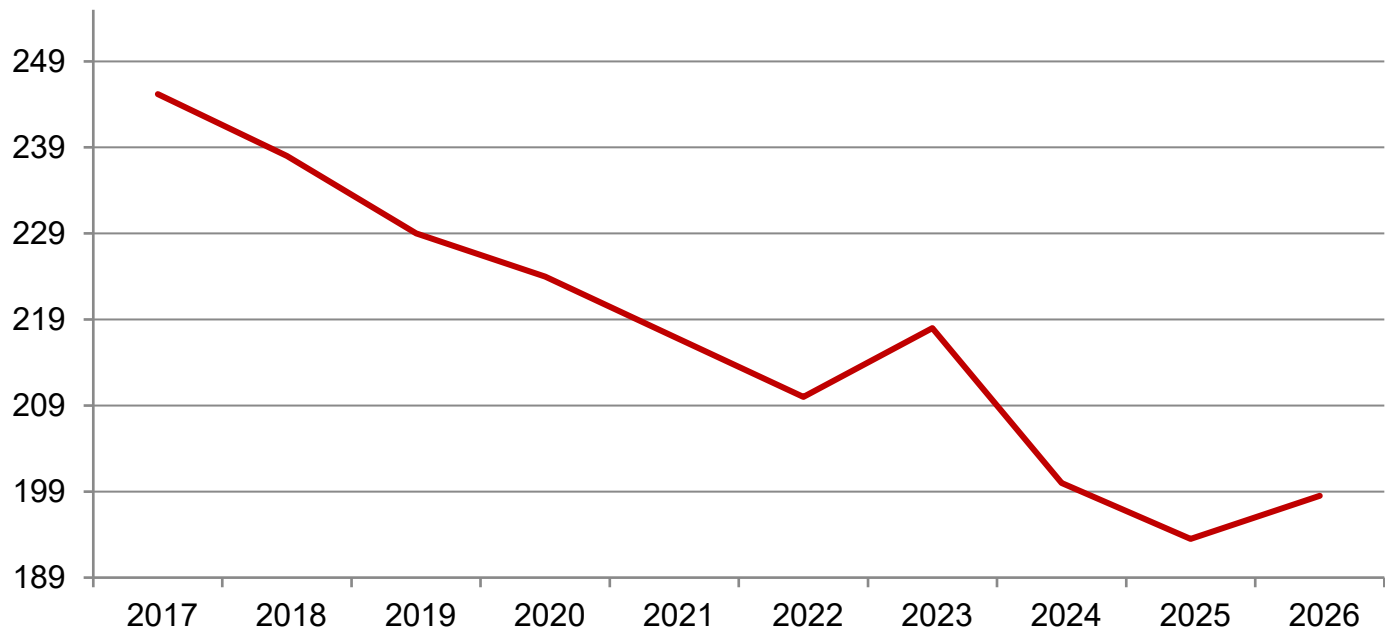
Turkeys Raised up 3 Percent from 2025

Turkeys Raised in the United States during 2026 is forecasted at 199 million, up 3 percent from the number raised during 2025.

The top six states account for 68 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2026. The largest turkey producing state is Minnesota, at 34.0 million turkeys, up 1 percent from the previous year. North Carolina produced 29.5 million turkeys, up 5 percent from a year ago. Arkansas produced 21.0 million turkeys, down 2 percent from last year. Indiana produced 20.0 million turkeys, unchanged from last year. Missouri produced 16.0 million turkeys, up 9 percent from last year. Virginia is down 5 percent from the previous year at 14.5 million turkeys.

Turkeys Raised – United States

Million head



Turkeys Raised – States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	Turkeys raised		2026 as percent of 2025
	2025	2026	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arkansas	21,500	21,000	98
California	4,300	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,000	20,000	100
Iowa	10,800	11,500	106
Michigan	4,300	4,500	105
Minnesota	33,500	34,000	101
Missouri	14,700	16,000	109
North Carolina	28,000	29,500	105
Ohio	6,200	6,300	102
Pennsylvania	7,600	8,200	108
South Dakota	1,800	1,900	106
Virginia	15,300	14,500	95
West Virginia	4,000	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	21,500	31,100	145
United States	193,500	198,500	103

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for turkeys raised estimates are collected from all known operations raising 1,000 or more turkeys annually. NASS regional offices maintain a list of all known turkey grow-out operations. Approximately 250 turkey grow-out operations are contacted in September and February. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting, mail, and telephone.

Estimating Procedures: Turkeys raised preliminary estimates include young turkeys intended for meat production and breeder turkeys reaching maturity during the marketing year. These estimates exclude turkeys lost to disease or those destroyed. Placement of turkey poults from the monthly Turkey Hatchery Survey and indications from the September Turkeys Raised Survey provide the basis for the preliminary estimates published in September. Final estimates, published in April, use indications from the February Turkeys Raised Survey in addition to updated hatchery data. Other indications for the final estimates are obtained from monthly slaughter totals and check-off data provided by state turkey or poultry associations.

Revision Policy: Estimates from the previous year are subject to revision when final raised estimates are made in April. Revisions are primarily based on updated hatchery and slaughter data. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Turkeys raised estimates are based on a census of all known turkey grow-out operations, and therefore have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, mistakes in reporting or recording, and processing of the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process, and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the “Root Mean Square Error” for number of turkeys raised is shown in the following table. The “Root Mean Square Error” is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The “Root Mean Square Error” for number of turkeys raised over the past 10 years is 1.9 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 199 million turkeys by more than 1.9 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.4 percent.

Reliability of September Turkeys Raised Estimates

[Based on data for the past ten years]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Years	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Turkeys raised	1.9	3.4	2,950	1,000	11,000	7	3

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