

**TURKEYS**  
NUMBER RAISED  
1971 INTENTIONS



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**GROWERS INTEND TO RAISE FEWER TURKEYS IN 1971**

Turkey growers intend to raise 1 percent fewer turkeys in 1971 than in 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The intended decline is in the heavy breeds, as growers intend to raise about the same number of light breeds as last year. If producers carry out present intentions, the 1971 turkey crop would total about 115 million, compared with 116 million turkeys raised in 1970 and would be 9 percent less than the record crop produced in 1967.

Growers plan to produce 102.4 million heavy breed turkeys in 1971 compared with 103.2 million last year. Heavy breed turkeys will account for about 89 percent of the total turkeys to be raised in 1971, the same as in 1970.

Producers intend to raise 12.5 million light breed turkeys in 1971. The number to be raised is slightly smaller than in 1970.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1971 may vary somewhat from the January 1, 1971 intentions of growers. Such changes may depend on reactions to this report, price of feed, supply and price of hatching eggs and poults, and prices received for turkeys during the next few months. On January 1, 1970 growers intended to produce 5 percent more turkeys in 1970 than in 1969. The number actually produced in 1970 was 9 percent more than in 1969.

Testings of all heavy breed turkeys July through December 1970 were up 12 percent from the corresponding period in 1969. The July-December testings of light breeds were up 3 percent.

The number of all turkeys tested July through December less those young banded breeders slaughtered during July-December was up 2 percent over the corresponding period in 1969.

Turkeys: Number raised 1970 and intended number to be raised in 1971, by breeds, by States

| State           | 1970    |        |            | 1971    |        |         | Total     |
|-----------------|---------|--------|------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|
|                 | Heavy   | Light  | Total      | Heavy   | Light  | Total   | turkeys   |
|                 | breeds  | breeds |            | breeds  | breeds |         | 1971 as % |
|                 |         |        | 1,000 head |         |        |         | of 1970   |
|                 |         |        |            |         |        |         | Percent   |
| Maine           | 4       | 1      | 5          | 4       | 0      | 4       | 80        |
| N. H.           | 21      | 3      | 24         | 21      | 5      | 26      | 108       |
| Vt.             | 8       | 1      | 9          | 8       | 1      | 9       | 100       |
| Mass.           | 209     | 15     | 224        | 209     | 8      | 217     | 97        |
| R. I.           | 12      | 0      | 12         | 10      | 0      | 10      | 83        |
| Conn.           | 97      | 3      | 100        | 77      | 3      | 80      | 80        |
| N. Y.           | 265     | 41     | 306        | 265     | 13     | 278     | 91        |
| N. J.           | 100     | 9      | 109        | 96      | 9      | 105     | 96        |
| Pa.             | 1,913   | 353    | 2,266      | 2,009   | 441    | 2,450   | 108       |
| Ohio            | 3,600   | 632    | 4,232      | 3,420   | 569    | 3,989   | 94        |
| Ind.            | 4,780   | 190    | 4,970      | 4,732   | 190    | 4,922   | 99        |
| Ill.            | 809     | 23     | 832        | 688     | 23     | 711     | 85        |
| Mich.           | 883     | 70     | 953        | 883     | 70     | 953     | 100       |
| Minn. & Wis.    | 15,904  | 5,851  | 21,755     | 14,860  | 5,621  | 20,481  | 94        |
| Iowa            | 6,017   | 92     | 6,109      | 5,836   | 92     | 5,928   | 97        |
| Mo.             | 1/      | 1/     | 7,967      | 1/      | 1/     | 8,781   | 110       |
| N. Dak.         | 924     | 189    | 1,113      | 915     | 187    | 1,102   | 99        |
| S. Dak.         | 432     | 689    | 1,121      | 441     | 744    | 1,185   | 106       |
| Nebr.           | 652     | 0      | 652        | 776     | 36     | 812     | 125       |
| Kans.           | 325     | 1      | 326        | 296     | 1      | 297     | 91        |
| Del.            | 4       | 111    | 115        | 4       | 111    | 115     | 100       |
| Md.             | 44      | 1      | 45         | 35      | 1      | 36      | 80        |
| Va.             | 3,482   | 1,053  | 4,535      | 3,552   | 1,580  | 5,132   | 113       |
| W. Va.          | 382     | 251    | 633        | 267     | 251    | 518     | 82        |
| N. C.           | 8,182   | 1,397  | 9,579      | 8,346   | 796    | 9,142   | 95        |
| S. C.           | 2,718   | 0      | 2,718      | 2,664   | 0      | 2,664   | 98        |
| Ga.             | 2,283   | 0      | 2,283      | 1,826   | 0      | 1,826   | 80        |
| Ky.             | 82      | 0      | 82         | 86      | 0      | 86      | 105       |
| Tenn.           | 10      | 0      | 10         | 10      | 0      | 10      | 100       |
| Ala.            | 12      | 11     | 23         | 12      | 24     | 36      | 157       |
| Miss.           | 24      | 1      | 25         | 30      | 1      | 31      | 124       |
| Ark.            | 1/      | 1/     | 7,324      | 1/      | 1/     | 7,540   | 103       |
| La.             | 3       | 0      | 3          | 3       | 0      | 3       | 100       |
| Okla.           | 1/      | 1/     | 1,347      | 1/      | 1/     | 1,441   | 107       |
| Texas           | 8,216   | 134    | 8,350      | 8,462   | 268    | 8,730   | 105       |
| Colo.           | 2,854   | 2      | 2,856      | 3,339   | 0      | 3,339   | 117       |
| Utah            | 3,946   | 0      | 3,946      | 3,749   | 0      | 3,749   | 95        |
| Nev.            |         |        |            |         |        |         |           |
| Wash.           | 425     | 190    | 615        | 514     | 217    | 731     | 119       |
| Oreg.           | 1/      | 1/     | 2,178      | 1/      | 1/     | 1,891   | 87        |
| Calif.          | 15,506  | 79     | 15,585     | 15,196  | 91     | 15,287  | 98        |
| Other States 2/ | 160     | 226    | 386        | 96      | 190    | 286     | 74        |
| U. S.           | 103,231 | 12,492 | 115,723    | 102,445 | 12,488 | 114,933 | 99        |

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Florida and Arizona.

Estimates are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.