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Turkeys Raised
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2008 Turkeys Raised

North Dakota

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in North Dakota during 2008 is 1.20 million birds, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is down 29 percent from the 1.70 million birds raised in 2007. The 2008 preliminary estimate is at the lowest level since 2005 when 1.10 million were raised.

United States

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2008 is 271 million, down slightly from the number raised during 2007.

The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2008: Minnesota, at 49.0 million turkeys, is up 2 percent from last year; North Carolina, at 39.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from last year; Arkansas, at 31.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from a year ago; Virginia, at 21.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from 2007; Missouri, at 20.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from last year; and Indiana, at 15.9 million turkeys, is up 5 percent from last year.

Turkeys Raised: Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

State	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Birds</i>	<i>1,000 Birds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Dakota	1,700	1,200	71
Minnesota	48,000	49,000	102
North Carolina	39,000	39,000	100
South Dakota	4,500	4,600	102
United States	271,685	271,084	100