

Farms reporting broilers sold decreased from 50,000 in 1954 to 42,000 in 1959; however, the number of broilers sold increased from 796 million to 1,420 million during the same period. The number of farms reporting fewer than 16,000 broilers sold decreased by over 53 percent from 1954 to 1959. Farms with 60,000 or more broilers sold increased from 1,687 in 1954 to 6,102 in 1959. These 6,102 farms, each with 60,000 or more broilers sold, accounted for almost half of all broilers sold in 1959.

Table 10.—FARMS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD BY NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD PER FARM: 1959 AND 1954

Farms reporting number of broilers sold as—	Farms reporting				Number of broilers sold	
	Total		Percent distribution		1959 (1,000)	1954 (1,000)
	1959	1954	1959	1954		
All farms, total.....	42,185	50,094	100.0	100.0	1,419,747	796,207
Under 2,000.....	953	5,541	2.3	11.1	1,150	NA
2,000 to 3,999.....	2,389	7,062	5.7	14.1	6,498	NA
4,000 to 7,999.....	4,473	9,400	10.6	18.8	25,288	NA
8,000 to 15,999.....	8,347	12,483	19.8	24.9	96,769	NA
16,000 to 59,999.....	19,921	13,921	47.2	27.8	607,369	NA
16,000 to 29,999.....	10,334	NA	24.5	NA	222,889	NA
30,000 to 59,999.....	9,587	NA	22.7	NA	384,480	NA
60,000 or more.....	6,102	1,687	14.4	3.4	682,673	NA
60,000 to 99,999.....	3,848	NA	9.1	NA	277,524	NA
100,000 or more.....	2,254	NA	5.3	NA	405,149	NA

NA Not available.

A large proportion of the broilers sold is produced on a relatively few specialized poultry farms. Only 42,000 farms reported broilers sold in 1959. Of these, 37,000, or 89 percent, were commercial poultry farms and 97 percent of all broilers

sold in 1959 were from these farms. Over 28 percent of the broilers were sold from 2,254 farms, each selling 100,000 or more broilers in 1959.

Only half as many farms reported turkeys raised in 1959 as in 1954. The number of turkeys raised in 1959 was 80.4 million compared with 61.8 million in 1954, and 36.4 million in 1949. Approximately 73,000 out of the 88,000 farms raising turkeys raised less than 50 turkeys each in 1959. (The average number of turkeys raised per farm for these farms was 9.4.) The 6,600 farms raising 1,600 or more turkeys in 1959 accounted for 96 percent of all the turkeys raised. The 2,144 farms with 10,000 or more turkeys raised in 1959 accounted for 70 percent of all turkeys raised and the average number of turkeys raised per farm for these farms was over 26,000.

Table 11.—FARMS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF TURKEYS RAISED FOR ALL FARMS CLASSIFIED BY NUMBER RAISED: 1959 AND 1949

Farms reporting number of turkeys raised as—	Farms reporting				Number raised	
	Total		Percent distribution		1959 (1,000)	1949 (1,000)
	1959	1949	1959	1949		
All farms, total.....	88,399	162,244	100.0	100.0	80,396	36,438
Under 50.....	72,910	121,036	82.5	74.6	685	NA
50 to 399.....	6,667	27,367	7.5	16.9	793	NA
400 to 799.....	1,035	4,132	1.2	2.5	550	NA
800 to 1,599.....	1,191	3,566	1.3	2.2	1,370	NA
1,600 or more.....	6,596	6,143	7.5	3.8	76,998	NA
1,600 to 3,199.....	1,476	NA	1.7	NA	3,565	NA
3,200 to 9,999.....	2,976	NA	3.4	NA	17,148	NA
10,000 or more.....	2,144	NA	2.4	NA	56,285	NA

NA Not available.