



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent from Last Year

**August 2021** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**August 2022** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during August 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.72 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in August 2021. The July 2022 revised certified total at 4.13 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from July 2021. The July revision represented an increase of 1.23 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during August 2022 was 6.23 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 5.85 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.58 billion pounds, up 8 percent from August 2021. Mature chickens, at 75.2 million pounds, were up 10 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 560 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.8 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during August 2022 averaged 6.48 pounds per bird, up slightly from August 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 7.30 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2022 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from August 2021.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during August 2022 totaled 14.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 26.5 million pounds, were 0.56 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.62 percent a year earlier.

## Poultry Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	August 2022 as % of		January to August		2022 as percent of 2021
				August 2021	July 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	799,291	758,278	860,703	108	114	6,129,195	6,241,927	102
Mature .....	9,871	8,993	10,301	104	115	77,810	76,410	98
Light .....	3,012	2,330	2,503	83	107	24,537	21,382	87
Heavy .....	6,859	6,663	7,798	114	117	53,273	55,028	103
Total .....	809,162	767,271	871,004	108	114	6,207,005	6,318,337	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	18,573	15,905	18,190	98	114	141,136	136,651	97
Old .....	182	135	140	77	104	1,148	1,014	88
Total .....	18,755	16,040	18,330	98	114	142,284	137,665	97
Ducks .....	2,167	1,927	2,273	105	118	15,709	17,513	111
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5,170,892	4,872,579	5,575,339	108	114	39,462,520	40,187,460	102
Mature .....	68,233	64,352	75,213	110	117	527,136	533,812	101
Light .....	10,248	8,168	8,794	86	108	84,947	74,149	87
Heavy .....	57,985	56,184	66,419	115	118	442,189	459,663	104
Total .....	5,239,125	4,936,931	5,650,552	108	114	39,989,656	40,721,272	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	588,402	488,099	556,245	95	114	4,626,878	4,333,202	94
Old .....	5,603	4,212	4,106	73	97	34,760	31,225	90
Total .....	594,005	492,311	560,351	94	114	4,661,638	4,364,427	94
Ducks .....	14,646	13,339	15,804	108	118	109,039	123,047	113
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	335	385	537	160	139	1,698	2,038	120
Total .....	5,848,111	5,442,966	6,227,244	106	114	44,762,031	45,210,784	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.47	6.43	6.48	100	101	6.44	6.44	100
Mature .....	6.91	7.16	7.30	106	102	6.77	6.99	103
Light .....	3.40	3.51	3.51	103	100	3.46	3.47	100
Heavy .....	8.45	8.43	8.52	101	101	8.30	8.35	101
Total .....	6.47	6.43	6.49	100	101	6.44	6.44	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	31.68	30.69	30.58	97	100	32.78	31.71	97
Old .....	30.79	31.20	29.33	95	94	30.28	30.79	102
Total .....	31.67	30.69	30.57	97	100	32.76	31.70	97
Ducks .....	6.76	6.92	6.95	103	100	6.94	7.03	101

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	August 2022 as % of		January to August		2022 as percent of 2021
				August 2021	July 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,628,263	3,449,185	3,912,078	108	113	27,743,904	28,368,907	102
Mature .....	46,953	45,709	53,483	114	117	361,819	377,212	104
Light .....	5,386	4,320	4,709	87	109	43,792	39,148	89
Heavy .....	41,567	41,389	48,774	117	118	318,027	338,064	106
Total .....	3,675,216	3,494,894	3,965,561	108	113	28,105,723	28,746,119	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	285,651	240,316	277,741	97	116	2,269,800	2,130,840	94
Old .....	4,178	2,490	2,620	63	105	25,835	20,586	80
Total .....	289,829	242,806	280,361	97	115	2,295,635	2,151,426	94
Ducks .....	3,987	4,313	5,000	125	116	26,688	35,072	131
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	112	179	145	129	81	953	1,028	108
Total .....	3,969,144	3,742,192	4,251,067	107	114	30,428,999	30,933,645	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	273,749	235,631	292,012	107	124	2,033,686	1,968,452	97
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	273,749	235,631	292,012	107	124	2,033,686	1,968,452	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	184,342	150,343	168,011	91	112	1,425,421	1,337,025	94
Old .....	58	764	608	1,048	80	511	3,416	668
Total .....	184,400	151,107	168,619	91	112	1,425,932	1,340,441	94
Ducks .....	6,711	5,364	6,497	97	121	53,259	54,531	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	101	69	196	194	284	176	322	183
Total .....	464,961	392,171	467,324	101	119	3,513,053	3,363,746	96
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,902,012	3,684,816	4,204,090	108	114	29,777,590	30,337,359	102
Mature .....	46,953	45,709	53,483	114	117	361,819	377,212	104
Light .....	5,386	4,320	4,709	87	109	43,792	39,148	89
Heavy .....	41,567	41,389	48,774	117	118	318,027	338,064	106
Total .....	3,948,965	3,730,525	4,257,573	108	114	30,139,409	30,714,571	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	469,993	390,659	445,752	95	114	3,695,221	3,467,865	94
Old .....	4,236	3,254	3,228	76	99	26,346	24,002	91
Total .....	474,229	393,913	448,980	95	114	3,721,567	3,491,867	94
Ducks .....	10,698	9,677	11,497	107	119	79,947	89,603	112
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	213	248	341	160	138	1,129	1,350	120
Total .....	4,434,105	4,134,363	4,718,391	106	114	33,942,052	34,297,391	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	August 2022 as % of		January to August		2022 as percent of 2021
				August 2021	July 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	11,173	11,300	11,779	105	104	80,416	85,409	106
Mature .....	724	905	1,018	141	112	5,313	7,151	135
Light .....	71	71	88	124	124	785	704	90
Heavy .....	653	834	930	142	112	4,528	6,447	142
Total .....	11,897	12,205	12,797	108	105	85,729	92,560	108
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	2,039	1,830	1,652	81	90	14,654	13,870	95
Old .....	42	47	27	64	57	355	274	77
Total .....	2,081	1,877	1,679	81	89	15,009	14,144	94
Ducks .....	96	98	99	103	101	587	688	117
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	14,075	14,180	14,576	104	103	101,326	107,393	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.23	0.21	95	91	0.20	0.21	105
Mature .....	1.06	1.41	1.35	127	96	1.01	1.34	133
Light .....	0.69	0.87	1.00	145	115	0.92	0.95	103
Heavy .....	1.13	1.48	1.40	124	95	1.02	1.40	137
Total .....	0.23	0.25	0.23	100	92	0.21	0.23	110
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.35	0.37	0.30	86	81	0.32	0.32	100
Old .....	0.75	1.12	0.66	88	59	1.02	0.88	86
Total .....	0.35	0.38	0.30	86	79	0.32	0.32	100
Ducks .....	0.66	0.73	0.63	95	86	0.54	0.56	104
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.26	0.23	96	88	0.23	0.24	104

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	August 2022 as % of		January to August		2022 as percent of 2021
				August 2021	July 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	18,789	16,900	19,101	102	113	150,281	150,266	100
Mature .....	2,223	1,434	1,762	79	123	16,518	12,517	76
Light .....	446	305	297	67	97	3,623	2,896	80
Heavy .....	1,777	1,129	1,465	82	130	12,895	9,621	75
Total .....	21,012	18,334	20,863	99	114	166,799	162,783	98
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,229	4,784	5,270	85	110	47,599	41,754	88
Old .....	177	127	139	79	109	1,075	1,121	104
Total .....	6,406	4,911	5,409	84	110	48,674	42,875	88
Ducks .....	234	218	271	116	124	1,577	1,875	119
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	5	4	6	120	150	20	27	135
Total .....	27,657	23,467	26,549	96	113	217,070	207,560	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.48	0.46	0.45	94	98	0.50	0.49	98
Mature .....	4.52	3.04	3.19	71	105	4.37	3.21	73
Light .....	7.65	6.59	5.93	78	90	7.64	6.89	90
Heavy .....	4.10	2.66	2.92	71	110	3.90	2.77	71
Total .....	0.53	0.49	0.49	92	100	0.55	0.53	96
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.31	1.21	1.17	89	97	1.27	1.19	94
Old .....	4.01	3.76	4.13	103	110	3.92	4.46	114
Total .....	1.33	1.23	1.19	89	97	1.29	1.21	94
Ducks .....	2.14	2.20	2.30	107	105	1.93	2.05	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2.29	1.59	1.73	76	109	1.74	1.96	113
Total .....	0.62	0.56	0.56	90	100	0.64	0.60	94

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: July and August 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	291	283	81,001	90,545
Mature .....	-	-	52	73	35,068	34,156
Light .....	-	-	28	67	29,914	28,130
Heavy .....	-	-	24	6	5,154	6,026
Total .....	-	-	343	356	116,069	124,701
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	58	86	5,004	4,791
Old .....	-	-	11	5	712	611
Total .....	-	-	69	91	5,716	5,402
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	70,524	67,783	627	492	2,566	2,495
Mature .....	9,779	10,147	109	111	23,212	21,271
Light .....	2,919	3,302	32	19	18,924	16,278
Heavy .....	6,860	6,845	77	92	4,288	4,993
Total .....	80,303	77,930	736	603	25,778	23,766
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,309	1,118	53	25	67	47
Old .....	476	503	8	14	233	186
Total .....	1,785	1,621	61	39	300	233
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	3,846	3,772	1,763	1,688	51,752	49,966
Mature .....	1,786	1,494	263	296	20,177	22,420
Light .....	759	475	245	232	17,525	20,115
Heavy .....	1,027	1,019	18	64	2,652	2,305
Total .....	5,632	5,266	2,026	1,984	71,929	72,386
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	55	68	134	170	568	960
Old .....	8	12	38	59	138	90
Total .....	63	80	172	229	706	1,050
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	15,469	18,247	224,724	215,814	1,316,419	1,530,422
Mature .....	533	151	29,787	27,217	25,835	33,605
Light .....	50	64	22,967	20,286	-	-
Heavy .....	483	87	6,820	6,931	25,835	33,605
Total .....	16,002	18,398	254,511	243,031	1,342,254	1,564,027
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	44	60	2,528	3,587	42,836	45,855
Old .....	9	2	96	425	171	167
Total .....	53	62	2,624	4,012	43,007	46,022

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

<sup>2</sup> Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

## Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: July and August 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	94,437	109,581	528,702	612,088	5.60	5.59
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	78,001	92,582	529,192	642,933	6.78	6.94
California .....	22,357	23,613	132,280	139,163	5.92	5.89
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	29,593	33,032	223,765	250,729	7.56	7.59
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	104,066	112,410	626,441	679,935	6.02	6.05
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	61	63	387	397	6.29	6.29
Indiana .....	6,248	6,724	29,282	31,847	4.69	4.74
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	22,868	25,170	153,078	164,539	6.69	6.54
Louisiana .....	13,288	15,674	94,319	110,241	7.10	7.03
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	11,574	13,394	75,111	85,043	6.49	6.35
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	57,279	63,988	364,803	412,465	6.37	6.45
Missouri .....	33,462	38,181	187,665	214,291	5.61	5.61
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	153	159	753	793	4.92	4.99
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,495	2,860	12,205	14,290	4.89	5.00
North Carolina .....	74,159	86,469	607,364	719,965	8.19	8.33
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	10,837	11,760	48,654	52,524	4.49	4.47
Oklahoma .....	10,962	12,944	72,923	92,176	6.65	7.12
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	11,318	13,153	65,969	74,845	5.83	5.69
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,004	26,921	179,768	201,419	7.49	7.48
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	29,258	33,233	174,014	200,209	5.95	6.02
Texas .....	57,594	67,179	389,942	455,293	6.77	6.78
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	26,722	30,057	169,802	192,383	6.35	6.40
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	758,278	860,703	4,872,579	5,575,339	6.43	6.48

- Represents zero.

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

# Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	405,716	467,736	1,944	2,101	0.48	0.45
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	397,516	484,067	1,277	1,518	0.32	0.31
California .....	99,720	104,716	1,054	787	1.05	0.75
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	172,582	193,219	636	641	0.37	0.33
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	473,631	515,075	2,676	2,842	0.56	0.55
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	288	295	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	21,350	23,149	87	104	0.40	0.45
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	115,671	124,037	640	732	0.55	0.59
Louisiana .....	71,661	83,578	244	371	0.34	0.44
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	56,158	63,411	329	322	0.58	0.50
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	273,691	302,818	852	1,107	0.31	0.36
Missouri .....	137,730	157,212	500	525	0.36	0.33
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	554	591	8	8	1.41	1.31
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,432	8,665	93	105	1.24	1.20
North Carolina .....	466,959	551,590	1,641	1,970	0.35	0.36
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	36,453	39,147	250	285	0.68	0.72
Oklahoma .....	54,685	69,080	148	180	0.27	0.26
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	45,623	51,462	618	972	1.34	1.85
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	135,774	151,891	813	895	0.60	0.59
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	127,998	147,516	546	637	0.42	0.43
Texas .....	302,260	349,553	1,130	1,325	0.37	0.38
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	127,597	145,272	255	300	0.20	0.21
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,684,816	4,204,090	16,900	19,101	0.46	0.45

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: July and August 2022

[Published States do not add to United States total to avoid disclosure]

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	41	27	6,502	7,371
Arkansas .....	-	-	-	-	50	119
Delaware .....	-	-	37	53	12,820	11,572
Georgia .....	-	-	2	1	12,730	11,477
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
Texas .....	-	-	3	19	6,447	7,235
Virginia .....	-	-	3	3	4,146	4,098
United States .....	-	-	291	283	81,001	90,545
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	2,591	2,902	27	5	129	146
Arkansas .....	98	317	5	4	-	-
Delaware .....	4,555	3,161	10	61	59	107
Georgia .....	28,312	20,795	31	35	521	582
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	1	1	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	2,751	3,066	14	30	221	212
Virginia .....	2,268	1,458	3	5	100	58
United States .....	70,524	67,783	627	492	2,566	2,495
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	335	359	343	314	9,370	7,081
Arkansas .....	5	2	1	-	70	47
Delaware .....	239	245	177	161	1,918	1,882
Georgia .....	874	742	541	433	5,780	5,164
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	93	83	11	3	511	616
Virginia .....	323	267	29	52	506	557
United States .....	3,846	3,772	1,763	1,688	51,752	49,966
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	481	439	29,573	30,492	156,374	164,085
Arkansas .....	10	21	141	141	90,379	104,029
Delaware .....	917	994	2,672	1,241	11,407	9,252
Georgia .....	10,091	12,627	102,144	73,083	163,776	186,291
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	98,059	139,237
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	121,622	137,470
Texas .....	593	1,111	1,807	3,309	77,085	82,474
Virginia .....	463	30	3,975	3,228	57,188	59,080
United States .....	15,469	18,247	224,724	215,814	1,316,419	1,530,422

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

<sup>2</sup> Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

## Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: July and August 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	2	1	50	39	30.53	30.41
Indiana .....	1,830	2,072	71,113	78,524	38.85	37.90
Iowa .....	1,034	1,111	42,799	44,174	41.41	39.75
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	2,803	3,492	73,143	91,452	26.09	26.19
Mississippi .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Missouri .....	449	570	9,439	12,080	21.02	21.20
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	18	9	379	181	20.78	19.83
North Carolina .....	1,538	1,880	56,059	67,054	36.45	35.67
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	522	621	24,173	28,637	46.32	46.10
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	526	726	15,000	19,892	28.51	27.41
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	87	128	3,709	5,727	42.40	44.72
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	4	2	110	67	30.60	30.41
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	214	273	8,790	11,667	41.04	42.67
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	15,905	18,190	488,099	556,245	30.69	30.58

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	40	32	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	57,054	63,260	805	845	1.39	1.32
Iowa .....	33,852	35,065	452	560	1.32	1.57
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	58,841	73,334	706	855	1.19	1.15
Mississippi .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri .....	7,795	9,963	67	102	0.85	1.01
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	242	119	7	3	2.83	2.33
North Carolina .....	44,394	53,101	241	320	0.54	0.60
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,306	22,885	268	321	1.37	1.38
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	11,836	15,773	227	263	1.88	1.64
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	2,985	4,619	40	60	1.32	1.29
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	88	54	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	6,925	9,202	134	164	1.90	1.75
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	390,659	445,752	4,784	5,270	1.21	1.17

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(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations:** Birds federally condemned prior to entry into the slaughter plant which includes Dead-On-Arrival (DOA) and condemned for other causes.

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Certified Ready-to-Cook:** The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

**Ducks:** Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

**Mature Chickens:** Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Old Turkeys:** Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

**Post-Mortem Condemnations:** Carcasses or parts of birds condemned includes federally inspected and establishment sorted because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Young Chickens:** Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

**Young Turkeys:** Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

## Statistical Methodology

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 349 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2021. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 31 States.

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