



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 5 Percent from Last Year

September 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

September 2023 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2023 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.28 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the amount certified in September 2022. The August 2023 revised certified total at 4.71 billion pounds, down slightly from August 2022. The August revision represented an increase of 1.54 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2023 was 5.63 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 5.91 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.01 billion pounds, down 5 percent from September 2022. Mature chickens, at 61.2 million pounds, were down 15 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 541 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.6 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2023 averaged 6.61 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2022. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.91 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2023 averaged 31.6 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from September 2022.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2023 totaled 11.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 23.2 million pounds, were 0.54 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.55 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of		January to September		2023 as percent of 2022
				September 2022	August 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	806,793	851,241	758,417	94	89	7,050,713	7,066,838	100
Mature	10,066	10,466	8,852	88	85	86,753	89,747	103
Light	2,746	3,010	2,548	93	85	24,128	25,801	107
Heavy	7,320	7,456	6,304	86	85	62,625	63,946	102
Total	816,859	861,707	767,269	94	89	7,137,466	7,156,585	100
Turkeys								
Young	17,036	19,801	16,975	100	86	153,691	159,569	104
Old	152	150	168	111	112	1,166	1,496	128
Total	17,188	19,951	17,143	100	86	154,857	161,065	104
Ducks	2,253	2,422	2,331	103	96	19,788	20,941	106
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,295,606	5,498,114	5,014,995	95	91	45,492,443	46,003,466	101
Mature	71,954	73,578	61,175	85	83	608,076	624,402	103
Light	9,669	10,702	8,922	92	83	83,818	90,684	108
Heavy	62,285	62,876	52,253	84	83	524,258	533,718	102
Total	5,367,560	5,571,692	5,076,170	95	91	46,100,519	46,627,868	101
Turkeys								
Young	518,659	608,542	536,106	103	88	4,852,104	5,106,922	105
Old	4,823	4,690	4,955	103	106	36,048	44,963	125
Total	523,482	613,232	541,061	103	88	4,888,152	5,151,885	105
Ducks	15,653	16,699	16,572	106	99	138,850	148,371	107
Other ¹	562	393	351	62	89	2,600	2,253	87
Total	5,907,257	6,202,016	5,634,154	95	91	51,130,121	51,930,377	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.56	6.46	6.61	101	102	6.45	6.51	101
Mature	7.15	7.03	6.91	97	98	7.01	6.96	99
Light	3.52	3.56	3.50	99	98	3.47	3.51	101
Heavy	8.51	8.43	8.29	97	98	8.37	8.35	100
Total	6.57	6.47	6.62	101	102	6.46	6.52	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.44	30.73	31.58	104	103	31.57	32.00	101
Old	31.73	31.27	29.49	93	94	30.92	30.06	97
Total	30.46	30.74	31.56	104	103	31.57	31.99	101
Ducks	6.95	6.89	7.11	102	103	7.02	7.09	101

¹ Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of		January to September		2023 as percent of 2022
				September 2022	August 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,710,676	3,887,953	3,534,367	95	91	32,086,470	32,456,267	101
Mature	50,685	51,082	42,384	84	83	429,699	436,189	102
Light	5,022	5,658	4,730	94	84	44,170	47,858	108
Heavy	45,663	45,424	37,654	82	83	385,529	388,331	101
Total	3,761,361	3,939,035	3,576,751	95	91	32,516,169	32,892,456	101
Turkeys								
Young	246,654	308,284	271,939	110	88	2,377,670	2,577,549	108
Old	3,172	3,390	3,678	116	108	23,758	29,756	125
Total	249,826	311,674	275,617	110	88	2,401,428	2,607,305	109
Ducks	4,489	4,798	5,203	116	108	39,566	37,264	94
Other ¹	146	123	131	90	107	1,174	1,148	98
Total	4,015,822	4,255,630	3,857,702	96	91	34,958,337	35,538,173	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	289,856	268,706	257,079	89	96	2,258,308	2,302,719	102
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	289,856	268,706	257,079	89	96	2,258,308	2,302,719	102
Turkeys								
Young	170,170	177,353	153,993	90	87	1,507,195	1,499,004	99
Old	557	188	150	27	80	3,973	4,835	122
Total	170,727	177,541	154,143	90	87	1,511,168	1,503,839	100
Ducks	6,956	7,419	7,054	101	95	61,600	70,723	115
Other ¹	204	132	97	48	73	526	398	76
Total	467,743	453,798	418,373	89	92	3,831,602	3,877,679	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	4,000,532	4,156,659	3,791,446	95	91	34,344,778	34,758,986	101
Mature	50,685	51,082	42,384	84	83	429,699	436,189	102
Light	5,022	5,658	4,730	94	84	44,170	47,858	108
Heavy	45,663	45,424	37,654	82	83	385,529	388,331	101
Total	4,051,217	4,207,741	3,833,830	95	91	34,774,477	35,195,175	101
Turkeys								
Young	416,824	485,637	425,932	102	88	3,884,865	4,076,553	105
Old	3,729	3,578	3,828	103	107	27,731	34,591	125
Total	420,553	489,215	429,760	102	88	3,912,596	4,111,144	105
Ducks	11,445	12,217	12,257	107	100	101,166	107,987	107
Other ¹	350	255	228	65	89	1,700	1,546	91
Total	4,483,565	4,709,428	4,276,075	95	91	38,789,939	39,415,852	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of		January to September		2023 as percent of 2022
				September 2022	August 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,575	11,978	9,404	89	79	95,816	91,282	95
Mature	864	925	584	68	63	8,050	7,430	92
Light	107	100	47	44	47	811	802	99
Heavy	757	825	537	71	65	7,239	6,628	92
Total	11,439	12,903	9,988	87	77	103,866	98,712	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,410	2,149	1,578	112	73	15,281	15,440	101
Old	26	43	27	104	63	300	318	106
Total	1,436	2,192	1,605	112	73	15,581	15,758	101
Ducks	77	121	109	142	90	766	835	109
Total ¹	12,954	15,217	11,703	90	77	120,216	115,308	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.22	0.19	95	86	0.21	0.20	95
Mature	1.20	1.26	0.95	79	75	1.32	1.19	90
Light	1.11	0.93	0.53	48	57	0.97	0.88	91
Heavy	1.22	1.31	1.03	84	79	1.38	1.24	90
Total	0.21	0.23	0.20	95	87	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.35	0.29	107	83	0.31	0.30	97
Old	0.54	0.92	0.54	100	59	0.83	0.71	86
Total	0.27	0.36	0.30	111	83	0.32	0.31	97
Ducks	0.49	0.72	0.66	135	92	0.55	0.56	102
Total ¹	0.22	0.25	0.21	95	84	0.24	0.22	92

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² 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	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of		January to September		2023 as percent of 2022
				September 2022	August 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	18,184	17,951	15,843	87	88	168,507	165,682	98
Mature	1,648	1,897	1,525	93	80	14,183	16,397	116
Light	382	427	347	91	81	3,278	3,727	114
Heavy	1,266	1,470	1,178	93	80	10,905	12,670	116
Total	19,832	19,848	17,368	88	88	182,690	182,079	100
Turkeys								
Young	4,751	6,059	5,485	115	91	46,508	48,729	105
Old	166	156	147	89	94	1,287	1,639	127
Total	4,917	6,215	5,632	115	91	47,795	50,368	105
Ducks	231	207	194	84	94	2,107	1,983	94
Other ¹	6	4	5	83	125	33	28	85
Total	24,986	26,274	23,199	93	88	232,625	234,458	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.45	0.43	0.42	93	98	0.49	0.47	96
Mature	3.15	3.58	3.47	110	97	3.20	3.62	113
Light	7.07	7.02	6.83	97	97	6.91	7.22	104
Heavy	2.70	3.13	3.03	112	97	2.75	3.16	115
Total	0.49	0.47	0.45	92	96	0.52	0.51	98
Turkeys								
Young	1.13	1.23	1.27	112	103	1.18	1.18	100
Old	4.26	4.18	3.70	87	89	4.44	4.52	102
Total	1.16	1.25	1.29	111	103	1.21	1.21	100
Ducks	1.98	1.67	1.56	79	93	2.04	1.80	88
Other ¹	1.69	1.54	2.15	127	140	1.90	1.78	94
Total	0.55	0.55	0.54	98	98	0.60	0.59	98

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: August and September 2023

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	311	166	81,513	69,986
Mature	-	-	117	99	60,880	45,701
Light	-	-	95	95	52,076	36,510
Heavy	-	-	22	4	8,804	9,191
Total	-	-	428	265	142,393	115,687
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	41	25	5,095	6,395
Old	-	-	6	3	711	530
Total	-	-	47	28	5,806	6,925
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	57,360	52,397	662	702	2,400	1,774
Mature	11,078	11,010	175	138	28,215	16,991
Light	2,989	4,333	49	21	23,280	13,474
Heavy	8,089	6,677	126	117	4,935	3,517
Total	68,438	63,407	837	840	30,615	18,765
Turkeys						
Young	1,373	1,726	27	114	126	72
Old	334	497	-	1	227	179
Total	1,707	2,223	27	115	353	251
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	3,995	3,341	1,444	922	40,892	33,026
Mature	3,861	4,107	213	108	18,400	15,810
Light	3,027	3,264	196	86	17,100	14,947
Heavy	834	843	17	22	1,300	863
Total	7,856	7,448	1,657	1,030	59,292	48,836
Turkeys						
Young	99	156	473	425	824	887
Old	2	2	-	5	130	94
Total	101	158	473	430	954	981
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	9,864	4,089	122,228	91,556	1,766,546	1,479,564
Mature	102	50	30,381	27,178	25,639	22,375
Light	79	43	21,207	17,393	-	-
Heavy	23	7	9,174	9,785	25,639	22,375
Total	9,966	4,139	152,609	118,734	1,792,185	1,501,939
Turkeys						
Young	105	110	3,652	4,302	58,103	58,329
Old	4	10	35	31	326	181
Total	109	120	3,687	4,333	58,429	58,510

- Represents zero.

¹ 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.

² 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: August and September 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	106,540	94,270	585,246	528,313	5.49	5.60
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	90,951	81,107	630,844	590,595	6.94	7.28
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	32,849	30,294	251,519	232,912	7.66	7.69
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	113,049	101,191	693,263	630,502	6.13	6.23
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	71	68	453	436	6.34	6.41
Indiana	7,001	6,108	32,085	28,794	4.58	4.71
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,642	22,058	160,284	145,117	6.25	6.58
Louisiana	15,665	12,798	103,332	84,323	6.60	6.59
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,789	11,738	78,857	75,239	6.17	6.41
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	62,187	57,072	401,466	383,590	6.46	6.72
Missouri	37,074	32,771	209,655	184,538	5.66	5.63
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	10,680	9,804	66,333	62,691	6.21	6.39
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	337	211	1,882	1,170	5.58	5.55
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,881	2,634	14,836	13,417	5.15	5.09
North Carolina	84,722	75,528	711,138	641,447	8.39	8.49
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	11,851	10,792	53,983	50,081	4.56	4.64
Oklahoma	11,697	10,376	82,245	76,741	7.03	7.40
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	14,330	12,784	83,505	75,438	5.83	5.90
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,640	24,490	200,537	185,702	7.53	7.58
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	35,398	29,539	211,742	175,862	5.98	5.95
Texas	65,073	57,386	433,995	395,064	6.67	6.88
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,181	24,389	179,623	165,680	6.61	6.79
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	851,241	758,417	5,498,114	5,014,995	6.46	6.61

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	448,974	406,721	1,733	1,475	0.38	0.36
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	474,752	444,200	1,817	1,693	0.38	0.38
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	194,519	180,532	757	789	0.39	0.44
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	521,763	473,695	2,612	2,362	0.50	0.50
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	338	325	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	23,360	20,956	184	142	0.78	0.67
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	120,892	109,397	511	379	0.42	0.34
Louisiana	77,486	62,912	311	249	0.40	0.39
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	58,645	56,226	336	318	0.57	0.56
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	300,806	286,590	1,166	960	0.39	0.33
Missouri	154,279	135,570	599	568	0.39	0.42
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	50,265	47,782	398	291	0.79	0.61
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	1,383	863	30	22	2.12	2.51
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	9,078	8,297	142	104	1.54	1.24
North Carolina	547,806	493,415	1,575	1,478	0.29	0.30
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	40,489	37,464	199	196	0.49	0.52
Oklahoma	61,655	57,639	166	170	0.27	0.29
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	58,943	53,659	874	687	1.46	1.26
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	151,247	139,971	921	815	0.61	0.58
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	156,539	130,089	363	254	0.23	0.20
Texas	334,570	304,477	987	849	0.29	0.28
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	136,774	126,053	400	401	0.29	0.32
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	4,156,659	3,791,446	17,951	15,843	0.43	0.42

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: August and September 2023

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	43	19	7,897	6,655
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	176	246
Delaware	-	-	7	4	11,559	10,876
Georgia	-	-	-	-	12,544	9,059
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	1	-
Texas	-	-	1	-	6,555	7,070
Virginia	-	-	3	1	1,094	926
United States	-	-	311	166	81,513	69,986

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	2,301	2,109	10	10	130	102
Arkansas	321	552	6	21	-	1
Delaware	3,849	2,952	25	8	46	37
Georgia	13,892	9,944	22	16	455	320
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	1	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	3,367	4,852	18	8	317	214
Virginia	200	69	2	3	16	7
United States	57,360	52,397	662	702	2,400	1,774

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	428	353	117	103	3,855	3,117
Arkansas	7	11	1	-	99	100
Delaware	454	374	10	34	2,670	2,629
Georgia	627	273	454	236	3,130	1,575
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	1	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	90	55	-	-	512	413
Virginia	14	17	15	10	388	179
United States	3,995	3,341	1,444	922	40,892	33,026

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	2,416	452	6,406	5,082	144,453	130,400
Arkansas	7	11	128	249	159,009	140,355
Delaware	124	359	1,416	1,683	7,125	6,872
Georgia	3,957	206	17,114	9,872	181,097	182,578
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	186,811	132,330
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	114,005	107,097
Texas	782	486	2,063	1,243	109,021	75,978
Virginia	619	617	4,546	4,739	173,079	134,424
United States	9,864	4,089	122,228	91,556	1,766,546	1,479,564

- Represents zero.

¹ 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.

² 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: August and September 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(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	1	1	16	44	23.52	30.55
Indiana	2,038	1,826	83,555	73,360	41.00	40.19
Iowa	1,268	1,069	53,503	46,632	42.21	43.62
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	444	437	18,776	18,421	42.28	42.18
Minnesota	4,106	3,335	107,217	89,874	26.11	26.95
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,993	1,845	73,289	65,676	36.78	35.59
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	621	536	28,657	25,342	46.11	47.24
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	660	773	19,113	20,792	28.95	26.91
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	437	351	16,052	15,364	36.76	43.80
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	4	-	113	-	31.59
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	293	242	12,856	10,592	43.87	43.69
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,801	16,975	608,542	536,106	30.73	31.58

- Represents zero.

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

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(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	12	34	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	67,179	58,851	951	899	1.40	1.51
Iowa	42,215	36,616	709	521	1.65	1.40
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	14,552	14,277	223	204	1.51	1.41
Minnesota	85,921	72,110	1,062	781	1.22	1.07
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	58,455	51,791	313	282	0.53	0.54
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,904	20,264	337	287	1.45	1.40
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,073	16,705	259	329	1.69	1.93
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	12,933	12,386	169	161	1.29	1.28
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	89	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	10,181	8,383	125	113	1.21	1.33
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	485,637	425,932	6,059	5,485	1.23	1.27

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² 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 347 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2022. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 32 States.

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