



Poultry Slaughter

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Poultry certified wholesome during February 2023 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.05 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in February 2022. The January 2023 revised certified total at 4.48 billion pounds, was 7 percent from January 2022. The January revision represented an increase of 11.7 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2023 was 5.34 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.22 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.74 billion pounds, up 3 percent from February 2022. Mature chickens, at 61.7 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 524 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.5 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2023 averaged 6.49 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2022. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.92 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2023 averaged 32.8 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from February 2022.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2023 totaled 12.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 25.7 million pounds, were 0.63 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	February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	February 2023 as % of		January to February		2023 as percent of 2022
				February 2022	January 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	714,577	804,096	730,074	102	91	1,470,567	1,534,170	104
Mature	8,632	9,633	8,923	103	93	17,874	18,556	104
Light	2,395	2,744	2,713	113	99	5,332	5,457	102
Heavy	6,237	6,889	6,210	100	90	12,542	13,099	104
Total	723,209	813,729	738,997	102	91	1,488,441	1,552,726	104
Turkeys								
Young	15,753	16,878	15,821	100	94	32,338	32,699	101
Old	106	190	146	138	77	255	336	132
Total	15,859	17,068	15,967	101	94	32,593	33,035	101
Ducks	2,093	2,342	2,177	104	93	4,375	4,519	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,611,098	5,259,826	4,739,530	103	90	9,504,514	9,999,356	105
Mature	60,593	67,541	61,715	102	91	122,053	129,256	106
Light	8,368	9,637	9,416	113	98	18,454	19,053	103
Heavy	52,225	57,904	52,299	100	90	103,599	110,203	106
Total	4,671,691	5,327,367	4,801,245	103	90	9,626,567	10,128,612	105
Turkeys								
Young	526,903	552,620	519,110	99	94	1,077,227	1,071,730	99
Old	3,266	5,597	4,541	139	81	7,947	10,138	128
Total	530,169	558,217	523,651	99	94	1,085,174	1,081,868	100
Ducks	14,813	17,001	15,461	104	91	30,688	32,462	106
Other ¹	126	199	133	106	67	278	332	119
Total	5,216,799	5,902,784	5,340,490	102	90	10,742,707	11,243,274	105
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.45	6.54	6.49	101	99	6.46	6.52	101
Mature	7.02	7.01	6.92	99	99	6.83	6.97	102
Light	3.49	3.51	3.47	99	99	3.46	3.49	101
Heavy	8.37	8.41	8.42	101	100	8.26	8.41	102
Total	6.46	6.55	6.50	101	99	6.47	6.52	101
Turkeys								
Young	33.45	32.74	32.81	98	100	33.31	32.78	98
Old	30.81	29.46	31.10	101	106	31.16	30.17	97
Total	33.43	32.71	32.80	98	100	33.29	32.75	98
Ducks	7.08	7.26	7.10	100	98	7.01	7.18	102

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	February 2023 as % of		January to February		2023 as percent of 2022
				February 2022	January 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,261,566	3,724,233	3,336,821	102	90	6,707,358	7,061,054	105
Mature	42,637	46,525	43,171	101	93	85,231	89,696	105
Light	4,380	5,003	5,142	117	103	9,594	10,145	106
Heavy	38,257	41,522	38,029	99	92	75,637	79,551	105
Total	3,304,203	3,770,758	3,379,992	102	90	6,792,589	7,150,750	105
Turkeys								
Young	261,936	270,905	254,495	97	94	537,960	525,400	98
Old	1,993	3,816	3,311	166	87	4,833	7,127	147
Total	263,929	274,721	257,806	98	94	542,793	532,527	98
Ducks	4,007	4,487	3,493	87	78	8,174	7,980	98
Other ¹	82	123	94	115	76	179	217	121
Total	3,572,221	4,050,089	3,641,385	102	90	7,343,735	7,691,474	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	222,906	247,659	243,903	109	98	467,411	491,562	105
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	222,906	247,659	243,903	109	98	467,411	491,562	105
Turkeys								
Young	158,473	169,963	160,946	102	95	321,806	330,909	103
Old	478	495	175	37	35	1,233	670	54
Total	158,951	170,458	161,121	101	95	323,039	331,579	103
Ducks	6,831	7,848	7,646	112	97	14,299	15,494	108
Other ¹	7	16	-	(X)	(X)	13	16	123
Total	388,695	425,981	412,670	106	97	804,762	838,651	104
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,484,472	3,971,892	3,580,724	103	90	7,174,769	7,552,616	105
Mature	42,637	46,525	43,171	101	93	85,231	89,696	105
Light	4,380	5,003	5,142	117	103	9,594	10,145	106
Heavy	38,257	41,522	38,029	99	92	75,637	79,551	105
Total	3,527,109	4,018,417	3,623,895	103	90	7,260,000	7,642,312	105
Turkeys								
Young	420,409	440,868	415,441	99	94	859,766	856,309	100
Old	2,471	4,311	3,486	141	81	6,066	7,797	129
Total	422,880	445,179	418,927	99	94	865,832	864,106	100
Ducks	10,838	12,335	11,139	103	90	22,473	23,474	104
Other ¹	89	139	94	106	68	192	233	121
Total	3,960,916	4,476,070	4,054,055	102	91	8,148,497	8,530,125	105

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	February 2023 as % of		January to February		2023 as percent of 2022
				February 2022	January 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	10,102	11,011	9,495	94	86	20,989	20,506	98
Mature	819	876	799	98	91	1,614	1,675	104
Light	117	116	115	98	99	249	231	93
Heavy	702	760	684	97	90	1,365	1,444	106
Total	10,921	11,887	10,294	94	87	22,603	22,181	98
Turkeys								
Young	1,822	1,652	1,604	88	97	3,762	3,256	87
Old	38	48	35	92	73	85	83	98
Total	1,860	1,700	1,639	88	96	3,847	3,339	87
Ducks	71	75	74	104	99	148	149	101
Total ¹	12,852	13,662	12,007	93	88	26,598	25,669	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.21	0.20	91	95	0.22	0.21	95
Mature	1.35	1.30	1.29	96	99	1.32	1.30	98
Light	1.40	1.20	1.22	87	102	1.35	1.21	90
Heavy	1.34	1.31	1.31	98	100	1.32	1.31	99
Total	0.23	0.22	0.21	91	95	0.23	0.22	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.35	0.30	0.31	89	103	0.35	0.30	86
Old	1.16	0.86	0.77	66	90	1.07	0.82	77
Total	0.35	0.30	0.31	89	103	0.35	0.31	89
Ducks	0.48	0.44	0.48	100	109	0.48	0.46	96
Total ¹	0.25	0.23	0.22	88	96	0.25	0.23	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	February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	February 2023 as % of		January to February		2023 as percent of 2022
				February 2022	January 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	17,730	20,712	18,838	106	91	36,879	39,550	107
Mature	1,347	1,793	1,737	129	97	2,820	3,530	125
Light	344	440	383	111	87	778	823	106
Heavy	1,003	1,353	1,354	135	100	2,042	2,707	133
Total	19,077	22,505	20,575	108	91	39,699	43,080	109
Turkeys								
Young	5,244	5,287	4,741	90	90	10,843	10,028	92
Old	113	207	188	166	91	269	395	147
Total	5,357	5,494	4,929	92	90	11,112	10,423	94
Ducks	228	245	210	92	86	502	455	91
Other ¹	2	3	2	100	67	4	5	125
Total	24,664	28,247	25,716	104	91	51,317	53,963	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.51	0.52	0.52	102	100	0.51	0.52	102
Mature	3.06	3.71	3.87	126	104	3.20	3.79	118
Light	7.28	8.08	6.93	95	86	7.50	7.50	100
Heavy	2.55	3.16	3.44	135	109	2.63	3.29	125
Total	0.54	0.56	0.56	104	100	0.54	0.56	104
Turkeys								
Young	1.23	1.19	1.13	92	95	1.25	1.16	93
Old	4.37	4.58	5.12	117	112	4.25	4.82	113
Total	1.25	1.22	1.16	93	95	1.27	1.19	94
Ducks	2.06	1.95	1.85	90	95	2.18	1.90	87
Other ¹	2.20	2.11	2.08	95	99	2.04	2.10	103
Total	0.62	0.63	0.63	102	100	0.63	0.63	100

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: January and February 2023

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	267	382	106,427	93,088
Mature	-	-	44	33	62,848	51,906
Light	-	-	26	16	57,396	46,592
Heavy	-	-	18	17	5,452	5,314
Total	-	-	311	415	169,275	144,994
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	104	47	6,031	5,477
Old	-	-	10	14	1,252	925
Total	-	-	114	61	7,283	6,402
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	170,007	172,862	480	516	3,861	3,864
Mature	12,064	11,191	139	117	31,234	30,190
Light	3,530	2,538	51	42	26,781	26,626
Heavy	8,534	8,653	88	75	4,453	3,564
Total	182,071	184,053	619	633	35,095	34,054
Turkeys						
Young	1,592	1,106	27	18	102	30
Old	735	653	-	-	227	209
Total	2,327	1,759	27	18	329	239
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	4,360	4,164	2,128	1,647	52,257	50,892
Mature	2,464	2,212	309	376	19,728	18,550
Light	1,939	1,278	285	351	18,821	17,853
Heavy	525	934	24	25	907	697
Total	6,824	6,376	2,437	2,023	71,985	69,442
Turkeys						
Young	97	99	361	321	423	622
Old	13	7	2	49	192	105
Total	110	106	363	370	615	727
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	8,880	9,670	237,551	199,527	1,799,300	1,792,399
Mature	117	10	42,275	43,777	49,092	42,805
Light	61	10	35,278	37,481	-	-
Heavy	56	-	6,997	6,296	49,092	42,805
Total	8,997	9,680	279,826	243,304	1,848,392	1,835,204
Turkeys						
Young	42	82	2,263	2,350	45,899	39,759
Old	11	3	431	521	27	90
Total	53	85	2,694	2,871	45,926	39,849

- 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: January and February 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	103,259	91,965	567,967	504,858	5.50	5.49
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	76,994	78,935	545,238	566,740	7.08	7.18
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	32,208	28,179	252,958	221,397	7.85	7.86
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	110,028	96,464	659,000	576,817	5.99	5.98
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	46	39	291	245	6.32	6.25
Indiana	6,697	5,837	32,036	27,389	4.78	4.69
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,583	23,143	152,518	152,419	6.47	6.59
Louisiana	15,387	13,666	107,670	93,949	7.00	6.87
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,269	11,138	78,671	69,324	6.41	6.22
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	60,614	53,748	406,300	362,842	6.70	6.75
Missouri	33,986	33,034	196,806	190,336	5.79	5.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	11,309	8,842	73,930	54,475	6.54	6.16
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	209	207	1,051	1,018	5.02	4.91
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,947	2,397	15,224	12,450	5.17	5.19
North Carolina	80,581	69,898	679,487	582,898	8.43	8.34
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	10,699	9,569	46,864	42,418	4.38	4.43
Oklahoma	11,177	10,673	78,982	70,398	7.07	6.60
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	13,452	11,296	76,745	63,834	5.71	5.65
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,040	23,333	199,829	173,546	7.67	7.44
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	31,882	28,972	194,830	174,674	6.11	6.03
Texas	62,340	54,823	433,260	371,715	6.95	6.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,559	24,838	168,498	159,907	6.86	6.44
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	804,096	730,074	5,259,826	4,739,530	6.54	6.49

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	436,686	388,349	1,791	1,597	0.41	0.41
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	406,588	425,251	1,594	1,701	0.39	0.40
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	196,332	170,379	772	750	0.39	0.44
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	498,936	438,800	3,137	2,687	0.62	0.61
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	215	181	-	-	(X)	0.01
Indiana	23,251	19,916	130	111	0.56	0.55
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	115,483	115,128	607	575	0.52	0.50
Louisiana	80,589	70,300	500	434	0.62	0.61
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	58,740	51,670	508	536	0.86	1.03
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	304,942	270,009	1,437	1,345	0.47	0.50
Missouri	144,234	139,747	551	549	0.38	0.39
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	56,722	41,491	775	575	1.35	1.37
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	778	743	14	16	1.82	2.14
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	9,346	7,561	133	113	1.40	1.47
North Carolina	523,608	448,742	1,886	1,504	0.36	0.33
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	34,885	31,789	212	215	0.60	0.67
Oklahoma	59,106	52,793	218	186	0.37	0.35
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	52,713	43,540	970	922	1.81	2.07
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	150,585	131,042	993	853	0.66	0.65
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	143,963	129,153	629	493	0.44	0.38
Texas	330,098	285,534	1,372	1,428	0.41	0.50
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	126,455	120,469	298	306	0.24	0.25
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	3,971,892	3,580,724	20,712	18,838	0.52	0.52

- 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: January and February 2023

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	37	19	8,152	6,087
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	41	71
Delaware	-	-	9	18	13,528	14,608
Georgia	-	-	1	8	17,002	15,970
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	1	-
Texas	-	-	-	-	5,049	5,027
Virginia	-	-	-	1	5,462	3,943
United States	-	-	267	382	106,427	93,088
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	5,017	5,205	6	14	200	132
Arkansas	390	186	1	2	-	-
Delaware	6,110	8,155	7	26	93	54
Georgia	47,739	42,502	91	33	899	536
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	1	-	-	-	1	-
Texas	10,620	7,053	11	41	484	868
Virginia	6,536	4,575	-	6	112	112
United States	170,007	172,862	480	516	3,861	3,864
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	318	287	501	451	4,434	3,615
Arkansas	4	7	-	-	119	87
Delaware	337	378	85	58	3,015	2,442
Georgia	984	971	821	494	5,633	5,899
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	103	87	7	9	296	239
Virginia	427	411	20	19	600	565
United States	4,360	4,164	2,128	1,647	52,257	50,892
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	348	808	9,288	6,431	159,825	149,767
Arkansas	1	1	261	88	130,345	135,960
Delaware	808	1,079	4,059	4,167	6,665	5,407
Georgia	4,479	4,330	87,624	76,010	166,212	154,642
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	215,211	203,421
North Carolina	1	-	1	-	147,135	123,560
Texas	455	165	3,864	4,784	108,340	125,293
Virginia	13	26	6,341	7,665	92,752	137,039
United States	8,880	9,670	237,551	199,527	1,799,300	1,792,399

- 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: January and February 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January (1,000 head)	February (1,000 head)	January (1,000 pounds)	February (1,000 pounds)	January (pounds)	February (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)	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(Z)	(Z)	8	5	21.15	20.90
Indiana	1,897	1,783	78,555	74,341	41.41	41.69
Iowa	947	1,014	43,728	47,638	46.16	46.99
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	461	332	20,094	14,234	43.62	42.87
Minnesota	3,187	2,930	90,940	80,672	28.53	27.53
Mississippi	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,706	1,486	65,473	55,165	38.37	37.12
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	581	545	28,579	26,054	49.21	47.82
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	612	616	18,363	17,417	29.99	28.28
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	220	206	9,813	9,412	44.64	45.76
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	266	258	11,253	11,761	42.38	45.53
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	16,878	15,821	552,620	519,110	32.74	32.81

- Represents zero.

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

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(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)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	6	4	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	63,130	59,865	844	760	1.32	1.25
Iowa	34,563	37,417	478	525	1.36	1.38
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	15,573	11,032	214	164	1.35	1.46
Minnesota	72,874	64,796	951	782	1.29	1.19
Mississippi	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	51,158	43,851	304	260	0.59	0.59
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,851	20,815	266	264	1.15	1.25
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	14,304	13,743	259	249	1.78	1.78
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	7,909	7,569	89	95	1.12	1.24
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	8,845	9,279	194	184	2.15	1.95
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	440,868	415,441	5,287	4,741	1.19	1.13

- 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.

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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