



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent from Last Year

December 2021 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

December 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.32 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in December 2021. The November 2022 revised certified total at 4.43 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from November 2021. The November revision represented an increase of 20.8 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during December 2022 was 5.69 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.52 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.09 billion pounds, up 4 percent from December 2021. Mature chickens, at 66.1 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 518 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.0 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2022 averaged 6.56 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from December 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.91 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2022 averaged 32.1 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from December 2021.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2022 totaled 13.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 26.2 million pounds, were 0.60 percent of quantities inspected, unchanged from a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	December 2022 as % of		January to December		2022 as percent of 2021
				December 2021	November 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	764,863	793,686	775,702	101	98	9,210,889	9,429,687	102
Mature	9,511	9,169	9,566	101	104	114,695	114,946	100
Light	3,223	2,575	2,813	87	109	36,304	31,942	88
Heavy	6,288	6,594	6,753	107	102	78,391	83,004	106
Total	774,374	802,855	785,268	101	98	9,325,584	9,544,633	102
Turkeys								
Young	16,190	17,682	15,967	99	90	213,937	206,589	97
Old	197	112	187	95	167	1,726	1,636	95
Total	16,387	17,794	16,154	99	91	215,663	208,225	97
Ducks	2,234	2,177	2,371	106	109	24,301	26,652	110
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,900,080	5,215,896	5,088,135	104	98	59,486,734	61,175,503	103
Mature	63,989	64,440	66,098	103	103	779,981	806,255	103
Light	10,917	8,717	9,573	88	110	125,404	110,500	88
Heavy	53,072	55,723	56,525	107	101	654,577	695,755	106
Total	4,964,069	5,280,336	5,154,233	104	98	60,266,715	61,981,758	103
Turkeys								
Young	530,470	532,304	512,111	97	96	6,908,616	6,473,604	94
Old	5,871	3,531	5,802	99	164	52,303	50,610	97
Total	536,341	535,835	517,913	97	97	6,960,919	6,524,214	94
Ducks	15,582	15,739	16,969	109	108	169,231	187,977	111
Other ¹	167	253	176	105	70	3,476	3,577	103
Total	5,516,159	5,832,163	5,689,291	103	98	67,400,341	68,697,526	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.41	6.57	6.56	102	100	6.46	6.49	100
Mature	6.73	7.03	6.91	103	98	6.80	7.01	103
Light	3.39	3.39	3.40	100	100	3.45	3.46	100
Heavy	8.44	8.45	8.37	99	99	8.35	8.38	100
Total	6.41	6.58	6.56	102	100	6.46	6.49	100
Turkeys								
Young	32.77	30.10	32.07	98	107	32.29	31.34	97
Old	29.80	31.53	31.03	104	98	30.30	30.94	102
Total	32.73	30.11	32.06	98	106	32.28	31.33	97
Ducks	6.97	7.23	7.16	103	99	6.96	7.05	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	December 2022 as % of		January to December		2022 as percent of 2021
				December 2021	November 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,455,943	3,678,075	3,599,291	104	98	41,857,927	43,165,556	103
Mature	44,718	45,447	45,986	103	101	537,238	569,305	106
Light	5,662	4,574	4,992	88	109	64,915	58,175	90
Heavy	39,056	40,873	40,994	105	100	472,323	511,130	108
Total	3,500,661	3,723,522	3,645,277	104	98	42,395,165	43,734,861	103
Turkeys								
Young	260,906	258,465	246,089	94	95	3,396,566	3,166,267	93
Old	4,434	2,495	4,094	92	164	38,954	34,251	88
Total	265,340	260,960	250,183	94	96	3,435,520	3,200,518	93
Ducks	4,507	5,134	5,057	112	99	43,378	54,842	126
Other ¹	104	147	112	108	76	1,485	1,628	110
Total	3,770,612	3,989,763	3,900,629	103	98	45,875,548	46,991,849	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	244,131	262,818	247,828	102	94	3,041,371	3,035,756	100
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	244,131	262,818	247,828	102	94	3,041,371	3,035,756	100
Turkeys								
Young	162,185	166,988	163,689	101	98	2,122,190	2,017,159	95
Old	71	243	344	485	142	765	4,626	605
Total	162,256	167,231	164,033	101	98	2,122,955	2,021,785	95
Ducks	6,891	6,418	7,339	107	114	80,657	82,294	102
Other ¹	12	16	12	100	75	790	718	91
Total	413,290	436,483	419,212	101	96	5,245,773	5,140,553	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,700,074	3,940,893	3,847,119	104	98	44,899,298	46,201,312	103
Mature	44,718	45,447	45,986	103	101	537,238	569,305	106
Light	5,662	4,574	4,992	88	109	64,915	58,175	90
Heavy	39,056	40,873	40,994	105	100	472,323	511,130	108
Total	3,744,792	3,986,340	3,893,105	104	98	45,436,536	46,770,617	103
Turkeys								
Young	423,091	425,453	409,778	97	96	5,518,756	5,183,426	94
Old	4,505	2,738	4,438	99	162	39,719	38,877	98
Total	427,596	428,191	414,216	97	97	5,558,475	5,222,303	94
Ducks	11,398	11,552	12,396	109	107	124,035	137,136	111
Other ¹	116	163	124	107	76	2,275	2,346	103
Total	4,183,902	4,426,246	4,319,841	103	98	51,121,321	52,132,402	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	December 2023 as % of		January to December		2023 as percent of 2021
				December 2021	November 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,846	10,492	11,118	113	106	119,008	127,935	108
Mature	744	661	841	113	127	7,642	10,221	134
Light	104	65	101	97	155	1,060	1,024	97
Heavy	640	596	740	116	124	6,582	9,197	140
Total	10,590	11,153	11,959	113	107	126,650	138,156	109
Turkeys								
Young	1,556	1,427	1,495	96	105	21,102	19,666	93
Old	26	17	54	208	318	449	402	90
Total	1,582	1,444	1,549	98	107	21,551	20,068	93
Ducks	63	66	72	114	109	888	990	111
Total ¹	12,235	12,663	13,580	111	107	149,092	159,218	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.20	0.22	110	110	0.20	0.21	105
Mature	1.16	1.03	1.27	109	123	0.98	1.27	130
Light	0.95	0.75	1.06	112	141	0.85	0.93	109
Heavy	1.21	1.07	1.31	108	122	1.01	1.32	131
Total	0.21	0.21	0.23	110	110	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.27	0.29	100	107	0.31	0.30	97
Old	0.44	0.48	0.93	211	194	0.86	0.79	92
Total	0.29	0.27	0.30	103	111	0.31	0.31	100
Ducks	0.40	0.42	0.42	105	100	0.52	0.53	102
Total ¹	0.22	0.22	0.24	109	109	0.22	0.23	105

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	December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	December 2023 as % of		January to December		2023 as percent of 2021
				December 2021	November 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	17,996	19,071	19,192	107	101	221,549	225,465	102
Mature	1,880	1,646	1,698	90	103	25,277	19,136	76
Light	492	376	422	86	112	5,435	4,397	81
Heavy	1,388	1,270	1,276	92	100	19,842	14,739	74
Total	19,876	20,717	20,890	105	101	246,826	244,601	99
Turkeys								
Young	5,126	4,971	4,870	95	98	70,154	61,359	87
Old	210	113	200	95	177	1,810	1,794	99
Total	5,336	5,084	5,070	95	100	71,964	63,153	88
Ducks	252	200	257	102	129	2,606	2,829	109
Other ¹	2	3	3	150	100	38	43	113
Total	25,466	26,004	26,220	103	101	321,434	310,626	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.48	0.48	0.50	104	104	0.49	0.49	100
Mature	4.03	3.50	3.56	88	102	4.49	3.25	72
Light	7.99	7.60	7.79	97	103	7.73	7.03	91
Heavy	3.43	3.01	3.02	88	100	4.03	2.80	69
Total	0.53	0.52	0.53	100	102	0.54	0.52	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.20	1.15	1.17	98	102	1.26	1.17	93
Old	4.45	3.96	4.31	97	109	4.36	4.41	101
Total	1.23	1.17	1.21	98	103	1.28	1.19	93
Ducks	2.16	1.70	2.03	94	119	2.06	2.02	98
Other ¹	1.69	1.81	2.36	140	130	1.64	1.80	110
Total	0.60	0.58	0.60	100	103	0.62	0.59	95

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: November and December 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	405	259	102,074	101,380
Mature	-	-	41	38	50,858	59,003
Light	-	-	34	28	45,763	54,385
Heavy	-	-	7	10	5,095	4,618
Total	-	-	446	297	152,932	160,383
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	111	87	5,822	6,113
Old	-	-	2	7	552	1,110
Total	-	-	113	94	6,374	7,223
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	120,310	153,668	675	646	2,970	3,451
Mature	10,200	11,424	194	99	26,314	29,542
Light	3,190	3,965	74	37	23,105	25,131
Heavy	7,010	7,459	120	62	3,209	4,411
Total	130,510	165,092	869	745	29,284	32,993
Turkeys						
Young	1,151	986	91	30	85	41
Old	342	733	-	9	119	239
Total	1,493	1,719	91	39	204	280
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	3,622	3,747	1,700	2,286	53,737	54,652
Mature	2,457	2,268	185	311	23,085	23,809
Light	1,778	1,671	174	301	21,718	22,114
Heavy	679	597	11	10	1,367	1,695
Total	6,079	6,015	1,885	2,597	76,822	78,461
Turkeys						
Young	115	68	328	201	1,320	529
Old	2	2	-	22	84	158
Total	117	70	328	223	1,404	687
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	20,229	12,240	224,428	225,192	1,679,505	1,684,659
Mature	24	120	37,271	43,035	31,483	31,087
Light	22	34	30,919	36,415	-	-
Heavy	2	86	6,352	6,620	31,483	31,087
Total	20,253	12,360	261,699	268,227	1,710,988	1,715,746
Turkeys						
Young	79	145	3,115	1,953	44,212	47,993
Old	1	1	598	479	126	83
Total	80	146	3,713	2,432	44,338	48,076

- 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: November and December 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	97,298	94,025	536,399	522,010	5.51	5.55
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	86,793	81,639	622,763	579,311	7.18	7.10
California	23,245	22,715	133,541	130,592	5.74	5.75
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,568	30,508	237,235	237,082	7.76	7.77
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	105,590	105,603	651,941	646,402	6.17	6.12
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	45	51	290	331	6.38	6.49
Indiana	6,684	6,463	31,315	30,656	4.68	4.74
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,199	23,483	152,241	153,636	6.56	6.54
Louisiana	14,075	14,150	99,581	100,255	7.07	7.09
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,435	12,028	79,948	76,656	6.43	6.37
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	58,128	57,735	387,464	392,997	6.67	6.81
Missouri	36,458	33,142	209,988	187,393	5.76	5.65
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	186	187	921	895	4.94	4.78
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,712	2,726	13,325	13,843	4.91	5.08
North Carolina	78,641	77,035	660,801	644,632	8.40	8.37
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	10,496	10,563	46,367	47,621	4.42	4.51
Oklahoma	12,999	10,567	90,398	71,171	6.95	6.74
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	13,285	12,609	74,204	71,009	5.59	5.63
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,414	24,986	188,043	193,539	7.70	7.75
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	29,883	29,577	182,828	181,753	6.12	6.14
Texas	60,943	60,363	428,032	417,398	7.02	6.91
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,455	27,186	176,657	174,210	6.43	6.41
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	793,686	775,702	5,215,896	5,088,135	6.57	6.56

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2022

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	412,228	400,354	1,810	1,737	0.44	0.43
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	466,479	435,090	1,694	1,579	0.36	0.36
California	100,843	98,431	674	569	0.66	0.57
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	183,795	183,236	726	780	0.39	0.42
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	492,651	489,693	2,903	2,965	0.59	0.60
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois	215	245	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	22,692	22,283	106	99	0.47	0.44
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	115,101	116,320	678	675	0.59	0.58
Louisiana	74,680	75,408	380	417	0.51	0.55
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	59,848	57,345	430	527	0.71	0.91
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	291,802	295,055	1,209	1,352	0.41	0.46
Missouri	154,450	137,232	567	527	0.37	0.38
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	676	657	10	15	1.48	2.26
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	8,102	8,466	133	128	1.61	1.49
North Carolina	508,522	496,718	1,705	1,586	0.33	0.32
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	34,619	35,513	236	197	0.68	0.55
Oklahoma	67,781	53,337	205	159	0.30	0.30
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	50,642	48,643	830	845	1.61	1.71
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	141,777	145,712	934	956	0.65	0.65
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	135,048	134,031	631	600	0.46	0.45
Texas	327,742	320,987	1,353	1,328	0.41	0.41
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	133,785	132,287	327	304	0.24	0.23
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	3,940,893	3,847,119	19,071	19,192	0.48	0.50

- 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: November and December 2022

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	41	48	10,704	10,955
Arkansas	-	-	2	1	284	176
Delaware	-	-	17	11	14,082	12,787
Georgia	-	-	-	-	15,587	16,593
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	2
Texas	-	-	6	-	7,410	7,364
Virginia	-	-	7	4	4,116	4,574
United States	-	-	405	259	102,074	101,380
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	3,509	4,450	18	5	156	240
Arkansas	460	333	6	1	-	-
Delaware	4,228	5,042	7	3	87	53
Georgia	27,276	40,236	45	31	660	771
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	2	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	6,857	9,493	4	24	291	382
Virginia	4,677	5,159	-	3	109	80
United States	120,310	153,668	675	646	2,970	3,451
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	350	293	374	595	4,935	4,079
Arkansas	5	1	-	-	467	145
Delaware	187	257	73	59	1,648	2,090
Georgia	799	843	643	906	7,351	5,917
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	1	-
Texas	65	92	9	11	316	350
Virginia	326	446	31	24	424	574
United States	3,622	3,747	1,700	2,286	53,737	54,652
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	450	538	16,026	10,300	163,897	152,174
Arkansas	23	8	417	490	129,710	132,762
Delaware	1,449	716	2,949	1,940	3,172	4,299
Georgia	15,336	7,605	82,096	75,759	159,955	160,362
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	239,465	198,954
North Carolina	-	-	1	-	125,057	126,398
Texas	725	915	3,941	4,212	90,910	90,552
Virginia	8	11	9,182	8,187	70,207	118,429
United States	20,229	12,240	224,428	225,192	1,679,505	1,684,659

- 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: November and December 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(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	58	10	1,335	247	23.10	24.50
Indiana	1,688	1,760	64,010	70,525	37.92	40.08
Iowa	1,107	1,012	47,413	45,880	42.84	45.33
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	3,433	2,762	85,877	75,022	25.01	27.16
Mississippi	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Missouri	490	522	10,871	10,903	22.18	20.89
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	24	10	411	211	17.03	20.96
North Carolina	1,852	1,692	68,071	63,599	36.75	37.58
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	603	524	25,838	24,500	42.88	46.71
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	774	553	19,964	15,972	25.81	28.86
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	259	246	11,344	10,803	43.79	43.99
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	52	2	1,550	73	30.07	32.12
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	231	237	9,212	9,911	39.80	41.78
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,682	15,967	532,304	512,111	30.10	32.07

- Represents zero.

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

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2022

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(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	1,071	199	16	4	1.46	1.82
Indiana	51,293	56,793	888	845	1.70	1.47
Iowa	37,538	36,119	557	490	1.46	1.34
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	68,831	60,294	731	703	1.05	1.15
Mississippi	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Missouri	8,991	8,968	94	119	1.04	1.31
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	275	133	5	4	1.83	3.12
North Carolina	53,853	50,051	335	307	0.62	0.61
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,275	19,543	262	269	1.27	1.36
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,804	12,688	277	204	1.72	1.58
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	9,163	8,703	105	110	1.13	1.25
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	1,234	58	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	7,271	7,810	125	156	1.69	1.96
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	425,453	409,778	4,971	4,870	1.15	1.17

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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 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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