



Poultry Slaughter

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

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Poultry certified wholesome during November 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.41 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in November 2021. The October 2022 revised certified total at 4.60 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2021. The October revision represented an increase of 4.07 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2022 was 5.81 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 5.50 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.20 billion pounds, up 7 percent from November 2021. Mature chickens, at 61.0 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 532 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.2 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2022 averaged 6.57 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.95 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2022 averaged 30.1 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from November 2021.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2022 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 25.9 million pounds, were 0.58 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.61 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2021	October 2022	November 2022	November 2022 as % of		January to November		2022 as percent of 2021
				November 2021	October 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	750,041	809,586	791,111	105	98	8,446,026	8,651,410	102
Mature	8,786	9,458	8,774	100	93	105,184	104,985	100
Light	3,018	2,426	2,575	85	106	33,081	29,129	88
Heavy	5,768	7,032	6,199	107	88	72,103	75,856	105
Total	758,827	819,044	799,885	105	98	8,551,210	8,756,395	102
Turkeys								
Young	18,522	19,249	17,578	95	91	197,747	190,518	96
Old	97	171	112	115	65	1,529	1,449	95
Total	18,619	19,420	17,690	95	91	199,276	191,967	96
Ducks	2,085	2,316	2,100	101	91	22,067	24,204	110
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,859,411	5,379,029	5,196,599	107	97	54,586,654	56,068,071	103
Mature	59,079	67,641	60,986	103	90	715,992	736,703	103
Light	10,549	8,392	8,717	83	104	114,487	100,927	88
Heavy	48,530	59,249	52,269	108	88	601,505	635,776	106
Total	4,918,490	5,446,670	5,257,585	107	97	55,302,646	56,804,774	103
Turkeys								
Young	564,684	577,085	528,616	94	92	6,378,146	5,957,805	93
Old	2,963	5,229	3,531	119	68	46,432	44,808	97
Total	567,647	582,314	532,147	94	91	6,424,578	6,002,613	93
Ducks	14,669	16,419	15,197	104	93	153,649	170,466	111
Other ¹	289	548	248	86	45	3,309	3,396	103
Total	5,501,095	6,045,951	5,805,177	106	96	61,884,182	62,981,249	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.48	6.64	6.57	101	99	6.46	6.48	100
Mature	6.72	7.15	6.95	103	97	6.81	7.02	103
Light	3.50	3.46	3.39	97	98	3.46	3.46	100
Heavy	8.41	8.43	8.43	100	100	8.34	8.38	100
Total	6.48	6.65	6.57	101	99	6.47	6.49	100
Turkeys								
Young	30.49	29.98	30.07	99	100	32.25	31.27	97
Old	30.55	30.58	31.53	103	103	30.37	30.92	102
Total	30.49	29.99	30.08	99	100	32.24	31.27	97
Ducks	7.04	7.09	7.24	103	102	6.96	7.04	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	November 2021	October 2022	November 2022	November 2022 as % of		January to November		2022 as percent of 2021
				November 2021	October 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,419,530	3,801,720	3,663,838	107	96	38,401,984	39,552,028	103
Mature	40,571	48,173	42,771	105	89	492,520	520,643	106
Light	5,529	4,439	4,574	83	103	59,253	53,183	90
Heavy	35,042	43,734	38,197	109	87	433,267	467,460	108
Total	3,460,101	3,849,893	3,706,609	107	96	38,894,504	40,072,671	103
Turkeys								
Young	279,375	284,043	255,625	91	90	3,135,660	2,917,338	93
Old	2,202	3,904	2,495	113	64	34,520	30,157	87
Total	281,577	287,947	258,120	92	90	3,170,180	2,947,495	93
Ducks	4,287	5,085	4,675	109	92	38,871	49,326	127
Other ¹	142	195	145	102	74	1,381	1,514	110
Total	3,746,107	4,143,120	3,969,549	106	96	42,104,936	43,071,006	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	245,742	266,802	262,212	107	98	2,797,240	2,787,322	100
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	245,742	266,802	262,212	107	98	2,797,240	2,787,322	100
Turkeys								
Young	171,648	179,287	166,988	97	93	1,960,005	1,853,470	95
Old	33	66	243	736	368	694	4,282	617
Total	171,681	179,353	167,231	97	93	1,960,699	1,857,752	95
Ducks	6,507	6,937	6,418	99	93	73,766	74,955	102
Other ¹	54	164	14	26	9	778	704	90
Total	423,984	453,256	435,875	103	96	4,832,483	4,720,733	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,665,272	4,068,522	3,926,050	107	96	41,199,224	42,339,350	103
Mature	40,571	48,173	42,771	105	89	492,520	520,643	106
Light	5,529	4,439	4,574	83	103	59,253	53,183	90
Heavy	35,042	43,734	38,197	109	87	433,267	467,460	108
Total	3,705,843	4,116,695	3,968,821	107	96	41,691,744	42,859,993	103
Turkeys								
Young	451,023	463,330	422,613	94	91	5,095,665	4,770,808	94
Old	2,235	3,970	2,738	123	69	35,214	34,439	98
Total	453,258	467,300	425,351	94	91	5,130,879	4,805,247	94
Ducks	10,794	12,022	11,093	103	92	112,637	124,281	110
Other ¹	196	359	159	81	44	2,159	2,218	103
Total	4,170,091	4,596,376	4,405,424	106	96	46,937,419	47,791,739	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2021	October 2022	November 2022	November 2022 as % of		January to November		2022 as percent of 2021
				November 2021	October 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	9,396	10,322	10,462	111	101	109,162	116,787	107
Mature	539	669	645	120	96	6,898	9,364	136
Light	53	47	65	123	138	956	923	97
Heavy	486	622	580	119	93	5,942	8,441	142
Total	9,935	10,991	11,107	112	101	116,060	126,151	109
Turkeys								
Young	1,522	1,463	1,423	93	97	19,546	18,167	93
Old	15	31	17	113	55	423	348	82
Total	1,537	1,494	1,440	94	96	19,969	18,515	93
Ducks	65	86	64	98	74	825	916	111
Total ¹	11,537	12,572	12,611	109	100	136,857	145,586	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.19	0.20	105	105	0.20	0.21	105
Mature	0.91	0.99	1.06	116	107	0.96	1.27	132
Light	0.50	0.56	0.75	150	134	0.84	0.91	108
Heavy	1.00	1.05	1.11	111	106	0.99	1.33	134
Total	0.20	0.20	0.21	105	105	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.25	0.27	100	108	0.31	0.30	97
Old	0.51	0.59	0.48	94	81	0.91	0.78	86
Total	0.27	0.26	0.27	100	104	0.31	0.31	100
Ducks	0.44	0.52	0.42	95	81	0.54	0.54	100
Total ¹	0.21	0.21	0.22	105	105	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	November 2021	October 2022	November 2022	November 2022 as % of		January to November		2022 as percent of 2021
				November 2021	October 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	17,597	18,695	19,007	108	102	203,553	206,209	101
Mature	2,005	1,609	1,618	81	101	23,397	17,410	74
Light	477	321	376	79	117	4,943	3,975	80
Heavy	1,528	1,288	1,242	81	96	18,454	13,435	73
Total	19,602	20,304	20,625	105	102	226,950	223,619	99
Turkeys								
Young	5,671	5,010	4,953	87	99	65,028	56,471	87
Old	158	194	113	72	58	1,600	1,594	100
Total	5,829	5,204	5,066	87	97	66,628	58,065	87
Ducks	232	265	200	86	75	2,354	2,572	109
Other ¹	3	4	3	100	75	36	40	111
Total	25,666	25,777	25,894	101	100	295,968	284,296	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.48	0.46	0.48	100	104	0.49	0.48	98
Mature	4.71	3.23	3.65	77	113	4.54	3.24	71
Light	7.94	6.74	7.60	96	113	7.70	6.95	90
Heavy	4.18	2.86	3.15	75	110	4.09	2.79	68
Total	0.53	0.49	0.52	98	106	0.54	0.52	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.24	1.07	1.16	94	108	1.26	1.17	93
Old	6.60	4.66	3.96	60	85	4.35	4.42	102
Total	1.27	1.10	1.18	93	107	1.28	1.19	93
Ducks	2.10	2.16	1.77	84	82	2.05	2.03	99
Other ¹	1.51	1.10	1.85	123	168	1.64	1.77	108
Total	0.61	0.56	0.58	95	104	0.63	0.59	94

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: October and November 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	430	404	89,405	100,412
Mature	-	-	64	41	40,862	50,858
Light	-	-	37	34	35,764	45,763
Heavy	-	-	27	7	5,098	5,095
Total	-	-	494	445	130,267	151,270
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	64	111	5,714	5,822
Old	-	-	11	2	1,047	552
Total	-	-	75	113	6,761	6,374
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	96,473	119,842	765	675	2,713	2,963
Mature	9,935	10,200	97	194	27,359	26,314
Light	2,106	3,190	34	74	23,525	23,105
Heavy	7,829	7,010	63	120	3,834	3,209
Total	106,408	130,042	862	869	30,072	29,277
Turkeys						
Young	1,530	1,151	63	91	87	85
Old	723	342	-	-	336	119
Total	2,253	1,493	63	91	423	204
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	4,017	3,620	1,983	1,698	50,782	53,716
Mature	1,627	2,457	146	185	22,686	23,085
Light	859	1,778	120	174	20,807	21,718
Heavy	768	679	26	11	1,879	1,367
Total	5,644	6,077	2,129	1,883	73,468	76,801
Turkeys						
Young	84	115	309	328	1,073	1,320
Old	4	2	66	-	163	84
Total	88	117	375	328	1,236	1,404
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	18,391	20,229	212,653	223,885	1,647,197	1,676,127
Mature	45	24	30,783	37,271	43,962	30,358
Light	42	22	23,889	30,919	-	-
Heavy	3	2	6,894	6,352	43,962	30,358
Total	18,436	20,253	243,436	261,156	1,691,159	1,706,485
Turkeys						
Young	50	79	4,572	3,115	41,708	44,160
Old	-	1	488	598	-	126
Total	50	80	5,060	3,713	41,708	44,286

- 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: October and November 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	99,531	97,304	562,877	536,399	5.66	5.51
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	86,536	86,790	630,765	621,986	7.29	7.17
California	25,031	22,402	144,619	128,562	5.78	5.74
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,947	30,568	241,296	237,235	7.80	7.76
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	108,042	104,740	666,772	645,133	6.17	6.16
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	61	45	388	290	6.37	6.38
Indiana	6,473	6,685	31,094	31,315	4.80	4.68
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,866	23,199	166,453	152,241	6.69	6.56
Louisiana	15,216	14,075	111,813	99,581	7.35	7.07
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,358	12,435	80,902	79,948	6.55	6.43
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	59,518	58,128	397,271	387,464	6.67	6.67
Missouri	33,426	36,458	190,606	209,988	5.70	5.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	171	186	813	921	4.76	4.94
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,421	2,712	12,116	13,325	5.00	4.91
North Carolina	83,601	78,364	709,376	658,284	8.49	8.40
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	10,289	10,496	46,202	46,367	4.49	4.42
Oklahoma	12,114	12,826	81,989	89,272	6.77	6.96
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	12,484	13,272	71,891	74,136	5.76	5.59
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,000	23,981	202,830	185,132	7.80	7.72
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	31,222	29,704	194,176	182,061	6.22	6.13
Texas	62,712	61,129	434,954	428,675	6.94	7.01
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,335	27,455	187,652	176,657	6.62	6.43
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	809,586	791,111	5,379,029	5,196,599	6.64	6.57

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	434,039	412,228	1,892	1,810	0.43	0.44
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	471,642	465,950	1,450	1,696	0.31	0.36
California	108,985	96,708	679	659	0.62	0.68
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	186,555	183,795	687	726	0.37	0.39
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	504,567	487,497	2,909	2,868	0.57	0.58
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	289	215	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	22,637	22,692	103	106	0.45	0.47
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	125,483	115,101	732	678	0.58	0.59
Louisiana	84,642	74,680	360	380	0.42	0.51
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	60,395	59,848	361	430	0.59	0.71
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	297,469	291,802	1,246	1,209	0.42	0.41
Missouri	140,148	154,450	471	567	0.33	0.37
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	603	676	9	10	1.44	1.48
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,408	8,102	99	133	1.32	1.61
North Carolina	546,629	506,508	1,919	1,703	0.35	0.34
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	34,404	34,619	264	236	0.76	0.68
Oklahoma	61,510	66,937	193	206	0.31	0.31
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	49,237	50,602	695	828	1.39	1.61
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	152,607	139,697	946	920	0.62	0.65
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	142,764	134,517	650	627	0.45	0.46
Texas	336,038	328,216	1,289	1,355	0.38	0.41
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	141,948	133,785	317	327	0.22	0.24
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	4,068,522	3,926,050	18,695	19,007	0.46	0.48

- 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: October and November 2022

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	35	41	7,645	10,704
Arkansas	-	-	-	2	133	284
Delaware	-	-	7	17	12,032	14,082
Georgia	-	-	4	-	14,337	15,175
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	3	-
Texas	-	-	3	6	6,805	7,410
Virginia	-	-	6	7	4,440	4,116
United States	-	-	430	404	89,405	100,412
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	2,801	3,509	19	18	95	156
Arkansas	348	460	6	6	2	-
Delaware	4,626	4,228	2	7	77	87
Georgia	26,678	27,152	79	45	644	659
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	2	-	-	-	-
Texas	4,883	6,857	174	4	229	291
Virginia	3,304	4,677	3	-	77	109
United States	96,473	119,842	765	675	2,713	2,963
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	283	350	529	374	4,197	4,935
Arkansas	4	5	-	-	383	467
Delaware	252	187	126	73	1,377	1,648
Georgia	1,026	797	622	641	9,598	7,336
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	10	1
Texas	77	65	3	9	359	316
Virginia	367	326	44	31	472	424
United States	4,017	3,620	1,983	1,698	50,782	53,716
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	251	450	35,035	16,026	166,091	163,897
Arkansas	1	23	256	417	102,822	129,710
Delaware	289	1,449	1,162	2,949	17,150	3,172
Georgia	15,366	15,336	65,774	81,964	169,919	158,692
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	232,906	239,465
North Carolina	-	-	2	1	133,566	125,026
Texas	846	725	4,025	3,941	83,873	90,910
Virginia	17	8	4,912	9,182	75,364	70,207
United States	18,391	20,229	212,653	223,885	1,647,197	1,676,127

- 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: October and November 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October (1,000 head)	November (1,000 head)	October (1,000 pounds)	November (1,000 pounds)	October (pounds)	November (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	11	58	277	1,335	24.85	23.10
Indiana	1,982	1,688	77,141	64,010	38.92	37.92
Iowa	1,125	1,107	49,236	47,413	43.78	42.84
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	3,511	3,433	84,549	85,877	24.08	25.01
Mississippi	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Missouri	511	490	11,133	10,871	21.79	22.18
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	7	24	171	411	25.15	17.03
North Carolina	1,925	1,852	70,824	68,071	36.79	36.75
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	562	600	25,657	25,762	45.68	42.93
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	955	774	23,838	19,964	24.96	25.81
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	331	259	14,049	11,344	42.48	43.79
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	16	52	471	1,550	29.96	30.07
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	228	231	9,115	9,212	39.97	39.80
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,249	17,578	577,085	528,616	29.98	30.07

- Represents zero.

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

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October (1,000 pounds)	November (1,000 pounds)	October (1,000 pounds)	November (1,000 pounds)	October (percent)	November (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	221	1,071	3	16	1.21	1.46
Indiana	62,251	51,293	731	888	1.16	1.70
Iowa	39,106	37,538	619	557	1.56	1.46
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	67,992	68,831	745	731	1.08	1.05
Mississippi	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri	9,203	8,991	69	94	0.74	1.04
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	127	275	1	5	0.61	1.83
North Carolina	55,846	53,853	340	335	0.60	0.62
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,413	20,238	252	262	1.22	1.28
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	19,286	15,804	237	277	1.21	1.72
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	11,353	9,163	125	105	1.09	1.13
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	376	1,234	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	7,186	7,271	132	125	1.81	1.69
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	463,330	422,613	5,010	4,953	1.07	1.16

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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.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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