



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent from Last Year

**January 2022** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**January 2023** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during January 2023 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.46 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the amount certified in January 2022. The December 2022 revised certified total at 4.32 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from December 2021. The December revision represented an increase of 4.55 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during January 2023 was 5.89 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 5.53 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.25 billion pounds, up 7 percent from January 2022. Mature chickens, at 63.2 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 558 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.0 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during January 2023 averaged 6.55 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2022. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.93 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2023 averaged 32.7 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from January 2022.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during January 2023 totaled 13.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 28.2 million pounds, were 0.63 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	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	January 2023 as % of		January to January		2023 as percent of 2022
				January 2022	December 2022	2022	2023	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	755,990	776,509	801,729	106	103	755,990	801,729	106
Mature .....	9,242	9,566	9,128	99	95	9,242	9,128	99
Light .....	2,937	2,813	2,744	93	98	2,937	2,744	93
Heavy .....	6,305	6,753	6,384	101	95	6,305	6,384	101
Total .....	765,232	786,075	810,857	106	103	765,232	810,857	106
Turkeys								
Young .....	16,585	15,967	16,878	102	106	16,585	16,878	102
Old .....	149	187	190	128	102	149	190	128
Total .....	16,734	16,154	17,068	102	106	16,734	17,068	102
Ducks .....	2,282	2,376	2,342	103	99	2,282	2,342	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,893,416	5,093,964	5,248,187	107	103	4,893,416	5,248,187	107
Mature .....	61,460	66,098	63,231	103	96	61,460	63,231	103
Light .....	10,086	9,573	9,637	96	101	10,086	9,637	96
Heavy .....	51,374	56,525	53,594	104	95	51,374	53,594	104
Total .....	4,954,876	5,160,062	5,311,418	107	103	4,954,876	5,311,418	107
Turkeys								
Young .....	550,324	512,111	552,620	100	108	550,324	552,620	100
Old .....	4,681	5,802	5,597	120	96	4,681	5,597	120
Total .....	555,005	517,913	558,217	101	108	555,005	558,217	101
Ducks .....	15,875	17,006	17,000	107	100	15,875	17,000	107
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	152	176	199	131	113	152	199	131
Total .....	5,525,908	5,695,157	5,886,834	107	103	5,525,908	5,886,834	107
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.47	6.56	6.55	101	100	6.47	6.55	101
Mature .....	6.65	6.91	6.93	104	100	6.65	6.93	104
Light .....	3.43	3.40	3.51	102	103	3.43	3.51	102
Heavy .....	8.15	8.37	8.40	103	100	8.15	8.40	103
Total .....	6.47	6.56	6.55	101	100	6.47	6.55	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	33.18	32.07	32.74	99	102	33.18	32.74	99
Old .....	31.42	31.03	29.46	94	95	31.42	29.46	94
Total .....	33.17	32.06	32.71	99	102	33.17	32.71	99
Ducks .....	6.96	7.16	7.26	104	101	6.96	7.26	104

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

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

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	January 2023 as % of		January to January		2023 as percent of 2022
				January 2022	December 2022	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,445,792	3,603,806	3,715,706	108	103	3,445,792	3,715,706	108
Mature .....	42,594	45,986	43,305	102	94	42,594	43,305	102
Light .....	5,214	4,992	5,003	96	100	5,214	5,003	96
Heavy .....	37,380	40,994	38,302	102	93	37,380	38,302	102
Total .....	3,488,386	3,649,792	3,759,011	108	103	3,488,386	3,759,011	108
Turkeys								
Young .....	276,024	246,089	270,905	98	110	276,024	270,905	98
Old .....	2,840	4,094	3,816	134	93	2,840	3,816	134
Total .....	278,864	250,183	274,721	99	110	278,864	274,721	99
Ducks .....	4,167	5,087	4,487	108	88	4,167	4,487	108
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	97	112	123	127	110	97	123	127
Total .....	3,771,514	3,905,174	4,038,342	107	103	3,771,514	4,038,342	107
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	244,505	247,828	247,659	101	100	244,505	247,659	101
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	244,505	247,828	247,659	101	100	244,505	247,659	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	163,333	163,689	169,963	104	104	163,333	169,963	104
Old .....	755	344	495	66	144	755	495	66
Total .....	164,088	164,033	170,458	104	104	164,088	170,458	104
Ducks .....	7,468	7,339	7,848	105	107	7,468	7,848	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	6	12	16	267	133	6	16	267
Total .....	416,067	419,212	425,981	102	102	416,067	425,981	102
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,690,297	3,851,634	3,963,365	107	103	3,690,297	3,963,365	107
Mature .....	42,594	45,986	43,305	102	94	42,594	43,305	102
Light .....	5,214	4,992	5,003	96	100	5,214	5,003	96
Heavy .....	37,380	40,994	38,302	102	93	37,380	38,302	102
Total .....	3,732,891	3,897,620	4,006,670	107	103	3,732,891	4,006,670	107
Turkeys								
Young .....	439,357	409,778	440,868	100	108	439,357	440,868	100
Old .....	3,595	4,438	4,311	120	97	3,595	4,311	120
Total .....	442,952	414,216	445,179	101	107	442,952	445,179	101
Ducks .....	11,635	12,426	12,335	106	99	11,635	12,335	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	103	124	139	135	112	103	139	135
Total .....	4,187,581	4,324,386	4,464,323	107	103	4,187,581	4,464,323	107

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	January 2023 as % of		January to January		2023 as percent of 2022
				January 2022	December 2022	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,887	11,136	10,986	101	99	10,887	10,986	101
Mature .....	795	841	849	107	101	795	849	107
Light .....	132	101	116	88	115	132	116	88
Heavy .....	663	740	733	111	99	663	733	111
Total .....	11,682	11,977	11,835	101	99	11,682	11,835	101
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,940	1,495	1,652	85	111	1,940	1,652	85
Old .....	47	54	48	102	89	47	48	102
Total .....	1,987	1,549	1,700	86	110	1,987	1,700	86
Ducks .....	77	72	75	97	104	77	75	97
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	13,746	13,598	13,610	99	100	13,746	13,610	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.22	0.21	95	95	0.22	0.21	95
Mature .....	1.29	1.27	1.34	104	106	1.29	1.34	104
Light .....	1.31	1.06	1.20	92	113	1.31	1.20	92
Heavy .....	1.29	1.31	1.37	106	105	1.29	1.37	106
Total .....	0.24	0.23	0.22	92	96	0.24	0.22	92
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.35	0.29	0.30	86	103	0.35	0.30	86
Old .....	1.00	0.93	0.86	86	92	1.00	0.86	86
Total .....	0.36	0.30	0.30	83	100	0.36	0.30	83
Ducks .....	0.49	0.42	0.44	90	105	0.49	0.44	90
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.25	0.24	0.23	92	96	0.25	0.23	92

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

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	January 2023 as % of		January to January		2023 as percent of 2022
				January 2022	December 2022	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	19,149	19,225	20,674	108	108	19,149	20,674	108
Mature .....	1,473	1,698	1,764	120	104	1,473	1,764	120
Light .....	434	422	440	101	104	434	440	101
Heavy .....	1,039	1,276	1,324	127	104	1,039	1,324	127
Total .....	20,622	20,923	22,438	109	107	20,622	22,438	109
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	5,599	4,870	5,287	94	109	5,599	5,287	94
Old .....	156	200	207	133	104	156	207	133
Total .....	5,755	5,070	5,494	95	108	5,755	5,494	95
Ducks .....	274	257	245	89	95	274	245	89
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	3	3	150	100	2	3	150
Total .....	26,653	26,253	28,180	106	107	26,653	28,180	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.52	0.50	0.52	100	104	0.52	0.52	100
Mature .....	3.34	3.56	3.91	117	110	3.34	3.91	117
Light .....	7.68	7.79	8.08	105	104	7.68	8.08	105
Heavy .....	2.70	3.02	3.34	124	111	2.70	3.34	124
Total .....	0.55	0.53	0.56	102	106	0.55	0.56	102
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.26	1.17	1.19	94	102	1.26	1.19	94
Old .....	4.16	4.31	4.58	110	106	4.16	4.58	110
Total .....	1.28	1.21	1.22	95	101	1.28	1.22	95
Ducks .....	2.30	2.03	1.95	85	96	2.30	1.95	85
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.90	2.36	2.11	111	89	1.90	2.11	111
Total .....	0.63	0.60	0.63	100	105	0.63	0.63	100

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

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

## Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: December 2022 and January 2023

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	259	267	102,470	110,198
Mature .....	-	-	38	44	59,003	62,848
Light .....	-	-	28	26	54,385	57,396
Heavy .....	-	-	10	18	4,618	5,452
Total .....	-	-	297	311	161,473	173,046
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	87	104	6,113	6,031
Old .....	-	-	7	10	1,110	1,252
Total .....	-	-	94	114	7,223	7,283
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	153,886	169,072	646	480	3,456	3,861
Mature .....	11,424	12,064	99	139	29,542	31,234
Light .....	3,965	3,530	37	51	25,131	26,781
Heavy .....	7,459	8,534	62	88	4,411	4,453
Total .....	165,310	181,136	745	619	32,998	35,095
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	986	1,592	30	27	41	102
Old .....	733	735	9	-	239	227
Total .....	1,719	2,327	39	27	280	329
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	3,747	4,360	2,286	2,128	54,658	52,257
Mature .....	2,268	2,464	311	309	23,809	19,728
Light .....	1,671	1,939	301	285	22,114	18,821
Heavy .....	597	525	10	24	1,695	907
Total .....	6,015	6,824	2,597	2,437	78,467	71,985
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	68	97	201	361	529	423
Old .....	2	13	22	2	158	192
Total .....	70	110	223	363	687	615
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	12,262	8,880	225,324	237,351	1,685,254	1,799,080
Mature .....	120	117	43,035	42,275	31,087	42,230
Light .....	34	61	36,415	35,278	-	-
Heavy .....	86	56	6,620	6,997	31,087	42,230
Total .....	12,382	8,997	268,359	279,626	1,716,341	1,841,310
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	145	42	1,953	2,263	47,993	45,899
Old .....	1	11	479	431	83	27
Total .....	146	53	2,432	2,694	48,076	45,926

- Represents zero.

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

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

## Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2022 and January 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	94,051	103,259	522,123	567,967	5.55	5.50
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	81,639	76,994	579,284	545,238	7.10	7.08
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	30,508	32,208	237,082	252,958	7.77	7.85
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	105,603	109,626	646,402	657,801	6.12	6.00
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois .....	51	46	331	291	6.49	6.32
Indiana .....	6,463	6,697	30,656	32,036	4.74	4.78
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	23,483	23,583	153,636	152,518	6.54	6.47
Louisiana .....	14,150	15,387	100,255	107,670	7.09	7.00
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	12,028	12,269	76,656	78,671	6.37	6.41
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	57,735	60,614	392,997	406,300	6.81	6.70
Missouri .....	33,142	33,986	187,393	196,806	5.65	5.79
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	11,309	(D)	73,930	(D)	6.54
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	187	209	895	1,051	4.78	5.02
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,726	2,947	13,843	15,224	5.08	5.17
North Carolina .....	77,405	80,184	648,090	675,971	8.37	8.43
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	10,563	10,699	47,621	46,864	4.51	4.38
Oklahoma .....	10,567	11,177	71,171	78,982	6.74	7.07
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	12,609	13,452	71,009	76,745	5.63	5.71
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,986	26,040	193,539	199,829	7.75	7.67
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	29,577	30,314	181,753	187,906	6.14	6.20
Texas .....	60,340	62,340	417,398	433,260	6.92	6.95
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	27,186	24,559	174,210	168,498	6.41	6.86
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 .....	776,509	801,729	5,093,964	5,248,187	6.56	(D)

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2022 and January 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	400,418	436,686	1,738	1,791	0.43	0.41
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	435,090	406,588	1,579	1,594	0.36	0.39
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	183,236	196,332	780	772	0.42	0.39
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	489,693	498,054	2,965	3,125	0.60	0.62
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois .....	245	215	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	22,283	23,251	99	130	0.44	0.56
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	116,320	115,483	675	607	0.58	0.52
Louisiana .....	75,408	80,589	417	500	0.55	0.62
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	57,345	58,740	527	508	0.91	0.86
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	295,055	304,942	1,352	1,437	0.46	0.47
Missouri .....	137,232	144,234	527	551	0.38	0.38
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	56,722	(D)	775	(D)	1.35
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	657	778	15	14	2.26	1.82
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	8,466	9,346	128	133	1.49	1.40
North Carolina .....	499,312	521,093	1,596	1,871	0.32	0.36
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	35,513	34,885	197	212	0.55	0.60
Oklahoma .....	53,337	59,106	159	218	0.30	0.37
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	48,643	52,713	845	970	1.71	1.81
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	145,712	150,585	956	993	0.65	0.66
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	134,031	138,833	600	618	0.45	0.44
Texas .....	320,987	330,098	1,328	1,372	0.41	0.41
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	132,287	126,455	304	298	0.23	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 .....	3,851,634	3,963,365	19,225	20,674	0.50	0.52

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

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

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

## Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: December 2022 and January 2023

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	48	37	10,955	8,152
Arkansas .....	-	-	1	-	176	41
Delaware .....	-	-	11	9	12,787	13,528
Georgia .....	-	-	-	1	16,593	16,973
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
Texas .....	-	-	-	-	7,364	5,049
Virginia .....	-	-	4	-	4,574	5,462
United States .....	-	-	259	267	102,470	110,198
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	4,450	5,017	5	6	240	200
Arkansas .....	333	390	1	1	-	-
Delaware .....	5,042	6,110	3	7	53	93
Georgia .....	40,236	46,804	31	91	771	899
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	1	-	-	-	1
Texas .....	9,493	10,620	24	11	382	484
Virginia .....	5,159	6,536	3	-	80	112
United States .....	153,886	169,072	646	480	3,456	3,861
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	293	318	595	501	4,079	4,434
Arkansas .....	1	4	-	-	145	119
Delaware .....	257	337	59	85	2,090	3,015
Georgia .....	843	984	906	821	5,917	5,633
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	92	103	11	7	350	296
Virginia .....	446	427	24	20	574	600
United States .....	3,747	4,360	2,286	2,128	54,658	52,257
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	538	348	10,300	9,288	152,174	159,825
Arkansas .....	8	1	490	261	132,762	130,345
Delaware .....	716	808	1,940	4,059	4,299	6,665
Georgia .....	7,605	4,479	75,759	87,424	160,362	166,212
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	198,954	215,211
North Carolina .....	-	1	-	1	126,989	146,915
Texas .....	915	455	4,212	3,864	90,552	108,340
Virginia .....	11	13	8,187	6,341	118,429	92,752
United States .....	12,262	8,880	225,324	237,351	1,685,254	1,799,080

- Represents zero.

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

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

## Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2022 and January 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(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)	-
Illinois .....	10	(Z)	247	8	24.50	21.15
Indiana .....	1,760	1,897	70,525	78,555	40.08	41.41
Iowa .....	1,012	947	45,880	43,728	45.33	46.16
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	422	461	17,413	20,094	41.30	43.62
Minnesota .....	2,762	3,187	75,022	90,940	27.16	28.53
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,692	1,706	63,599	65,473	37.58	38.37
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	524	581	24,500	28,579	46.71	49.21
Oklahoma .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	553	612	15,972	18,363	28.86	29.99
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	246	220	10,803	9,813	43.99	44.64
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	2	(Z)	73	-	32.12	-
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	237	266	9,911	11,253	41.78	42.38
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	15,967	16,878	512,111	552,620	32.07	32.74

- 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: December 2022 and January 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(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)	(X)
Illinois .....	199	6	4	-	1.82	(X)
Indiana .....	56,793	63,130	845	844	1.47	1.32
Iowa .....	36,119	34,563	490	478	1.34	1.36
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	13,495	15,573	192	214	1.41	1.35
Minnesota .....	60,294	72,874	703	951	1.15	1.29
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)	(X)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	50,051	51,158	307	304	0.61	0.59
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,543	22,851	269	266	1.36	1.15
Oklahoma .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	12,688	14,304	204	259	1.58	1.78
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	8,703	7,909	110	89	1.25	1.12
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	58	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	7,810	8,845	156	194	1.96	2.15
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	409,778	440,868	4,870	5,287	1.17	1.19

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

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

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

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Statistical Methodology

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