



Poultry Slaughter

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Poultry certified wholesome during November 2023 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.31 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in November 2022. The October 2023 revised certified total at 4.74 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from October 2022. The October revision represented an increase of 7.97 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2023 was 5.67 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.83 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.03 billion pounds, down 4 percent from November 2022. Mature chickens, at 60.5 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 566 million pounds, up 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.3 million pounds, up 10 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2023 averaged 6.61 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2022. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.96 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2023 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2022.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2023 totaled 11.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 24.6 million pounds, were 0.57 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.58 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2022	October 2023	November 2023	November 2023 as % of		January to November		2023 as percent of 2022
				November 2022	October 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	793,686	824,609	760,306	96	92	8,654,265	8,654,391	100
Mature	9,169	10,409	8,701	95	84	105,380	109,685	104
Light	2,575	2,809	2,325	90	83	29,129	30,935	106
Heavy	6,594	7,600	6,376	97	84	76,251	78,750	103
Total	802,855	835,018	769,007	96	92	8,759,645	8,764,076	100
Turkeys								
Young	17,682	20,318	18,401	104	91	190,622	198,354	104
Old	112	211	112	100	53	1,449	1,819	126
Total	17,794	20,529	18,513	104	90	192,071	200,173	104
Ducks	2,177	2,499	2,407	111	96	24,281	25,847	106
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,215,896	5,526,154	5,028,046	96	91	56,087,368	56,576,238	101
Mature	64,440	71,754	60,542	94	84	740,157	764,269	103
Light	8,717	9,596	8,065	93	84	100,927	108,345	107
Heavy	55,723	62,158	52,477	94	84	639,230	655,924	103
Total	5,280,336	5,597,908	5,088,588	96	91	56,827,525	57,340,507	101
Turkeys								
Young	532,304	621,189	562,530	106	91	5,961,493	6,292,598	106
Old	3,531	6,453	3,365	95	52	44,808	54,781	122
Total	535,835	627,642	565,895	106	90	6,006,301	6,347,379	106
Ducks	15,739	17,737	17,316	110	98	171,008	183,424	107
Other ¹	253	386	211	83	55	3,401	2,853	84
Total	5,832,163	6,243,673	5,672,010	97	91	63,008,235	63,874,163	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.57	6.70	6.61	101	99	6.48	6.54	101
Mature	7.03	6.89	6.96	99	101	7.02	6.97	99
Light	3.39	3.42	3.47	102	101	3.46	3.50	101
Heavy	8.45	8.18	8.23	97	101	8.38	8.33	99
Total	6.58	6.70	6.62	101	99	6.49	6.54	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.10	30.57	30.57	102	100	31.27	31.72	101
Old	31.53	30.58	30.04	95	98	30.92	30.12	97
Total	30.11	30.57	30.57	102	100	31.27	31.71	101
Ducks	7.23	7.10	7.19	99	101	7.04	7.10	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 2022	October 2023	November 2023	November 2023 as % of		January to November		2023 as percent of 2022
				November 2022	October 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,678,075	3,885,232	3,547,895	96	91	39,566,265	39,903,440	101
Mature	45,447	50,550	42,007	92	83	523,319	534,796	102
Light	4,574	5,044	4,339	95	86	53,183	57,241	108
Heavy	40,873	45,506	37,668	92	83	470,136	477,555	102
Total	3,723,522	3,935,782	3,589,902	96	91	40,089,584	40,438,236	101
Turkeys								
Young	258,465	321,845	290,203	112	90	2,920,178	3,189,872	109
Old	2,495	4,596	2,532	101	55	30,157	36,884	122
Total	260,960	326,441	292,735	112	90	2,950,335	3,226,756	109
Ducks	5,134	5,052	5,115	100	101	49,785	47,431	95
Other ¹	147	159	132	90	83	1,516	1,442	95
Total	3,989,763	4,267,434	3,887,884	97	91	43,091,220	43,713,865	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	262,818	292,042	262,089	100	90	2,787,928	2,856,859	102
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	262,818	292,042	262,089	100	90	2,787,928	2,856,859	102
Turkeys								
Young	166,988	173,523	156,299	94	90	1,853,470	1,829,984	99
Old	243	352	70	29	20	4,282	5,257	123
Total	167,231	173,875	156,369	94	90	1,857,752	1,835,241	99
Ducks	6,418	7,934	7,640	119	96	74,955	86,297	115
Other ¹	16	99	17	106	17	706	514	73
Total	436,483	473,950	426,115	98	90	4,721,341	4,778,911	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,940,893	4,177,274	3,809,984	97	91	42,354,193	42,760,299	101
Mature	45,447	50,550	42,007	92	83	523,319	534,796	102
Light	4,574	5,044	4,339	95	86	53,183	57,241	108
Heavy	40,873	45,506	37,668	92	83	470,136	477,555	102
Total	3,986,340	4,227,824	3,851,991	97	91	42,877,512	43,295,095	101
Turkeys								
Young	425,453	495,368	446,502	105	90	4,773,648	5,019,856	105
Old	2,738	4,948	2,602	95	53	34,439	42,141	122
Total	428,191	500,316	449,104	105	90	4,808,087	5,061,997	105
Ducks	11,552	12,986	12,755	110	98	124,740	133,728	107
Other ¹	163	258	149	91	58	2,222	1,956	88
Total	4,426,246	4,741,384	4,313,999	97	91	47,812,561	48,492,776	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2022	October 2023	November 2023	November 2023 as % of		January to November		2023 as percent of 2022
				November 2022	October 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	10,492	9,798	9,557	91	98	116,630	110,671	95
Mature	661	689	720	109	104	9,380	8,875	95
Light	65	55	44	68	80	923	901	98
Heavy	596	634	676	113	107	8,457	7,974	94
Total	11,153	10,487	10,277	92	98	126,010	119,546	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,427	1,684	1,449	102	86	18,171	18,575	102
Old	17	43	21	124	49	348	382	110
Total	1,444	1,727	1,470	102	85	18,519	18,957	102
Ducks	66	100	90	136	90	918	1,025	112
Total ¹	12,663	12,315	11,837	93	96	145,451	139,532	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.18	0.19	95	106	0.21	0.20	95
Mature	1.03	0.96	1.19	116	124	1.27	1.16	91
Light	0.75	0.57	0.55	73	96	0.91	0.83	91
Heavy	1.07	1.02	1.29	121	126	1.32	1.22	92
Total	0.21	0.19	0.20	95	105	0.22	0.21	95
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.27	0.26	96	96	0.30	0.30	100
Old	0.48	0.67	0.62	129	93	0.78	0.70	90
Total	0.27	0.28	0.26	96	93	0.31	0.30	97
Ducks	0.42	0.56	0.52	124	93	0.54	0.56	104
Total ¹	0.22	0.20	0.21	95	105	0.23	0.22	96

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 2022	October 2023	November 2023	November 2023 as % of		January to November		2023 as percent of 2022
				November 2022	October 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	19,071	16,903	17,011	89	101	206,273	199,641	97
Mature	1,646	1,707	1,408	86	82	17,438	19,583	112
Light	376	352	273	73	78	3,975	4,352	109
Heavy	1,270	1,355	1,135	89	84	13,463	15,231	113
Total	20,717	18,610	18,419	89	99	223,711	219,224	98
Turkeys								
Young	4,971	6,361	5,895	119	93	56,489	60,996	108
Old	113	190	93	82	49	1,594	1,922	121
Total	5,084	6,551	5,988	118	91	58,083	62,918	108
Ducks	200	198	201	101	102	2,572	2,382	93
Other ¹	3	4	4	133	100	40	36	90
Total	26,004	25,363	24,612	95	97	284,406	284,560	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.48	0.40	0.44	92	110	0.48	0.46	96
Mature	3.50	3.27	3.24	93	99	3.22	3.53	110
Light	7.60	6.52	5.92	78	91	6.95	7.07	102
Heavy	3.01	2.89	2.93	97	101	2.78	3.09	111
Total	0.52	0.44	0.48	92	109	0.52	0.50	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.15	1.27	1.30	113	102	1.17	1.20	103
Old	3.96	3.70	3.45	87	93	4.42	4.36	99
Total	1.17	1.29	1.32	113	102	1.19	1.23	103
Ducks	1.70	1.50	1.55	91	103	2.02	1.75	87
Other ¹	1.81	1.53	2.61	144	171	1.77	1.81	102
Total	0.58	0.53	0.57	98	108	0.59	0.58	98

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: October and November 2023

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	173	153	79,673	89,503
Mature	-	-	32	21	51,121	42,648
Light	-	-	24	21	41,354	32,930
Heavy	-	-	8	-	9,767	9,718
Total	-	-	205	174	130,794	132,151
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	7	15	6,884	7,248
Old	-	-	14	2	622	417
Total	-	-	21	17	7,506	7,665
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	73,823	86,385	946	897	2,066	1,888
Mature	10,745	8,937	129	108	15,192	13,839
Light	3,981	2,990	36	11	11,407	9,580
Heavy	6,764	5,947	93	97	3,785	4,259
Total	84,568	95,322	1,075	1,005	17,258	15,727
Turkeys						
Young	1,761	1,315	150	107	144	123
Old	580	260	5	13	171	115
Total	2,341	1,575	155	120	315	238
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	3,286	3,561	1,203	1,078	40,362	40,003
Mature	3,244	2,166	101	98	16,224	15,506
Light	2,470	1,542	81	74	15,178	13,592
Heavy	774	624	20	24	1,046	1,914
Total	6,530	5,727	1,304	1,176	56,586	55,509
Turkeys						
Young	173	127	475	468	1,062	1,076
Old	10	12	20	12	156	65
Total	183	139	495	480	1,218	1,141
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,061	4,297	91,738	110,430	1,630,529	1,740,039
Mature	98	86	25,799	26,075	24,181	23,982
Light	80	68	16,739	17,543	-	-
Heavy	18	18	9,060	8,532	24,181	23,982
Total	6,159	4,383	117,537	136,505	1,654,710	1,764,021
Turkeys						
Young	171	97	5,792	4,150	71,003	76,206
Old	17	3	189	91	243	129
Total	188	100	5,981	4,241	71,246	76,335

- 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 2023

[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	102,271	95,539	579,220	530,841	5.66	5.56
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	88,993	82,280	655,759	606,236	7.37	7.37
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	32,120	29,535	250,763	232,074	7.81	7.86
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	111,764	104,500	707,498	644,482	6.33	6.17
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	74	52	476	333	6.44	6.42
Indiana	3,869	3,491	20,402	18,452	5.27	5.29
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,715	22,237	161,040	149,083	6.52	6.70
Louisiana	15,715	14,569	109,948	97,962	7.00	6.72
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,862	12,196	83,792	77,453	6.51	6.35
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	62,555	58,237	431,538	395,281	6.90	6.79
Missouri	31,097	27,020	172,361	143,876	5.54	5.32
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	10,487	9,268	67,206	59,048	6.41	6.37
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	282	324	1,510	1,634	5.36	5.05
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,597	2,669	13,394	12,962	5.16	4.86
North Carolina	82,804	76,574	710,461	657,878	8.58	8.59
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	11,188	10,595	51,698	47,831	4.62	4.51
Oklahoma	11,344	9,267	86,135	67,649	7.59	7.30
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	14,274	13,070	83,862	76,102	5.88	5.82
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	27,441	24,837	210,559	183,277	7.67	7.38
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	33,369	31,262	202,896	190,050	6.08	6.08
Texas	63,507	57,592	444,863	396,786	7.00	6.89
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,919	23,871	174,996	157,464	6.75	6.60
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	824,609	760,306	5,526,154	5,028,046	6.70	6.61

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	447,340	409,801	1,589	1,666	0.35	0.40
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	495,109	456,186	1,776	1,698	0.36	0.37
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	194,783	180,406	829	785	0.42	0.43
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	531,970	489,986	2,485	2,572	0.46	0.52
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	356	248	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	14,616	13,223	51	43	0.35	0.32
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	121,428	112,763	508	510	0.42	0.45
Louisiana	82,353	73,583	404	371	0.49	0.50
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	62,664	57,681	359	421	0.57	0.73
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	320,280	296,562	959	871	0.30	0.29
Missouri	126,132	105,134	419	250	0.33	0.24
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	51,296	45,065	248	321	0.48	0.71
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	1,096	1,196	22	31	1.97	2.50
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	8,260	7,955	103	126	1.24	1.56
North Carolina	545,918	507,068	1,544	1,332	0.28	0.26
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	38,707	35,825	190	205	0.49	0.57
Oklahoma	64,731	50,762	214	158	0.33	0.31
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	60,006	54,307	713	710	1.17	1.29
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	158,682	138,203	846	803	0.53	0.58
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	149,862	140,610	263	431	0.18	0.31
Texas	340,993	305,337	796	713	0.23	0.23
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	133,124	119,833	455	443	0.34	0.37
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	4,177,274	3,809,984	16,903	17,011	0.40	0.44

- 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 2023

[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	-	-	10	31	7,728	9,434
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	337	404
Delaware	-	-	-	-	11,943	12,057
Georgia	-	-	2	-	12,381	15,373
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	1	-	6,943	6,691
Virginia	-	-	1	6	1,558	1,275
United States	-	-	173	153	79,673	89,503
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	2,442	3,605	3	4	134	183
Arkansas	446	382	16	15	-	-
Delaware	3,899	5,064	1	-	37	54
Georgia	14,608	18,726	46	96	291	324
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	6,491	6,828	3	-	335	311
Virginia	240	190	4	11	20	21
United States	73,823	86,385	946	897	2,066	1,888
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	338	481	67	131	3,517	3,078
Arkansas	11	18	-	2	227	301
Delaware	514	425	18	22	2,586	2,150
Georgia	353	326	392	264	3,541	3,707
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	80	87	-	4	350	426
Virginia	11	18	21	6	173	154
United States	3,286	3,561	1,203	1,078	40,362	40,003
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	1,774	859	4,830	7,567	138,992	141,455
Arkansas	23	25	193	167	157,288	154,622
Delaware	148	389	2,844	3,840	4,707	4,307
Georgia	428	228	10,641	11,945	170,463	156,796
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	136,857	131,401
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	112,214	101,353
Texas	774	631	1,272	1,497	77,076	60,095
Virginia	866	683	6,386	6,212	113,568	102,323
United States	6,061	4,297	91,738	110,430	1,630,529	1,740,039

- 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 2023

[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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	5	24	138	678	27.64	27.95
Indiana	1,992	1,795	80,083	71,276	40.20	39.71
Iowa	1,304	1,125	57,469	49,890	44.08	44.36
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	453	426	19,291	17,847	42.62	41.92
Minnesota	3,594	3,701	96,360	99,147	26.81	26.79
Mississippi	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,030	1,884	73,181	66,865	36.05	35.50
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	657	653	30,400	29,034	46.26	44.48
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	963	773	23,618	20,033	24.54	25.92
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	405	311	18,376	13,508	45.36	43.43
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	14	59	439	1,809	30.54	30.58
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	284	283	11,563	11,675	40.76	41.24
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,318	18,401	621,189	562,530	30.57	30.57

- 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 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(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	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	106	523	(Z)	-	0.03	(X)
Indiana	64,377	57,061	972	911	1.49	1.57
Iowa	45,218	39,148	630	532	1.37	1.34
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	14,951	13,839	211	198	1.39	1.41
Minnesota	77,548	79,718	878	865	1.12	1.07
Mississippi	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	57,648	52,021	344	343	0.59	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	24,170	22,872	375	294	1.53	1.27
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	18,791	15,910	341	267	1.78	1.65
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	14,795	10,883	210	153	1.40	1.39
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	348	1,416	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	9,152	9,236	117	129	1.26	1.37
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	495,368	446,502	6,361	5,895	1.27	1.30

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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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