



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during October 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.59 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in October 2021. The September 2022 revised certified total at 4.48 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from September 2021. The September revision represented an increase of 2.28 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2022 was 6.04 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 5.75 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.38 billion pounds, up 6 percent from October 2021. Mature chickens, at 66.2 million pounds, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 582 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.4 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2022 averaged 6.64 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 7.12 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2022 averaged 30.0 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from October 2021.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2022 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.20 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 25.8 million pounds, were 0.56 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.60 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2021	September 2022	October 2022	October 2022 as % of		January to October		2022 as percent of 2021
				October 2021	September 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	771,996	806,793	809,204	105	100	7,695,985	7,859,917	102
Mature	9,208	10,066	9,302	101	92	96,398	96,055	100
Light	2,868	2,746	2,426	85	88	30,063	26,554	88
Heavy	6,340	7,320	6,876	108	94	66,335	69,501	105
Total	781,204	816,859	818,506	105	100	7,792,383	7,955,972	102
Turkeys								
Young	19,913	17,036	19,251	97	113	179,225	172,942	96
Old	155	152	171	110	113	1,432	1,337	93
Total	20,068	17,188	19,422	97	113	180,657	174,279	96
Ducks	2,182	2,253	2,316	106	103	19,982	22,104	111
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,061,251	5,295,606	5,375,226	106	102	49,727,243	50,867,669	102
Mature	63,679	71,954	66,242	104	92	656,913	674,318	103
Light	9,791	9,669	8,392	86	87	103,938	92,210	89
Heavy	53,888	62,285	57,850	107	93	552,975	582,108	105
Total	5,124,930	5,367,560	5,441,468	106	101	50,384,156	51,541,987	102
Turkeys								
Young	601,445	518,659	577,073	96	111	5,813,462	5,429,177	93
Old	4,834	4,823	5,229	108	108	43,469	41,277	95
Total	606,279	523,482	582,302	96	111	5,856,931	5,470,454	93
Ducks	15,439	15,653	16,419	106	105	138,980	155,269	112
Other ¹	728	562	548	75	98	3,020	3,148	104
Total	5,747,376	5,907,257	6,040,737	105	102	56,383,087	57,170,858	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.56	6.56	6.64	101	101	6.46	6.47	100
Mature	6.92	7.15	7.12	103	100	6.81	7.02	103
Light	3.41	3.52	3.46	101	98	3.46	3.47	100
Heavy	8.50	8.51	8.41	99	99	8.34	8.38	100
Total	6.56	6.57	6.65	101	101	6.47	6.48	100
Turkeys								
Young	30.20	30.44	29.98	99	98	32.44	31.39	97
Old	31.19	31.73	30.58	98	96	30.36	30.87	102
Total	30.21	30.46	29.98	99	98	32.42	31.39	97
Ducks	7.08	6.95	7.09	100	102	6.96	7.02	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2021	September 2022	October 2022	October 2022 as % of		January to October		2022 as percent of 2021
				October 2021	September 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,576,391	3,710,676	3,798,779	106	102	34,982,454	35,885,249	103
Mature	44,319	50,685	47,071	106	93	451,949	476,770	105
Light	5,181	5,022	4,439	86	88	53,724	48,609	90
Heavy	39,138	45,663	42,632	109	93	398,225	428,161	108
Total	3,620,710	3,761,361	3,845,850	106	102	35,434,403	36,362,019	103
Turkeys								
Young	298,368	246,654	284,020	95	115	2,856,285	2,661,690	93
Old	3,604	3,172	3,904	108	123	32,318	27,662	86
Total	301,972	249,826	287,924	95	115	2,888,603	2,689,352	93
Ducks	4,372	4,489	5,085	116	113	34,584	44,651	129
Other ¹	170	146	195	115	134	1,239	1,369	110
Total	3,927,224	4,015,822	4,139,054	105	103	38,358,829	39,097,391	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	251,443	289,856	266,802	106	92	2,551,498	2,525,110	99
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	251,443	289,856	266,802	106	92	2,551,498	2,525,110	99
Turkeys								
Young	183,461	170,170	179,287	98	105	1,788,357	1,686,482	94
Old	75	557	66	88	12	661	4,039	611
Total	183,536	170,727	179,353	98	105	1,789,018	1,690,521	94
Ducks	6,956	6,956	6,937	100	100	67,259	68,537	102
Other ¹	295	204	164	56	80	724	690	95
Total	442,230	467,743	453,256	102	97	4,408,499	4,284,858	97
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,827,834	4,000,532	4,065,581	106	102	37,533,952	38,410,359	102
Mature	44,319	50,685	47,071	106	93	451,949	476,770	105
Light	5,181	5,022	4,439	86	88	53,724	48,609	90
Heavy	39,138	45,663	42,632	109	93	398,225	428,161	108
Total	3,872,153	4,051,217	4,112,652	106	102	37,985,901	38,887,129	102
Turkeys								
Young	481,829	416,824	463,307	96	111	4,644,642	4,348,172	94
Old	3,679	3,729	3,970	108	106	32,979	31,701	96
Total	485,508	420,553	467,277	96	111	4,677,621	4,379,873	94
Ducks	11,328	11,445	12,022	106	105	101,843	113,188	111
Other ¹	465	350	359	77	103	1,963	2,059	105
Total	4,369,454	4,483,565	4,592,310	105	102	42,767,328	43,382,249	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2021	September 2022	October 2022	October 2022 as % of		January to October		2022 as percent of 2021
				October 2021	September 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	9,457	10,575	10,320	109	98	99,766	106,323	107
Mature	517	864	663	128	77	6,359	8,713	137
Light	56	107	47	84	44	903	858	95
Heavy	461	757	616	134	81	5,456	7,855	144
Total	9,974	11,439	10,983	110	96	106,125	115,036	108
Turkeys								
Young	1,557	1,410	1,462	94	104	18,024	16,743	93
Old	26	26	31	119	119	408	331	81
Total	1,583	1,436	1,493	94	104	18,432	17,074	93
Ducks	78	77	86	110	112	760	852	112
Total ¹	11,636	12,954	12,563	108	97	125,320	132,966	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.20	0.19	100	95	0.20	0.21	105
Mature	0.81	1.20	1.00	123	83	0.97	1.29	133
Light	0.57	1.11	0.56	98	50	0.87	0.93	107
Heavy	0.86	1.22	1.06	123	87	0.99	1.35	136
Total	0.19	0.21	0.20	105	95	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.27	0.25	96	93	0.31	0.31	100
Old	0.54	0.54	0.59	109	109	0.94	0.80	85
Total	0.26	0.27	0.26	100	96	0.31	0.31	100
Ducks	0.51	0.49	0.52	102	106	0.55	0.55	100
Total ¹	0.20	0.22	0.21	105	95	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	October 2021	September 2022	October 2022	October 2022 as % of		January to October		2022 as percent of 2021
				October 2021	September 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	17,745	18,184	18,690	105	103	185,956	187,197	101
Mature	2,418	1,648	1,599	66	97	21,392	15,782	74
Light	438	382	321	73	84	4,466	3,599	81
Heavy	1,980	1,266	1,278	65	101	16,926	12,183	72
Total	20,163	19,832	20,289	101	102	207,348	202,979	98
Turkeys								
Young	5,741	4,751	5,010	87	105	59,357	51,518	87
Old	211	166	194	92	117	1,442	1,481	103
Total	5,952	4,917	5,204	87	106	60,799	52,999	87
Ducks	307	231	265	86	115	2,122	2,372	112
Other ¹	6	6	4	67	67	33	37	112
Total	26,428	24,986	25,762	97	103	270,302	258,387	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.46	0.45	0.46	100	102	0.49	0.48	98
Mature	5.17	3.15	3.29	64	104	4.52	3.20	71
Light	7.79	7.07	6.74	87	95	7.67	6.89	90
Heavy	4.82	2.70	2.91	60	108	4.08	2.77	68
Total	0.52	0.49	0.49	94	100	0.54	0.52	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.18	1.13	1.07	91	95	1.26	1.17	93
Old	5.42	4.26	4.66	86	109	4.19	4.46	106
Total	1.21	1.16	1.10	91	95	1.28	1.20	94
Ducks	2.64	1.98	2.16	82	109	2.04	2.05	100
Other ¹	1.27	1.69	1.10	87	65	1.65	1.77	107
Total	0.60	0.55	0.56	93	102	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: September and October 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	382	429	79,964	89,392
Mature	-	-	90	64	51,609	40,862
Light	-	-	71	37	45,524	35,764
Heavy	-	-	19	27	6,085	5,098
Total	-	-	472	493	131,573	130,254
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	44	64	3,687	5,712
Old	-	-	9	11	828	1,047
Total	-	-	53	75	4,515	6,759
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	65,876	96,452	480	765	2,523	2,713
Mature	12,776	9,935	119	97	25,368	27,359
Light	5,077	2,106	27	34	21,153	23,525
Heavy	7,699	7,829	92	63	4,215	3,834
Total	78,652	106,387	599	862	27,891	30,072
Turkeys						
Young	1,357	1,530	19	63	58	87
Old	639	723	-	-	170	336
Total	1,996	2,253	19	63	228	423
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	4,148	4,015	1,944	1,983	44,383	50,774
Mature	2,593	1,627	152	146	23,870	22,686
Light	1,531	859	135	120	21,492	20,807
Heavy	1,062	768	17	26	2,378	1,879
Total	6,741	5,642	2,096	2,129	68,253	73,460
Turkeys						
Young	65	84	178	309	600	1,073
Old	8	4	15	66	121	163
Total	73	88	193	375	721	1,236
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	17,963	18,389	215,061	212,645	1,547,813	1,647,096
Mature	73	45	31,396	30,783	30,423	43,636
Light	65	42	24,692	23,889	-	-
Heavy	8	3	6,704	6,894	30,423	43,636
Total	18,036	18,434	246,457	243,428	1,578,236	1,690,732
Turkeys						
Young	78	50	2,916	4,572	43,217	41,708
Old	4	-	262	488	189	-
Total	82	50	3,178	5,060	43,406	41,708

- 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: September and October 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	101,124	99,531	573,188	562,898	5.67	5.66
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	87,375	86,536	614,995	630,765	7.04	7.29
California	22,795	24,986	134,598	143,954	5.90	5.76
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	32,124	30,583	249,684	238,893	7.77	7.81
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	107,979	108,025	658,413	666,680	6.10	6.17
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	70	61	443	388	6.34	6.37
Indiana	6,640	6,473	31,308	31,094	4.71	4.80
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,504	24,866	155,926	166,453	6.63	6.69
Louisiana	14,360	15,216	102,381	111,813	7.13	7.35
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,684	12,358	81,755	80,902	6.45	6.55
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	58,584	59,579	384,853	397,271	6.57	6.67
Missouri	33,926	33,426	191,816	190,606	5.65	5.70
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	173	168	841	802	4.85	4.77
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,725	2,421	13,050	12,116	4.79	5.00
North Carolina	80,106	83,601	676,541	709,376	8.45	8.49
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	11,191	10,289	51,047	46,202	4.56	4.49
Oklahoma	11,650	12,114	83,459	81,989	7.16	6.77
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	12,353	12,484	70,271	71,891	5.69	5.76
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,585	26,000	188,500	202,830	7.67	7.80
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee	30,926	31,222	189,341	194,176	6.12	6.22
Texas	63,320	62,788	433,677	434,954	6.85	6.93
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	29,259	28,245	191,760	186,999	6.55	6.62
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	806,793	809,204	5,295,606	5,375,226	6.56	6.64

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	439,189	434,039	1,922	1,892	0.44	0.43
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	461,542	471,642	1,532	1,450	0.33	0.31
California	101,038	108,481	643	679	0.63	0.62
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	193,868	184,754	650	685	0.33	0.37
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	499,582	504,495	2,823	2,908	0.56	0.57
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	328	289	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	22,777	22,637	86	103	0.38	0.45
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	117,610	125,483	638	732	0.54	0.58
Louisiana	77,754	84,642	251	360	0.32	0.42
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	60,998	60,395	342	361	0.56	0.59
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	285,430	297,469	1,092	1,246	0.38	0.42
Missouri	140,614	140,148	439	471	0.31	0.33
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	636	594	8	9	1.22	1.46
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,964	7,408	90	99	1.12	1.32
North Carolina	520,731	546,629	1,772	1,919	0.34	0.35
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	38,175	34,404	273	264	0.71	0.76
Oklahoma	62,504	61,510	180	193	0.29	0.31
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	48,849	49,237	793	695	1.60	1.39
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	141,805	152,607	892	946	0.63	0.62
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	139,332	142,764	590	650	0.42	0.45
Texas	331,640	336,038	1,340	1,289	0.40	0.38
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	145,538	141,393	321	315	0.22	0.22
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	4,000,532	4,065,581	18,184	18,690	0.45	0.46

- 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: September and October 2022

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	51	35	9,026	7,645
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	143	133
Delaware	-	-	17	7	9,516	12,032
Georgia	-	-	3	4	12,152	14,337
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	1	-	-	3
Texas	-	-	1	3	4,795	6,805
Virginia	-	-	1	6	4,924	4,440
United States	-	-	382	429	79,964	89,392

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	2,570	2,801	4	19	126	95
Arkansas	304	348	4	6	-	2
Delaware	2,957	4,626	3	2	70	77
Georgia	20,925	26,678	37	79	501	644
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	2,079	4,883	9	174	241	229
Virginia	1,813	3,304	2	3	93	77
United States	65,876	96,452	480	765	2,523	2,713

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	338	283	529	529	4,822	4,197
Arkansas	5	4	-	-	159	383
Delaware	170	252	107	126	1,570	1,377
Georgia	872	1,026	574	622	6,632	9,598
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	10
Texas	100	77	2	3	405	359
Virginia	459	367	60	44	727	472
United States	4,148	4,015	1,944	1,983	44,383	50,774

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	204	251	22,099	35,035	151,329	166,091
Arkansas	19	1	208	256	100,317	102,822
Delaware	1,047	289	1,211	1,162	5,563	17,150
Georgia	13,286	15,366	66,898	65,774	172,666	169,911
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	139,160	232,906
North Carolina	-	-	-	2	117,028	133,566
Texas	742	846	1,583	4,025	94,164	83,873
Virginia	23	17	5,487	4,912	70,797	75,271
United States	17,963	18,389	215,061	212,645	1,547,813	1,647,096

- 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: September and October 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(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	1	11	35	277	26.95	24.85
Indiana	1,852	1,982	70,041	77,141	37.81	38.92
Iowa	1,000	1,125	41,957	49,236	41.94	43.78
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,343	3,511	80,244	84,549	24.01	24.08
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	532	511	11,460	11,133	21.53	21.79
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	9	7	193	171	20.32	25.15
North Carolina	1,893	1,925	67,669	70,824	35.74	36.79
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	559	562	25,158	25,657	45.00	45.68
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	776	955	19,583	23,844	25.24	24.97
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	168	331	7,234	14,049	43.08	42.48
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	4	16	135	471	30.58	29.96
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	213	228	9,188	9,115	43.08	39.97
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,036	19,251	518,659	577,073	30.44	29.98

- Represents zero.

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

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September (1,000 pounds)	October (1,000 pounds)	September (1,000 pounds)	October (1,000 pounds)	September (percent)	October (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	27	221	-	3	(X)	1.21
Indiana	56,563	62,251	724	731	1.26	1.16
Iowa	33,286	39,106	429	619	1.27	1.56
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	64,602	67,992	749	745	1.15	1.08
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	9,449	9,203	100	69	1.05	0.74
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	124	127	3	1	2.21	0.61
North Carolina	53,790	55,846	323	340	0.60	0.60
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,115	20,413	265	252	1.30	1.22
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,681	19,276	197	237	1.24	1.21
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	5,846	11,353	59	125	1.00	1.09
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	108	376	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	7,259	7,186	117	132	1.59	1.81
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	416,824	463,307	4,751	5,010	1.13	1.07

- Represents zero.

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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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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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