



Turkey Sector: Background & Statistics

Turkey meat production in the United States during January-September 2019 was 4.35 billion pounds, down about a quarter of a percent from a year earlier. For the most current coverage of the turkey market, see the monthly newsletter [Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook](#).

Production Statistics

Value of turkey production:

- 2012: \$5.45 billion
- 2013: \$4.84 billion
- 2014: \$5.30 billion
- 2015: \$5.71 billion
- 2016: \$6.18 billion
- 2017: \$4.87 billion
- 2018: \$3.88 billion

Data are reported annually in the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) [Poultry-Production and Value](#) report.

U.S. turkey meat production (ready-to-cook weight):

- 2012: 5.97 billion pounds
- 2013: 5.81 billion pounds
- 2014: 5.76 billion pounds
- 2015: 5.63 billion pounds
- 2016: 5.98 billion pounds
- 2017: 5.98 billion pounds
- 2018: 5.88 billion pounds
- 2019: 5.89 billion pounds (WASDE projection as of November 2019, see the [Latest Report](#) or [ERS's WASDE at a Glance visualization](#))

Data are reported on the ERS [Livestock and Meat Domestic Data](#) web page, and forecasts are reported in the monthly [World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates](#) report.

State turkey production, 2018:

Top eight States:

- MN - 42.0 million birds
- NC - 32.5 million birds
- AR - 31.5 million birds

- IN - 20.0 million birds
- MO - 19.0 million birds
- VA - 16.8 million birds
- IA - 11.9 million birds
- CA - 11.0 million birds

U.S. total turkey production: 244.8 million birds

Data are reported in the NASS *Poultry-Production and Value* report.

Consumption Statistics

U.S. domestic use of turkey (disappearance):

- 2012: 5.03 billion pounds
- 2013: 5.07 billion pounds
- 2014: 5.05 billion pounds
- 2015: 5.14 billion pounds
- 2016: 5.38 billion pounds
- 2017: 5.35 billion pounds
- 2018: 5.29 billion pounds
- 2019: 5.30 (WASDE projection as of November 2019, see the [Latest Report](#) or [ERS's WASDE at a Glance visualization](#))

Recent data and projections are reported in the *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* report, and historical data are available on the ERS *Livestock and Meat Domestic Data* web page.

U.S. turkey disappearance per capita:

- 2012: 16.0 pounds
- 2013: 16.0 pounds
- 2014: 15.9 pounds
- 2015: 16.0 pounds
- 2016: 16.7 pounds
- 2017: 16.4 pounds
- 2018: 16.2 pounds
- 2019: 16.1 (WASDE projection as of November 2019, see the [Latest Report](#) or [ERS's WASDE at a Glance visualization](#))

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Trade Statistics

U.S. turkey meat exports:

- 2012: 797 million pounds

- 2013: 741 million pounds
- 2014: 775 million pounds
- 2015: 529 million pounds
- 2016: 569 million pounds
- 2017: 622 million pounds
- 2018: 611 million pounds
- 2019: 637 million pounds (WASDE projection as of November 2019, see the [Latest Report](#) or [ERS's WASDE at a Glance visualization](#))

Recent data and projections are reported in the [World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates](#) report, and historical data are available on the ERS [Livestock and Meat International Trade Data](#) web page.

Price Statistics

Retail prices for frozen whole turkey:

- 2012 average: \$1.62 per pound
- 2013 average: \$1.65 per pound
- 2014 average: \$1.60 per pound
- 2015 average: \$1.51 per pound
- 2016 average: \$1.55 per pound
- 2017 average: \$1.58 per pound
- 2018 average: \$1.50 per pound

Data are reported in ERS [Meat Price Spreads](#).

Wholesale prices for frozen whole turkey hens:

- 2012 average: \$1.06 per pound
- 2013 average: \$1.00 per pound
- 2014 average: \$1.08 per pound
- 2015 average: \$1.16 per pound
- 2016 average: \$1.17 per pound
- 2017 average: \$0.96 per pound
- 2018 average: \$0.80 per pound
- 2019 average: \$0.89 per pound (WASDE projection as of November 2019, see the [Latest Report](#) or [ERS's WASDE at a Glance Visualization](#))

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