

The Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) forecasts beef, pork, and poultry production through 2023. This DLR will discuss general trends in meat per capita consumption and provide some outlook discussion for 2022 and 2023. Per capita meat consumption is a measure of meat disappearance which is calculated as by dividing the total meat supply (supply minus net exports and ending stocks) by population.

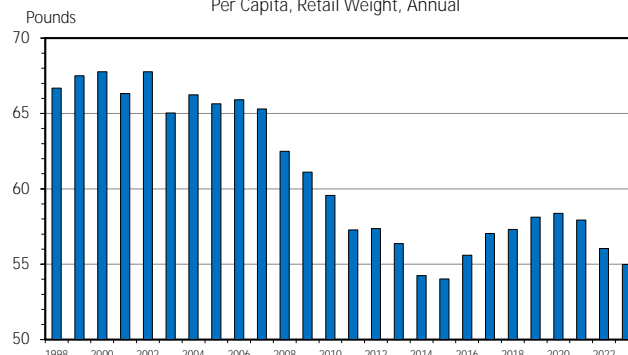
Beef per capita consumption is expected to trend lower over the next few years. In 2021, beef per capita consumption is expected to be about 57.9 pounds (retail weight), just below the recent high of 58.4 pounds in 2020. Monday's [DLR](#) discussed the recent USDA NASS Cattle on Feed report which noted that 11.6 million head of cattle were on feed as of October 1 which will support beef production and consumption through this year. Moving into 2022 feedlot numbers are expected to trend generally lower leading towards tighter beef supplies which will support beef prices. Beef per capita consumption is forecast to slip to 56 pounds in 2022, and it is expected to moderate one more pound lower to 55 pounds in 2023.

Pork per capita consumption has had a long-term average of about 50 pounds for the last two decades. This trend is expected to continue for the next couple years. In 2021, per person consumption will likely be just over the long-term average at 50.3 pounds. The recent September 1 USDA Hogs and Pigs report pointed towards tighter hog supplies into the first part of 2022. Higher feed costs are also factoring into producers' production decisions which will limit gains in pork supplies for the next couple of years. Not to mention that retail pork prices have set record price levels for six consecutive months. Pork per capita consumption is expected to stay near the 50-pound average for 2022 and 2023.

Over the last two decades (2000-2020) poultry consumption (chicken and turkey) has been trending upward with 2020 at 113 pounds. Over those twenty years, the annual average increase has been just under one pound with the bulk of the increase due to growing chicken consumption. Poultry consumption is expected to pull back slightly in 2021 to 112 pounds on flat chicken production and a marginal decline in turkey production. Supplies are expected to rebound slightly in 2022 and into 2023 which will lead to consumption levels between 113 and 114 pounds.

## US BEEF CONSUMPTION

Per Capita, Retail Weight, Annual

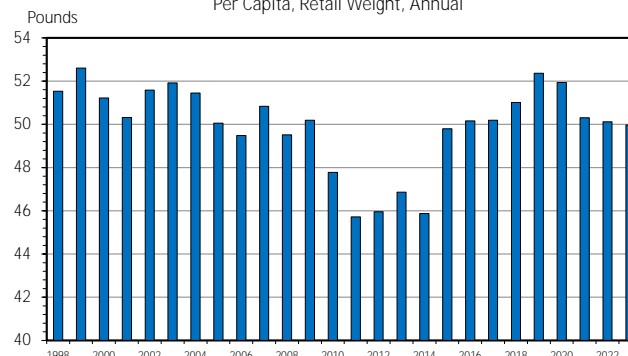


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## US PORK CONSUMPTION

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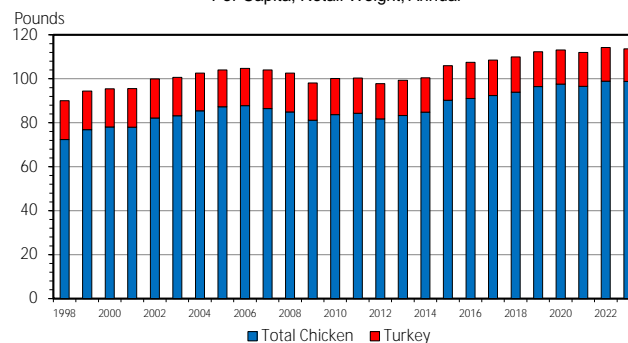


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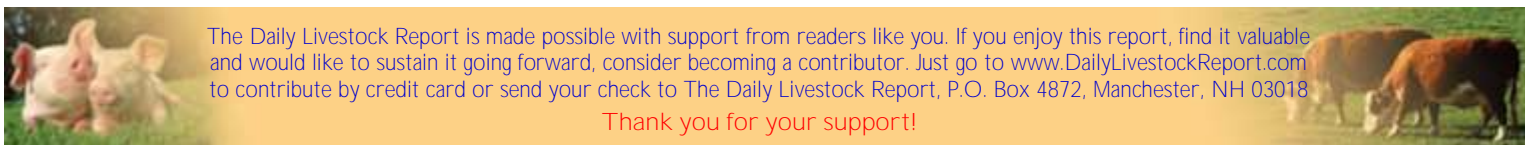
## US POULTRY CONSUMPTION

Per Capita, Retail Weight, Annual



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