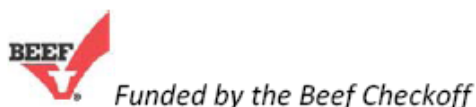


## Average Annual Per Capita Consumption of Meat (Boneless Weight)

Year	Beef (lbs)	Pork (lbs)	Veal (lbs)	Lamb (lbs)	Total Red Meat (lbs)	Chicken (lbs)	Turkey (lbs)	Total Poultry (lbs)	Total Red Meat and Poultry (lbs)
1980	72.2	52.6	1.2	1.0	127.0	33.1	8.1	41.2	168.2
1981	72.9	50.4	1.3	1.1	125.7	34.1	8.4	42.5	168.2
1982	72.6	45.3	1.4	1.1	120.4	34.3	8.4	42.6	163.0
1983	74.2	47.7	1.4	1.1	124.4	34.5	8.7	43.2	167.6
1984	73.9	47.5	1.4	1.1	123.9	35.6	8.7	44.3	168.2
1985	74.7	47.9	1.5	1.1	125.1	36.6	9.2	45.7	170.9
1986	74.3	45.4	1.5	1.0	122.2	37.5	10.2	47.7	169.9
1987	69.8	45.8	1.2	1.0	117.8	39.6	11.6	51.2	169.1
1988	68.7	48.9	1.1	1.0	119.8	40.1	12.4	52.5	172.2
1989	65.5	48.6	1.0	1.1	116.2	41.1	13.1	54.2	170.4
1990	64.1	46.7	0.9	1.1	112.9	41.7	13.9	55.6	169.5
1991	63.1	47.2	0.8	1.0	112.1	43.4	14.1	57.5	171.0
1992	62.7	49.6	0.8	1.0	114.1	45.8	14.1	59.9	175.0
1993	61.2	48.8	0.8	0.9	111.7	47.4	13.9	61.3	173.1
1994	63.1	49.3	0.8	0.9	114.0	48.1	14.0	62.1	175.9
1995	63.4	48.6	0.8	0.9	113.6	47.6	14.0	61.6	174.9
1996	63.9	45.4	1.0	0.8	111.1	48.5	14.4	62.9	173.2
1997	62.5	45.0	0.8	0.8	109.1	49.5	13.7	63.2	171.1
1998	63.5	48.4	0.7	0.8	113.3	49.8	14.0	63.8	175.8
1999	64.2	49.5	0.6	0.8	115.1	52.8	13.9	67.1	180.6
2000	64.3	48.1	0.6	0.8	113.8	52.6	13.6	67.0	180.8
2001	62.9	47.2	0.5	0.8	111.4	52.4	13.9	67.1	178.5
2002	64.6	48.5	0.5	0.8	114.4	57.5	13.9	72.2	186.6
2003	61.6	48.6	0.5	0.8	111.5	57.8	13.7	71.5	183.0
2004	63.1	48.2	0.4	0.8	112.6	59.5	13.4	73.0	185.6
2005	62.7	47.0	0.4	0.8	110.9	60.5	13.2	73.7	184.5
2006	63.3	46.7	0.4	0.7	111.2	61.5	13.4	74.8	186.0
2007	62.3	47.8	0.4	0.7	111.3	60.3	14.1	74.3	185.6
2008	59.9	46.5	0.4	0.7	107.5	59.2	14.7	73.8	181.4

Source: USDA

On a boneless, edible weight basis, per capita beef consumption remains substantially ahead of chicken. The bone content of retail chicken is relatively greater than that of beef -- much of which is now sold in boneless form.



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