



Poultry Slaughter

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

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February 2021 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2021 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.74 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the amount certified in February 2020. The January 2021 revised certified total at 4.11 billion pounds, was down 9 percent from January 2020. The January revision represented an increase of 80,000 pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2021 was 4.92 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 5.18 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.32 billion pounds, down 5 percent from February 2020. Mature chickens, at 58.1 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 528 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.3 million pounds, down 17 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2021 averaged 6.39 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2020. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.74 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2021 averaged 33.5 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from February 2020.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2021 totaled 11.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 24.7 million pounds, were 0.66 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.76 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	February 2021 as % of		January to February		2021 as percent of 2020
				February 2020	January 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	716,853	745,333	676,768	94	91	1,537,038	1,422,101	93
Mature	9,220	8,876	8,622	94	97	19,316	17,498	91
Light	2,931	2,831	2,729	93	96	6,057	5,560	92
Heavy	6,289	6,045	5,893	94	97	13,259	11,938	90
Total	726,073	754,209	685,390	94	91	1,556,354	1,439,599	92
Turkeys								
Young	17,038	16,611	15,598	92	94	36,216	32,209	89
Old	105	130	158	150	122	252	288	114
Total	17,143	16,741	15,756	92	94	36,468	32,497	89
Ducks	2,108	1,914	1,761	84	92	4,636	3,675	79
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,539,919	4,790,027	4,322,592	95	90	9,794,049	9,112,619	93
Mature	62,032	59,946	58,107	94	97	130,381	118,053	91
Light	10,374	9,938	9,434	91	95	21,253	19,372	91
Heavy	51,658	50,008	48,673	94	97	109,128	98,681	90
Total	4,601,951	4,849,973	4,380,699	95	90	9,924,430	9,230,672	93
Turkeys								
Young	556,414	556,649	522,972	94	94	1,197,768	1,079,621	90
Old	3,201	3,893	4,578	143	118	7,683	8,471	110
Total	559,615	560,542	527,550	94	94	1,205,451	1,088,092	90
Ducks	14,737	13,385	12,287	83	92	32,567	25,672	79
Other ¹	200	149	135	68	91	440	284	65
Total	5,176,503	5,424,049	4,920,671	95	91	11,162,888	10,344,720	93
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.33	6.43	6.39	101	99	6.37	6.41	101
Mature	6.73	6.75	6.74	100	100	6.75	6.75	100
Light	3.54	3.51	3.46	98	99	3.51	3.48	99
Heavy	8.21	8.27	8.26	101	100	8.23	8.27	100
Total	6.34	6.43	6.39	101	99	6.38	6.41	100
Turkeys								
Young	32.66	33.51	33.53	103	100	33.07	33.52	101
Old	30.49	29.95	28.97	95	97	30.49	29.41	96
Total	32.64	33.48	33.48	103	100	33.06	33.48	101
Ducks	6.99	6.99	6.98	100	100	7.02	6.99	100

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	February 2021 as % of		January to February		2021 as percent of 2020
				February 2020	January 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,172,769	3,371,757	3,044,308	96	90	6,853,008	6,416,065	94
Mature	41,566	40,759	39,825	96	98	88,146	80,584	91
Light	5,281	5,092	4,806	91	94	10,744	9,898	92
Heavy	36,285	35,667	35,019	97	98	77,402	70,686	91
Total	3,214,335	3,412,516	3,084,133	96	90	6,941,154	6,496,649	94
Turkeys								
Young	283,888	289,770	259,079	91	89	597,343	548,849	92
Old	2,358	2,936	3,356	142	114	5,653	6,292	111
Total	286,246	292,706	262,435	92	90	602,996	555,141	92
Ducks	3,728	3,305	2,848	76	86	8,730	6,153	70
Other ¹	127	96	87	69	91	274	183	67
Total	3,504,436	3,708,623	3,349,503	96	90	7,553,154	7,058,126	93
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	245,695	241,256	227,119	92	94	522,514	468,375	90
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	245,695	241,256	227,119	92	94	522,514	468,375	90
Turkeys								
Young	160,449	154,341	158,145	99	102	358,557	312,486	87
Old	41	65	60	146	92	125	125	100
Total	160,490	154,406	158,205	99	102	358,682	312,611	87
Ducks	6,908	6,584	6,173	89	94	14,924	12,757	85
Other ¹	11	6	7	64	117	22	13	59
Total	413,104	402,252	391,504	95	97	896,142	793,756	89
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,418,464	3,613,013	3,271,427	96	91	7,375,522	6,884,440	93
Mature	41,566	40,759	39,825	96	98	88,146	80,584	91
Light	5,281	5,092	4,806	91	94	10,744	9,898	92
Heavy	36,285	35,667	35,019	97	98	77,402	70,686	91
Total	3,460,030	3,653,772	3,311,252	96	91	7,463,668	6,965,024	93
Turkeys								
Young	444,337	444,111	417,224	94	94	955,900	861,335	90
Old	2,399	3,001	3,416	142	114	5,778	6,417	111
Total	446,736	447,112	420,640	94	94	961,678	867,752	90
Ducks	10,636	9,889	9,021	85	91	23,654	18,910	80
Other ¹	138	102	94	68	92	296	196	66
Total	3,917,540	4,110,875	3,741,007	95	91	8,449,296	7,851,882	93

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	February 2021 as % of		January to February		2021 as percent of 2020
				February 2020	January 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,415	10,010	9,420	100	94	20,553	19,430	95
Mature	521	571	675	130	118	1,118	1,246	111
Light	106	85	105	99	124	210	190	90
Heavy	415	486	570	137	117	908	1,056	116
Total	9,936	10,581	10,095	102	95	21,671	20,676	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,490	1,754	1,649	111	94	3,364	3,403	101
Old	34	42	61	179	145	92	103	112
Total	1,524	1,796	1,710	112	95	3,456	3,506	101
Ducks	60	59	59	98	100	144	118	82
Total ¹	11,520	12,436	11,864	103	95	25,271	24,300	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.21	0.22	105	105	0.21	0.21	100
Mature	0.84	0.95	1.16	138	122	0.86	1.06	123
Light	1.02	0.86	1.11	109	129	0.99	0.98	99
Heavy	0.80	0.97	1.17	146	121	0.83	1.07	129
Total	0.22	0.22	0.23	105	105	0.22	0.22	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.32	0.32	119	100	0.28	0.32	114
Old	1.06	1.08	1.33	125	123	1.20	1.22	102
Total	0.27	0.32	0.32	119	100	0.29	0.32	110
Ducks	0.41	0.44	0.48	117	109	0.44	0.46	105
Total ¹	0.22	0.23	0.24	109	104	0.23	0.23	100

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 inspected only]

Commodity	February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	February 2021 as % of		January to February		2021 as percent of 2020
				February 2020	January 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	21,744	18,057	17,100	79	95	46,740	35,157	75
Mature	1,347	1,873	1,837	136	98	2,758	3,710	135
Light	457	430	436	95	101	937	866	92
Heavy	890	1,443	1,401	157	97	1,821	2,844	156
Total	23,091	19,930	18,937	82	95	49,498	38,867	79
Turkeys								
Young	6,269	5,972	5,452	87	91	13,507	11,424	85
Old	112	116	130	116	112	286	246	86
Total	6,381	6,088	5,582	87	92	13,793	11,670	85
Ducks	338	187	162	48	87	705	349	50
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	4	4	100
Total	29,812	26,207	24,683	83	94	64,000	50,890	80
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.63	0.50	0.52	83	104	0.63	0.51	81
Mature	3.14	4.39	4.41	140	100	3.03	4.40	145
Light	7.96	7.79	8.32	105	107	8.02	8.05	100
Heavy	2.39	3.89	3.85	161	99	2.30	3.87	168
Total	0.66	0.54	0.57	86	106	0.66	0.55	83
Turkeys								
Young	1.39	1.33	1.29	93	97	1.39	1.31	94
Old	4.46	3.72	3.67	82	99	4.72	3.69	78
Total	1.41	1.34	1.31	93	98	1.41	1.33	94
Ducks	3.08	1.86	1.76	57	95	2.89	1.81	63
Other ¹	1.43	1.92	2.08	145	108	1.33	2.00	150
Total	0.76	0.63	0.66	87	105	0.75	0.64	85

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: January and February 2021

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	991	874	500,190	491,806
Mature	-	-	56	31	79,759	86,597
Light	-	-	28	13	56,769	64,117
Heavy	-	-	28	18	22,990	22,480
Total	-	-	1,047	905	579,949	578,403
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	41	43	8,732	8,771
Old	-	-	12	10	855	733
Total	-	-	53	53	9,587	9,504
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	238,266	259,445	1,255	1,111	12,664	12,363
Mature	14,958	14,999	247	81	28,357	30,141
Light	8,740	10,369	19	45	11,993	15,364
Heavy	6,218	4,630	228	36	16,364	14,777
Total	253,224	274,444	1,502	1,192	41,021	42,504
Turkeys						
Young	1,704	2,082	20	20	30	93
Old	231	259	9	14	234	123
Total	1,935	2,341	29	34	264	216
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,131	6,245	33,434	34,016	92,883	88,822
Mature	1,416	1,255	581	270	24,056	28,004
Light	1,201	910	483	151	21,166	24,905
Heavy	215	345	98	119	2,890	3,099
Total	7,547	7,500	34,015	34,286	116,939	116,826
Turkeys						
Young	21	25	157	175	530	829
Old	13	9	31	42	82	86
Total	34	34	188	217	612	915
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	27,675	29,567	602,383	568,258	1,515,872	1,492,507
Mature	544	230	73,852	67,666	223,826	229,274
Light	49	10	49,919	44,835	150,367	160,719
Heavy	495	220	23,933	22,831	73,459	68,555
Total	28,219	29,797	676,235	635,924	1,739,698	1,721,781
Turkeys						
Young	172	56	9,283	7,884	20,690	19,978
Old	6	7	686	1,236	2,159	2,519
Total	178	63	9,969	9,120	22,849	22,497

- 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.

Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: January and February 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	93,223	88,966	518,788	488,698	5.57	5.49
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	79,292	67,983	567,106	486,647	7.15	7.16
California	22,189	20,973	131,769	126,122	5.94	6.01
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	28,413	25,143	222,098	190,149	7.82	7.56
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	100,979	95,317	617,040	566,903	6.11	5.95
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,212	6,102	28,606	29,509	4.60	4.84
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,768	19,828	147,385	128,595	6.47	6.49
Louisiana	14,145	10,846	97,603	76,205	6.90	7.03
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,589	10,257	70,219	67,907	6.63	6.62
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	55,484	50,099	349,498	321,861	6.30	6.42
Missouri	33,325	29,168	166,717	152,640	5.00	5.23
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,188	2,180	10,975	10,926	5.02	5.01
North Carolina	74,104	71,661	611,871	586,502	8.26	8.18
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	9,532	7,368	67,299	53,517	7.06	7.26
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,355	10,814	65,596	63,428	5.78	5.87
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,034	22,297	176,673	166,067	7.67	7.45
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,166	23,706	146,377	133,564	5.59	5.63
Texas	58,132	45,131	380,008	293,610	6.54	6.51
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,177	24,764	169,604	153,697	6.24	6.21
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	745,333	676,768	4,790,027	4,322,592	6.43	6.39

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 2021

[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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	395,423	371,497	1,850	1,558	0.47	0.42
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	427,051	368,036	1,595	1,555	0.37	0.42
California	99,286	94,610	692	700	0.69	0.73
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	172,075	147,346	724	567	0.42	0.38
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	461,685	430,267	2,901	2,928	0.62	0.68
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,767	21,415	131	170	0.63	0.79
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	111,510	97,246	524	494	0.47	0.51
Louisiana	74,073	57,701	302	220	0.41	0.38
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	52,670	50,870	251	281	0.47	0.55
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	260,960	243,759	1,273	1,180	0.49	0.48
Missouri	122,818	112,364	335	293	0.27	0.26
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,592	6,648	107	105	1.60	1.55
North Carolina	471,350	452,267	1,703	1,574	0.36	0.35
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	50,526	40,084	205	153	0.40	0.38
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	45,447	44,164	731	777	1.58	1.73
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	133,127	125,233	826	893	0.62	0.71
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	108,444	99,108	488	441	0.45	0.44
Texas	292,480	227,177	1,561	1,336	0.53	0.58
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	125,451	113,851	328	291	0.26	0.25
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	3,613,013	3,271,427	18,057	17,100	0.50	0.52

- 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: January and February 2021

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	55	43	30,144	29,022
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	30,861	30,872
Delaware	-	-	71	54	15,792	14,169
Georgia	-	-	11	54	53,643	52,877
Mississippi	-	-	35	35	9,771	9,771
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	38,501	41,380
Texas	-	-	111	98	54,275	53,773
Virginia	-	-	9	5	16,020	14,998
United States	-	-	991	874	500,190	491,806
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	26,942	26,487	100	80	1,218	1,170
Arkansas	6,595	6,618	74	73	1,002	1,001
Delaware	8,508	9,191	34	24	184	181
Georgia	50,269	68,444	97	93	1,779	1,807
Mississippi	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina	10,573	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas	18,696	17,398	110	99	1,099	870
Virginia	9,337	9,269	16	3	178	159
United States	238,266	259,445	1,255	1,111	12,664	12,363
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	550	509	3,017	3,071	10,869	10,460
Arkansas	163	166	2,794	2,794	3,264	3,296
Delaware	372	345	675	662	1,915	1,912
Georgia	615	694	8,945	9,219	35,067	31,551
Mississippi	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	790
North Carolina	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas	300	383	344	303	4,060	4,025
Virginia	432	492	539	568	1,496	1,513
United States	6,131	6,245	33,434	34,016	92,883	88,822
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	408	404	59,978	31,428	133,281	102,674
Arkansas	1,790	1,790	81,259	81,234	127,838	127,880
Delaware	1,198	1,248	4,244	3,659	32,993	31,445
Georgia	9,457	12,283	85,064	92,222	244,947	269,244
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	29,107	29,107
North Carolina	1,986	1,986	19,711	19,711	77,911	80,790
Texas	736	614	18,399	17,515	98,130	95,078
Virginia	335	341	10,665	10,360	39,027	37,708
United States	27,675	29,567	602,383	568,258	1,515,872	1,492,507

- 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.

Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: January and February 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January (1,000 head)	February (1,000 head)	January (1,000 pounds)	February (1,000 pounds)	January (pounds)	February (pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,905	2,348	53,890	48,021	18.55	20.45
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(Z)	1	6	20	28.16	32.74
Indiana	1,868	1,705	78,095	70,508	41.82	41.35
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,471	3,382	98,479	94,169	28.37	27.84
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	423	543	19,924	16,551	47.11	30.47
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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	513	503	25,309	24,345	49.31	48.39
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	490	479	16,051	15,620	32.79	32.58
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	16,611	15,598	556,649	522,972	33.51	33.53

- Represents zero.

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

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	44,815	39,971	419	327	0.93	0.81
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	4	15	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	62,778	56,590	751	783	1.18	1.37
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	78,504	75,383	1,135	971	1.43	1.27
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	16,177	13,607	176	113	1.08	0.83
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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,201	19,463	248	240	1.21	1.22
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	12,717	12,437	265	192	2.04	1.52
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	444,111	417,224	5,972	5,452	1.33	1.29

- 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 condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

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 condemned by the inspector 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 361 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2020. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 31 States.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

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.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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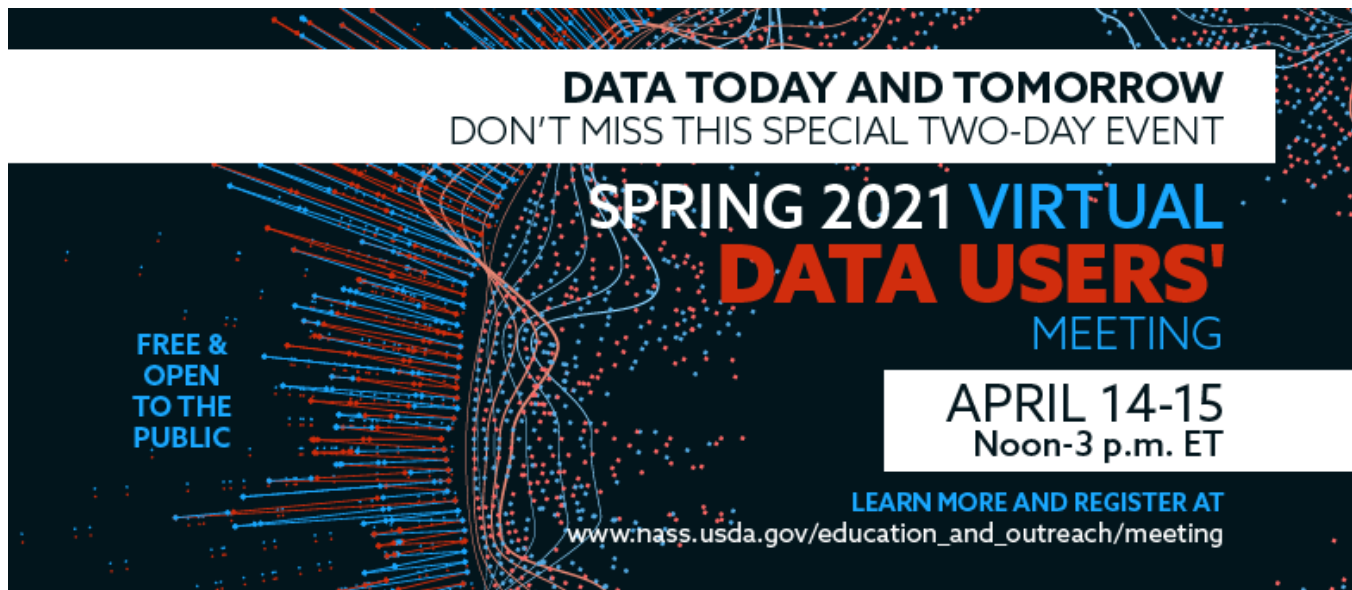
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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting

Virtual Meeting
April 14 and 15, 2021
12:00 – 3:00 pm ET

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold a virtual meeting for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. Along with NASS, the 2021 Spring Data Users' Meeting will headline the Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Representatives will provide agency updates, answer questions, and listen to concerns from data users.

Abbreviated Agenda

Day 1 – April 14

Agency Updates– *All agencies*

AMS Market News - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

World Board Meteorology - *World Agricultural Outlook Board*

NASS Grain Stocks Program - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

Foreign Production, Trade, and Import/Export Data - *World Agricultural Outlook Board, Foreign Agricultural Service, and U.S. Census Bureau*

Day 2 – April 15

Open Forum – *All agencies*

NASS Modernization - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

ERS Research - *Economic Research Service*

For registration details or additional information about the Data Users' Meeting, see the meeting page on the NASS website (https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting/index.php).