



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent from Last Year

**February 2019** contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**February 2020** contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during February 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.91 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in February 2019. The January 2020 revised certified total at 4.53 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from January 2019. The January revision represented an increase of 7.11 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during February 2020 was 5.17 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.98 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.53 billion pounds, up 5 percent from February 2019. Mature chickens, at 62.0 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 560 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.7 million pounds, down 10 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during February 2020 averaged 6.33 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.73 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2020 averaged 32.7 pounds per bird, down slightly from February 2019.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during February 2020 totaled 11.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 29.8 million pounds, were 0.75 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.87 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020	February 2020 as % of		January to February		2020 as percent of 2019
				February 2019	January 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	697,844	820,185	715,785	103	87	1,485,942	1,535,970	103
Mature .....	8,708	10,096	9,220	106	91	19,068	19,316	101
Light .....	2,576	3,126	2,931	114	94	5,968	6,057	101
Heavy .....	6,132	6,970	6,289	103	90	13,100	13,259	101
Total .....	706,552	830,281	725,005	103	87	1,505,010	1,555,286	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	17,346	19,178	17,015	98	89	36,715	36,193	99
Old .....	130	147	105	81	71	246	252	102
Total .....	17,476	19,325	17,120	98	89	36,961	36,445	99
Ducks .....	2,304	2,528	2,108	91	83	4,749	4,636	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,331,433	5,254,130	4,532,550	105	86	9,260,480	9,786,680	106
Mature .....	58,810	68,349	62,032	105	91	127,833	130,381	102
Light .....	8,616	10,879	10,374	120	95	20,498	21,253	104
Heavy .....	50,194	57,470	51,658	103	90	107,335	109,128	102
Total .....	4,390,243	5,322,479	4,594,582	105	86	9,388,313	9,917,061	106
Turkeys								
Young .....	570,119	641,354	556,414	98	87	1,207,359	1,197,768	99
Old .....	3,771	4,482	3,201	85	71	7,326	7,683	105
Total .....	573,890	645,836	559,615	98	87	1,214,685	1,205,451	99
Ducks .....	16,337	17,830	14,737	90	83	33,713	32,567	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	147	240	200	136	83	348	440	126
Total .....	4,980,617	5,986,385	5,169,134	104	86	10,637,059	11,155,519	105
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.21	6.41	6.33	102	99	6.23	6.37	102
Mature .....	6.75	6.77	6.73	100	99	6.70	6.75	101
Light .....	3.34	3.48	3.54	106	102	3.43	3.51	102
Heavy .....	8.19	8.25	8.21	100	100	8.19	8.23	100
Total .....	6.21	6.41	6.34	102	99	6.24	6.38	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	32.87	33.44	32.70	99	98	32.88	33.09	101
Old .....	29.01	30.49	30.49	105	100	29.78	30.49	102
Total .....	32.84	33.42	32.69	100	98	32.86	33.08	101
Ducks .....	7.09	7.05	6.99	99	99	7.10	7.02	99

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020	February 2020 as % of		January to February		2020 as percent of 2019
				February 2019	January 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,031,971	3,680,239	3,167,656	104	86	6,481,837	6,847,895	106
Mature .....	39,210	46,580	41,566	106	89	84,882	88,146	104
Light .....	4,439	5,463	5,281	119	97	10,394	10,744	103
Heavy .....	34,771	41,117	36,285	104	88	74,488	77,402	104
Total .....	3,071,181	3,726,819	3,209,222	104	86	6,566,719	6,936,041	106
Turkeys								
Young .....	284,956	313,455	283,895	100	91	600,875	597,350	99
Old .....	2,849	3,295	2,358	83	72	5,434	5,653	104
Total .....	287,805	316,750	286,253	99	90	606,309	603,003	99
Ducks .....	4,460	5,002	3,728	84	75	9,860	8,730	89
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	93	147	127	137	86	219	274	125
Total .....	3,363,539	4,048,718	3,499,330	104	86	7,183,107	7,548,048	105
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	231,105	276,819	245,695	106	89	492,496	522,514	106
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total .....	231,105	276,819	245,695	106	89	492,573	522,514	106
Turkeys								
Young .....	170,320	198,108	160,449	94	81	362,269	358,557	99
Old .....	45	84	41	91	49	113	125	111
Total .....	170,365	198,192	160,490	94	81	362,382	358,682	99
Ducks .....	7,431	8,016	6,908	93	86	14,839	14,924	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	7	11	11	157	100	17	22	129
Total .....	408,908	483,038	413,104	101	86	869,811	896,142	103
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,263,076	3,957,058	3,413,351	105	86	6,974,333	7,370,409	106
Mature .....	39,210	46,580	41,566	106	89	84,959	88,146	104
Light .....	4,439	5,463	5,281	119	97	10,394	10,744	103
Heavy .....	34,771	41,117	36,285	104	88	74,565	77,402	104
Total .....	3,302,286	4,003,638	3,454,917	105	86	7,059,292	7,458,555	106
Turkeys								
Young .....	455,276	511,563	444,344	98	87	963,144	955,907	99
Old .....	2,894	3,379	2,399	83	71	5,547	5,778	104
Total .....	458,170	514,942	446,743	98	87	968,691	961,685	99
Ducks .....	11,891	13,018	10,636	89	82	24,699	23,654	96
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	100	158	138	138	87	236	296	125
Total .....	3,772,447	4,531,756	3,912,434	104	86	8,052,918	8,444,190	105

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020	February 2020 as % of		January to February		2020 as percent of 2019
				February 2019	January 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,157	11,138	9,403	93	84	22,021	20,541	93
Mature .....	635	597	521	82	87	1,313	1,118	85
Light .....	100	104	106	106	102	279	210	75
Heavy .....	535	493	415	78	84	1,034	908	88
Total .....	10,792	11,735	9,924	92	85	23,334	21,659	93
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,701	1,874	1,490	88	80	3,644	3,364	92
Old .....	56	58	34	61	59	103	92	89
Total .....	1,757	1,932	1,524	87	79	3,747	3,456	92
Ducks .....	77	84	60	78	71	163	144	88
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	12,626	13,751	11,508	91	84	27,245	25,259	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.23	0.21	0.21	91	100	0.24	0.21	88
Mature .....	1.08	0.87	0.84	78	97	1.03	0.86	83
Light .....	1.16	0.96	1.02	88	106	1.36	0.99	73
Heavy .....	1.07	0.86	0.80	75	93	0.96	0.83	86
Total .....	0.25	0.22	0.22	88	100	0.25	0.22	88
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.30	0.29	0.27	90	93	0.30	0.28	93
Old .....	1.49	1.29	1.06	71	82	1.41	1.20	85
Total .....	0.31	0.30	0.27	87	90	0.31	0.29	94
Ducks .....	0.47	0.47	0.41	87	87	0.48	0.44	92
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.25	0.23	0.22	88	96	0.26	0.23	88

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020	February 2020 as % of		January to February		2020 as percent of 2019
				February 2019	January 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	24,421	24,996	21,690	89	87	51,948	46,686	90
Mature .....	1,529	1,411	1,347	88	95	3,139	2,758	88
Light .....	304	480	457	150	95	749	937	125
Heavy .....	1,225	931	890	73	96	2,390	1,821	76
Total .....	25,950	26,407	23,037	89	87	55,087	49,444	90
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,635	7,238	6,269	94	87	14,048	13,507	96
Old .....	106	174	112	106	64	237	286	121
Total .....	6,741	7,412	6,381	95	86	14,285	13,793	97
Ducks .....	295	367	338	115	92	597	705	118
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1	2	2	200	100	3	4	133
Total .....	32,987	34,188	29,758	90	87	69,972	63,946	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.74	0.63	0.63	85	100	0.74	0.63	85
Mature .....	3.75	2.94	3.14	84	107	3.56	3.03	85
Light .....	6.41	8.08	7.96	124	99	6.72	8.02	119
Heavy .....	3.40	2.21	2.39	70	108	3.11	2.30	74
Total .....	0.78	0.66	0.66	85	100	0.77	0.66	86
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.44	1.40	1.39	97	99	1.44	1.39	97
Old .....	3.53	4.90	4.46	126	91	4.10	4.72	115
Total .....	1.45	1.42	1.41	97	99	1.45	1.41	97
Ducks .....	2.42	2.74	3.08	127	112	2.36	2.89	122
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	0.99	1.25	1.43	144	114	1.26	1.33	106
Total .....	0.87	0.75	0.75	86	100	0.86	0.75	87

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: January and February 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	1,718	1,294	635,715	609,541
Mature .....	-	-	94	82	87,898	84,323
Light .....	-	-	63	46	62,630	59,155
Heavy .....	-	-	31	36	25,268	25,168
Total .....	-	-	1,812	1,376	723,613	693,864
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	14	15	16,347	11,714
Old .....	-	-	8	1	899	704
Total .....	-	-	22	16	17,246	12,418
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	418,833	429,201	1,624	1,595	17,813	15,067
Mature .....	10,379	9,445	156	267	29,339	35,563
Light .....	5,424	5,587	104	210	12,343	16,474
Heavy .....	4,955	3,858	52	57	16,996	19,089
Total .....	429,212	438,646	1,780	1,862	47,152	50,630
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	2,308	2,115	99	53	96	30
Old .....	638	182	7	12	199	44
Total .....	2,946	2,297	106	65	295	74
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	9,217	7,731	42,867	39,997	115,849	112,095
Mature .....	1,621	1,113	498	628	26,627	25,159
Light .....	1,407	875	328	478	23,894	22,125
Heavy .....	214	238	170	150	2,733	3,034
Total .....	10,838	8,844	43,365	40,625	142,476	137,254
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	120	78	816	709	623	663
Old .....	11	16	24	16	40	36
Total .....	131	94	840	725	663	699
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	35,903	30,792	648,865	592,461	1,928,404	1,839,774
Mature .....	274	257	66,200	60,286	223,086	217,123
Light .....	28	40	41,074	36,959	147,295	141,949
Heavy .....	246	217	25,126	23,327	75,791	75,174
Total .....	36,177	31,049	715,065	652,747	2,151,490	2,056,897
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	94	122	9,715	7,197	30,232	22,696
Old .....	7	37	449	538	2,282	1,586
Total .....	101	159	10,164	7,735	32,514	24,282

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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 2020

[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 .....	102,800	91,975	563,734	507,891	5.48	5.52
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	87,399	77,292	618,377	535,219	7.08	6.92
California .....	24,201	20,586	149,402	123,551	6.17	6.00
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	34,527	29,097	251,749	220,896	7.29	7.59
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	112,208	95,667	677,464	581,798	6.04	6.08
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,825	5,859	31,416	26,576	4.60	4.54
Iowa .....	873	831	4,595	4,371	5.26	5.26
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,838	21,866	161,023	139,128	6.48	6.36
Louisiana .....	16,795	14,521	110,602	94,167	6.59	6.49
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	12,194	10,719	80,707	68,791	6.62	6.42
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	62,941	56,194	401,165	353,339	6.37	6.29
Missouri .....	37,851	33,149	191,619	164,534	5.06	4.96
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	147	126	703	590	4.79	4.68
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,514	2,179	12,595	10,373	5.01	4.76
North Carolina .....	81,893	69,627	667,495	560,093	8.15	8.04
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	12,684	11,183	92,597	79,534	7.30	7.11
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	11,592	10,122	65,796	56,230	5.68	5.56
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	26,013	22,483	204,314	173,453	7.85	7.71
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	27,663	24,588	150,999	129,993	5.46	5.29
Texas .....	62,669	55,144	415,349	351,921	6.63	6.38
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	27,579	25,084	172,478	153,385	6.25	6.11
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 .....	820,185	715,785	5,254,130	4,532,550	6.41	6.33

- 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 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	428,955	386,784	2,192	1,930	0.51	0.50
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	462,578	403,136	2,070	1,848	0.45	0.46
California .....	111,989	92,908	1,404	910	1.24	0.97
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	194,153	170,902	1,261	1,238	0.65	0.72
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	510,772	437,383	3,784	3,648	0.74	0.83
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	22,927	19,345	108	128	0.47	0.66
Iowa .....	3,217	3,059	354	400	9.91	11.57
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	121,019	105,409	598	538	0.49	0.51
Louisiana .....	83,544	71,281	314	301	0.37	0.42
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	60,440	51,435	422	419	0.69	0.81
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	302,385	262,140	1,891	1,581	0.62	0.60
Missouri .....	141,146	120,925	519	380	0.37	0.31
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	507	425	7	5	1.42	1.20
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,737	6,262	167	134	2.11	2.09
North Carolina .....	513,745	431,150	2,443	1,801	0.47	0.42
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	69,186	59,460	182	191	0.26	0.32
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	44,675	38,231	1,287	1,157	2.80	2.94
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	153,903	130,658	1,080	927	0.70	0.70
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	111,438	95,646	760	702	0.68	0.73
Texas .....	316,871	269,432	2,365	1,952	0.74	0.72
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	124,857	111,122	593	487	0.47	0.44
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 .....	3,957,058	3,413,351	24,996	21,690	0.63	0.63

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2020

[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 .....	-	-	168	106	40,189	38,893
Arkansas .....	-	-	35	35	31,773	32,047
Delaware .....	-	-	480	316	48,109	42,046
Georgia .....	-	-	8	2	62,017	60,552
Mississippi .....	-	-	49	50	18,839	19,357
North Carolina .....	-	-	153	160	54,852	48,987
Texas .....	-	-	109	109	56,678	56,889
Virginia .....	-	-	25	58	19,141	16,078
United States .....	-	-	1,718	1,294	635,715	609,541
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	39,814	34,978	145	168	1,295	1,317
Arkansas .....	7,920	8,190	83	71	988	987
Delaware .....	45,189	43,951	58	50	707	594
Georgia .....	94,613	107,657	183	141	2,133	1,889
Mississippi .....	12,870	12,128	75	130	870	731
North Carolina .....	18,953	14,665	39	42	1,239	1,242
Texas .....	22,878	20,643	145	125	1,175	997
Virginia .....	20,987	18,568	10	8	392	305
United States .....	418,833	429,201	1,624	1,595	17,813	15,067
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	802	600	4,627	4,333	15,789	14,802
Arkansas .....	157	164	2,404	2,326	4,569	4,466
Delaware .....	804	759	1,611	1,410	5,237	5,522
Georgia .....	588	486	9,906	8,942	39,512	39,326
Mississippi .....	792	871	4,429	4,232	1,950	1,554
North Carolina .....	430	394	5,874	5,234	2,816	2,396
Texas .....	406	362	365	303	4,668	4,542
Virginia .....	451	436	579	601	1,876	1,795
United States .....	9,217	7,731	42,867	39,997	115,849	112,095
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	534	527	27,842	24,905	131,205	120,629
Arkansas .....	1,791	1,781	89,492	87,435	139,212	137,502
Delaware .....	2,519	3,850	12,506	10,349	117,220	108,847
Georgia .....	3,352	3,530	100,657	91,083	312,969	313,608
Mississippi .....	706	518	14,678	16,807	55,258	56,378
North Carolina .....	2,177	2,151	40,560	29,377	127,093	104,648
Texas .....	682	675	17,911	18,115	108,017	102,760
Virginia .....	549	465	17,881	19,620	61,891	57,934
United States .....	35,903	30,792	648,865	592,461	1,928,404	1,839,774

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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 2020

[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 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,888	2,861	54,272	52,615	18.79	18.39
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois .....	(Z)	(Z)	6	5	31.74	31.37
Indiana .....	2,073	1,821	87,566	75,779	42.24	41.62
Iowa .....	1,238	1,139	54,412	49,140	43.97	43.15
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,618	2,963	102,923	86,320	28.44	29.13
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	927	856	31,961	28,830	34.47	33.67
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,894	1,503	72,425	56,787	38.24	37.78
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	555	497	27,107	24,562	48.86	49.44
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	473	451	13,536	12,979	28.62	28.77
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 .....	(Z)	(Z)	5	1	33.55	32.65
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	1	-	32	-	33.54	-
Virginia .....	2,361	2,189	66,568	59,472	28.20	27.16
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	611	509	27,200	22,570	44.53	44.34
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,178	17,015	641,354	556,414	33.44	32.70

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	January	February	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 .....	45,203	43,872	398	360	0.87	0.81
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	4	3	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	70,596	61,078	1,017	844	1.42	1.36
Iowa .....	42,953	38,804	727	641	1.66	1.62
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	82,448	69,139	1,112	922	1.33	1.32
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,686	23,173	204	174	0.79	0.74
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	57,277	44,966	382	273	0.66	0.60
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	21,677	19,635	299	234	1.36	1.18
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	10,570	10,066	405	437	3.69	4.16
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 .....	4	(Z)	-	-	(X)	(X)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	25	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	52,632	47,174	996	851	1.86	1.77
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	21,514	17,822	319	214	1.46	1.19
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	511,563	444,344	7,238	6,269	1.40	1.39

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<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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 370 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2019. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 33 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.

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