



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 6 Percent from Last Year

**October 2019** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**October 2020** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during October 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.42 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the amount certified in October 2019. The September 2020 revised certified total at 4.41 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from September 2019. The September revision represented an increase of 769,000 pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during October 2020 was 5.83 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 6.22 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.10 billion pounds, down 6 percent from October 2019. Mature chickens, at 63.1 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 653 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.0 million pounds, down 31 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during October 2020 averaged 6.48 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.77 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2020 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2019.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during October 2020 totaled 11.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 28.9 million pounds, were 0.65 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.70 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020	October 2020 as % of		January to October		2020 as percent of 2019
				October 2019	September 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 .....	849,010	790,691	787,783	93	100	7,754,151	7,742,271	100
Mature .....	10,135	9,852	9,314	92	95	97,010	98,176	101
Light .....	3,085	2,531	2,794	91	110	29,286	28,941	99
Heavy .....	7,050	7,321	6,520	92	89	67,724	69,235	102
Total .....	859,145	800,543	797,097	93	100	7,851,161	7,840,447	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	22,158	18,154	20,922	94	115	189,948	185,131	97
Old .....	238	180	179	75	99	1,487	1,374	92
Total .....	22,396	18,334	21,101	94	115	191,435	186,505	97
Ducks .....	2,466	1,648	1,698	69	103	22,958	18,841	82
	(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 .....	5,439,282	5,140,953	5,102,560	94	99	48,899,833	49,613,439	101
Mature .....	69,459	69,801	63,079	91	90	660,545	672,479	102
Light .....	10,721	8,718	9,689	90	111	101,442	100,410	99
Heavy .....	58,738	61,083	53,390	91	87	559,103	572,069	102
Total .....	5,508,741	5,210,754	5,165,639	94	99	49,560,378	50,285,918	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	681,966	587,725	647,488	95	110	6,095,985	5,988,563	98
Old .....	7,064	5,399	5,415	77	100	44,046	41,471	94
Total .....	689,030	593,124	652,903	95	110	6,140,031	6,030,034	98
Ducks .....	17,394	11,427	11,962	69	105	160,952	131,143	81
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1,194	520	773	65	149	3,607	3,015	84
Total .....	6,216,359	5,815,825	5,831,277	94	100	55,864,968	56,450,110	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.41	6.50	6.48	101	100	6.31	6.41	102
Mature .....	6.85	7.08	6.77	99	96	6.81	6.85	101
Light .....	3.48	3.44	3.47	100	101	3.46	3.47	100
Heavy .....	8.33	8.34	8.19	98	98	8.26	8.26	100
Total .....	6.41	6.51	6.48	101	100	6.31	6.41	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.78	32.37	30.95	101	96	32.09	32.35	101
Old .....	29.68	29.99	30.25	102	101	29.62	30.18	102
Total .....	30.77	32.35	30.94	101	96	32.07	32.33	101
Ducks .....	7.05	6.93	7.04	100	102	7.01	6.96	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	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020	October 2020 as % of		January to October		2020 as percent of 2019
				October 2019	September 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 .....	3,798,638	3,613,542	3,588,231	94	99	34,175,696	34,730,465	102
Mature .....	46,488	48,467	43,050	93	89	444,132	460,973	104
Light .....	5,407	4,480	4,906	91	110	51,672	51,289	99
Heavy .....	41,081	43,987	38,144	93	87	392,460	409,684	104
Total .....	3,845,126	3,662,009	3,631,281	94	99	34,619,828	35,191,438	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	354,212	278,968	328,026	93	118	3,066,735	2,977,126	97
Old .....	5,312	4,011	4,115	77	103	31,933	30,649	96
Total .....	359,524	282,979	332,141	92	117	3,098,668	3,007,775	97
Ducks .....	4,916	3,232	3,370	69	104	44,107	35,671	81
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	232	85	157	68	185	1,487	1,314	88
Total .....	4,209,798	3,948,305	3,966,949	94	100	37,764,090	38,236,198	101
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	301,508	264,875	260,498	86	98	2,654,911	2,652,824	100
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total .....	301,508	264,875	260,498	86	98	2,654,988	2,652,824	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	191,724	190,710	190,545	99	100	1,801,734	1,806,279	100
Old .....	80	65	79	99	122	1,251	682	55
Total .....	191,804	190,775	190,624	99	100	1,802,985	1,806,961	100
Ducks .....	7,736	5,168	5,380	70	104	73,238	60,288	82
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	520	234	328	63	140	852	661	78
Total .....	501,568	461,052	456,830	91	99	4,532,063	4,520,734	100
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,100,146	3,878,417	3,848,729	94	99	36,830,607	37,383,289	102
Mature .....	46,488	48,467	43,050	93	89	444,209	460,973	104
Light .....	5,407	4,480	4,906	91	110	51,672	51,289	99
Heavy .....	41,081	43,987	38,144	93	87	392,537	409,684	104
Total .....	4,146,634	3,926,884	3,891,779	94	99	37,274,816	37,844,262	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	545,936	469,678	518,571	95	110	4,868,469	4,783,405	98
Old .....	5,392	4,076	4,194	78	103	33,184	31,331	94
Total .....	551,328	473,754	522,765	95	110	4,901,653	4,814,736	98
Ducks .....	12,652	8,400	8,750	69	104	117,345	95,959	82
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	752	319	485	64	152	2,339	1,975	84
Total .....	4,711,366	4,409,357	4,423,779	94	100	42,296,153	42,756,932	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020	October 2020 as % of		January to October		2020 as percent of 2019
				October 2019	September 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 .....	11,757	9,701	9,712	83	100	109,321	99,331	91
Mature .....	480	522	535	111	102	5,842	5,939	102
Light .....	82	80	80	98	100	1,178	1,033	88
Heavy .....	398	442	455	114	103	4,664	4,906	105
Total .....	12,237	10,223	10,247	84	100	115,163	105,270	91
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,522	1,603	1,612	106	101	16,869	16,375	97
Old .....	53	25	24	45	96	417	345	83
Total .....	1,575	1,628	1,636	104	100	17,286	16,720	97
Ducks .....	95	58	54	57	93	790	616	78
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	13,911	11,911	11,939	86	100	133,251	122,610	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.19	0.19	86	100	0.22	0.20	91
Mature .....	0.69	0.75	0.85	123	113	0.88	0.88	100
Light .....	0.76	0.92	0.83	109	90	1.16	1.03	89
Heavy .....	0.68	0.72	0.85	125	118	0.83	0.86	104
Total .....	0.22	0.20	0.20	91	100	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.22	0.27	0.25	114	93	0.28	0.27	96
Old .....	0.75	0.46	0.44	59	96	0.95	0.83	87
Total .....	0.23	0.27	0.25	109	93	0.28	0.28	100
Ducks .....	0.55	0.51	0.45	82	88	0.49	0.47	96
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.22	0.20	0.20	91	100	0.24	0.22	92

<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	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020	October 2020 as % of		January to October		2020 as percent of 2019
				October 2019	September 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>								
Chickens								
Young .....	23,458	20,405	20,271	86	99	241,986	216,201	89
Mature .....	1,679	1,845	2,044	122	111	16,563	17,503	106
Light .....	472	361	424	90	117	3,887	4,168	107
Heavy .....	1,207	1,484	1,620	134	109	12,676	13,335	105
Total .....	25,137	22,250	22,315	89	100	258,549	233,704	90
Turkeys								
Young .....	7,281	5,754	6,282	86	109	70,315	63,160	90
Old .....	225	138	124	55	90	1,503	1,336	89
Total .....	7,506	5,892	6,406	85	109	71,818	64,496	90
Ducks .....	327	170	164	50	96	2,993	2,374	79
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	8	7	10	125	143	32	34	106
Total .....	32,978	28,319	28,895	88	102	333,392	300,608	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.57	0.52	0.52	91	100	0.65	0.58	89
Mature .....	3.49	3.67	4.53	130	123	3.59	3.66	102
Light .....	8.03	7.46	7.95	99	107	7.00	7.52	107
Heavy .....	2.85	3.26	4.07	143	125	3.13	3.15	101
Total .....	0.60	0.56	0.57	95	102	0.69	0.61	88
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.32	1.21	1.20	91	99	1.42	1.30	92
Old .....	4.01	3.27	2.87	72	88	4.33	4.09	94
Total .....	1.34	1.23	1.21	90	98	1.44	1.32	92
Ducks .....	2.52	1.98	1.84	73	93	2.49	2.41	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.05	2.15	2.02	192	94	1.35	1.69	125
Total .....	0.70	0.64	0.65	93	102	0.78	0.70	90

<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: September and October 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	953	904	525,550	508,745
Mature .....	-	-	63	55	68,756	80,020
Light .....	-	-	16	24	45,271	54,047
Heavy .....	-	-	47	31	23,485	25,973
Total .....	-	-	1,016	959	594,306	588,765
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	42	14	9,426	14,608
Old .....	-	-	6	8	627	602
Total .....	-	-	48	22	10,053	15,210
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	199,022	200,120	1,188	1,105	11,370	11,645
Mature .....	13,174	15,353	110	165	23,057	31,131
Light .....	8,114	8,742	47	56	10,737	14,622
Heavy .....	5,060	6,611	63	109	12,320	16,509
Total .....	212,196	215,473	1,298	1,270	34,427	42,776
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,883	2,743	140	240	32	33
Old .....	363	200	19	6	78	132
Total .....	2,246	2,943	159	246	110	165
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	6,542	6,232	33,390	34,025	117,700	115,817
Mature .....	1,437	1,223	246	227	24,077	31,356
Light .....	1,191	756	89	105	21,180	27,729
Heavy .....	246	467	157	122	2,897	3,627
Total .....	7,979	7,455	33,636	34,252	141,777	147,173
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	77	146	188	290	699	1,024
Old .....	11	10	14	23	46	25
Total .....	88	156	202	313	745	1,049
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	32,063	26,724	572,350	592,141	1,500,128	1,497,458
Mature .....	1,177	585	49,963	56,053	182,060	216,168
Light .....	8	8	26,210	34,661	112,863	140,750
Heavy .....	1,169	577	23,753	21,392	69,197	75,418
Total .....	33,240	27,309	622,313	648,194	1,682,188	1,713,626
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	82	247	8,219	9,463	20,788	28,808
Old .....	25	15	1,255	584	2,444	1,605
Total .....	107	262	9,474	10,047	23,232	30,413

- 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: September and October 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	99,502	100,980	559,144	558,790	5.62	5.53
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	84,595	85,715	599,375	607,906	7.09	7.09
California .....	21,245	21,703	130,739	129,405	6.15	5.96
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	28,012	29,422	218,946	234,459	7.82	7.97
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	110,664	108,906	686,218	678,980	6.20	6.23
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,528	6,410	30,573	29,786	4.68	4.65
Iowa .....	965	832	5,548	4,708	5.75	5.66
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,864	24,657	165,077	160,792	6.64	6.52
Louisiana .....	15,500	14,934	106,520	103,994	6.87	6.96
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	11,663	11,229	77,026	75,168	6.60	6.69
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	59,181	57,667	378,989	371,538	6.40	6.44
Missouri .....	35,294	35,380	179,122	177,331	5.08	5.01
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	120	128	602	641	5.01	4.99
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,479	2,228	12,424	11,181	5.01	5.02
North Carolina .....	78,864	79,513	653,617	660,860	8.29	8.31
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	11,159	10,673	81,755	74,981	7.33	7.03
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	11,199	11,069	64,901	62,846	5.80	5.68
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,492	25,231	189,643	197,435	7.74	7.83
South Dakota .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee .....	26,922	26,985	152,078	148,859	5.65	5.52
Texas .....	61,354	61,601	413,608	407,505	6.74	6.62
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,399	27,307	179,198	167,780	6.31	6.14
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 .....	790,691	787,783	5,140,953	5,102,560	6.50	6.48

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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>	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	426,024	425,999	2,042	2,038	0.48	0.48
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	450,028	457,645	1,872	1,828	0.41	0.40
California .....	98,304	97,536	653	562	0.66	0.57
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	169,741	180,919	618	856	0.36	0.47
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	516,690	508,029	3,885	3,559	0.75	0.70
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	22,280	21,755	84	68	0.38	0.31
Iowa .....	3,746	3,136	485	487	11.47	13.43
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	124,910	121,799	584	568	0.47	0.46
Louisiana .....	80,465	78,607	342	355	0.42	0.45
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	57,732	56,594	281	270	0.48	0.47
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	283,837	277,659	1,174	1,068	0.41	0.38
Missouri .....	131,799	130,184	365	367	0.28	0.28
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	446	473	6	6	1.25	1.21
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,505	6,821	96	75	1.26	1.09
North Carolina .....	502,892	510,316	1,925	1,912	0.38	0.37
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	61,246	56,293	217	244	0.35	0.43
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	44,721	43,235	953	944	2.09	2.14
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	142,837	148,393	756	839	0.53	0.56
South Dakota .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee .....	112,203	109,689	565	613	0.50	0.56
Texas .....	318,242	311,571	1,888	2,142	0.59	0.68
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	132,818	125,099	529	429	0.40	0.34
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 .....	3,878,417	3,848,729	20,405	20,271	0.52	0.52

- 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: September and October 2020

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	61	60	31,778	30,577
Arkansas .....	-	-	36	36	30,933	31,041
Delaware .....	-	-	118	112	24,660	20,722
Georgia .....	-	-	12	5	49,440	48,659
Mississippi .....	-	-	35	35	9,771	9,209
North Carolina .....	-	-	68	68	41,381	41,381
Texas .....	-	-	104	110	56,129	55,379
Virginia .....	-	-	116	18	19,880	17,539
United States .....	-	-	953	904	525,550	508,745
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	26,165	26,790	74	103	1,170	1,190
Arkansas .....	6,679	6,736	99	100	1,005	1,004
Delaware .....	11,372	9,888	71	45	266	247
Georgia .....	41,318	43,165	94	54	1,596	1,559
Mississippi .....	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina .....	10,573	10,574	47	47	903	903
Texas .....	15,765	16,266	133	99	793	878
Virginia .....	9,714	7,004	6	2	209	163
United States .....	199,022	200,120	1,188	1,105	11,370	11,645
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	508	523	3,136	3,074	13,005	12,409
Arkansas .....	169	167	2,794	2,798	3,346	3,356
Delaware .....	765	545	1,507	1,337	2,725	3,295
Georgia .....	557	611	8,638	9,020	54,458	56,209
Mississippi .....	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	790
North Carolina .....	359	359	3,640	3,190	2,123	2,123
Texas .....	338	314	335	338	3,587	3,567
Virginia .....	691	443	839	539	2,363	1,846
United States .....	6,542	6,232	33,390	34,025	117,700	115,817
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	421	426	27,920	38,447	104,238	113,599
Arkansas .....	1,841	1,871	81,316	81,379	128,218	128,488
Delaware .....	2,236	1,713	6,120	21,911	49,840	59,815
Georgia .....	12,719	6,081	105,233	94,570	274,065	259,933
Mississippi .....	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	29,107	28,545
North Carolina .....	1,986	1,986	19,711	19,711	80,791	80,342
Texas .....	552	662	18,371	18,082	96,107	95,695
Virginia .....	453	378	12,517	13,193	46,788	41,125
United States .....	32,063	26,724	572,350	592,141	1,500,128	1,497,458

- 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: September and October 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,496	3,657	50,523	73,193	20.24	20.02
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	1	10	40	231	31.79	24.22
Indiana .....	1,945	1,982	77,541	76,461	39.86	38.58
Iowa .....	1,057	1,222	45,449	52,624	43.00	43.07
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,709	3,911	98,438	99,677	26.54	25.49
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	841	955	29,922	32,785	35.57	34.33
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 .....	1,820	1,980	68,323	75,937	37.55	38.35
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	554	576	25,759	27,256	46.47	47.28
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	808	1,035	21,375	25,072	26.44	24.22
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 .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Texas .....	1	1	16	31	32.39	30.60
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	1	8	18	254	32.38	29.95
Virginia .....	2,155	2,281	61,439	65,847	28.52	28.87
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	461	460	20,344	19,329	44.10	41.99
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,154	20,922	587,725	647,488	32.37	30.95

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## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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>	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	41,986	61,007	385	476	0.91	0.77
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	32	183	-	2	(X)	1.20
Indiana .....	62,530	61,605	702	799	1.11	1.28
Iowa .....	35,992	41,431	571	630	1.56	1.50
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	78,765	79,951	927	1,072	1.16	1.32
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	24,066	26,477	190	247	0.78	0.92
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 .....	54,064	60,218	379	397	0.70	0.66
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	20,598	21,693	266	271	1.27	1.23
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	16,953	20,173	314	356	1.82	1.73
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 .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Texas .....	13	24	-	-	0.36	0.38
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	14	206	-	1	(X)	0.53
Virginia .....	48,735	52,143	853	896	1.72	1.69
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	16,052	15,288	224	215	1.38	1.39
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	469,678	518,571	5,754	6,282	1.21	1.20

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(X) Not applicable.

<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.

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