



Poultry Slaughter

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

September 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

September 2020 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.41 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in September 2019. The August 2020 revised certified total at 4.27 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from August 2019. The August revision represented an increase of 4.47 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2020 was 5.81 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 5.55 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.14 billion pounds, up 5 percent from September 2019. Mature chickens, at 69.8 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 593 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 11.4 million pounds, down 27 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2020 averaged 6.50 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from September 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 7.08 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2020 averaged 32.3 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2020 totaled 11.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 28.3 million pounds, were 0.64 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.71 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	September 2020 as % of		January to September		2020 as percent of 2019
				September 2019	August 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	766,832	771,711	790,659	103	102	6,905,141	6,954,456	101
Mature	9,814	9,980	9,852	100	99	86,875	88,862	102
Light	2,641	2,880	2,531	96	88	26,201	26,147	100
Heavy	7,173	7,100	7,321	102	103	60,674	62,715	103
Total	776,646	781,691	800,511	103	102	6,992,016	7,043,318	101
Turkeys								
Young	17,999	18,670	18,170	101	97	167,790	164,225	98
Old	131	143	180	137	126	1,249	1,195	96
Total	18,130	18,813	18,350	101	98	169,039	165,420	98
Ducks	2,220	1,743	1,648	74	95	20,492	17,143	84
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,888,978	4,955,096	5,139,940	105	104	43,460,551	44,509,866	102
Mature	68,894	69,030	69,801	101	101	591,086	609,400	103
Light	9,375	10,068	8,718	93	87	90,721	90,721	100
Heavy	59,519	58,962	61,083	103	104	500,365	518,679	104
Total	4,957,872	5,024,126	5,209,741	105	104	44,051,637	45,119,266	102
Turkeys								
Young	573,499	590,712	587,723	102	99	5,414,019	5,341,073	99
Old	4,017	4,155	5,399	134	130	36,982	36,056	97
Total	577,516	594,867	593,122	103	100	5,451,001	5,377,129	99
Ducks	15,562	12,063	11,427	73	95	143,558	119,181	83
Other ¹	633	158	520	82	329	2,413	2,242	93
Total	5,551,583	5,631,214	5,814,810	105	103	49,648,609	50,617,818	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.38	6.42	6.50	102	101	6.29	6.40	102
Mature	7.02	6.92	7.08	101	102	6.80	6.86	101
Light	3.55	3.50	3.44	97	98	3.46	3.47	100
Heavy	8.30	8.30	8.34	100	100	8.25	8.27	100
Total	6.38	6.43	6.51	102	101	6.30	6.41	102
Turkeys								
Young	31.86	31.64	32.35	102	102	32.27	32.52	101
Old	30.66	29.06	29.99	98	103	29.61	30.17	102
Total	31.85	31.62	32.32	101	102	32.25	32.51	101
Ducks	7.01	6.92	6.93	99	100	7.01	6.95	99

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	September 2020 as % of		January to September		2020 as percent of 2019
				September 2019	August 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,417,055	3,467,608	3,612,860	106	104	30,377,058	31,141,552	103
Mature	47,427	48,120	48,467	102	101	397,644	417,923	105
Light	4,779	5,041	4,480	94	89	46,265	46,383	100
Heavy	42,648	43,079	43,987	103	102	351,379	371,540	106
Total	3,464,482	3,515,728	3,661,327	106	104	30,774,702	31,559,475	103
Turkeys								
Young	291,252	299,436	278,966	96	93	2,712,523	2,649,098	98
Old	2,701	3,180	4,011	149	126	26,621	26,534	100
Total	293,953	302,616	282,977	96	94	2,739,144	2,675,632	98
Ducks	4,444	3,117	3,232	73	104	39,191	32,301	82
Other ¹	147	96	85	58	89	1,255	1,157	92
Total	3,763,026	3,821,557	3,947,621	105	103	33,554,292	34,268,565	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	263,476	266,272	264,790	100	99	2,353,403	2,392,241	102
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total	263,476	266,272	264,790	100	99	2,353,480	2,392,241	102
Turkeys								
Young	166,515	172,241	190,710	115	111	1,610,010	1,615,734	100
Old	349	58	65	19	112	1,171	603	51
Total	166,864	172,299	190,775	114	111	1,611,181	1,616,337	100
Ducks	6,910	5,805	5,168	75	89	65,502	54,908	84
Other ¹	248	10	234	94	2,340	332	333	100
Total	437,498	444,386	460,967	105	104	4,030,495	4,063,819	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,680,531	3,733,880	3,877,650	105	104	32,730,461	33,533,793	102
Mature	47,427	48,120	48,467	102	101	397,721	417,923	105
Light	4,779	5,041	4,480	94	89	46,265	46,383	100
Heavy	42,648	43,079	43,987	103	102	351,456	371,540	106
Total	3,727,958	3,782,000	3,926,117	105	104	33,128,182	33,951,716	102
Turkeys								
Young	457,767	471,677	469,676	103	100	4,322,533	4,264,832	99
Old	3,050	3,238	4,076	134	126	27,792	27,137	98
Total	460,817	474,915	473,752	103	100	4,350,325	4,291,969	99
Ducks	11,354	8,922	8,400	74	94	104,693	87,209	83
Other ¹	395	106	319	81	301	1,587	1,490	94
Total	4,200,524	4,265,943	4,408,588	105	103	37,584,787	38,332,384	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	September 2020 as % of		January to September		2020 as percent of 2019
				September 2019	August 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,350	9,928	9,698	85	98	97,564	89,616	92
Mature	572	709	522	91	74	5,362	5,404	101
Light	117	149	80	68	54	1,096	953	87
Heavy	455	560	442	97	79	4,266	4,451	104
Total	11,922	10,637	10,220	86	96	102,926	95,020	92
Turkeys								
Young	1,588	1,860	1,603	101	86	15,347	14,763	96
Old	47	35	25	53	71	364	321	88
Total	1,635	1,895	1,628	100	86	15,711	15,084	96
Ducks	91	65	58	64	89	695	562	81
Total ¹	13,651	12,597	11,908	87	95	119,340	110,668	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.20	0.19	83	95	0.22	0.20	91
Mature	0.83	1.03	0.75	90	73	0.91	0.89	98
Light	1.25	1.48	0.92	74	62	1.21	1.05	87
Heavy	0.76	0.95	0.72	95	76	0.85	0.86	101
Total	0.24	0.21	0.20	83	95	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.31	0.27	96	87	0.28	0.28	100
Old	1.17	0.84	0.46	39	55	0.98	0.89	91
Total	0.28	0.32	0.27	96	84	0.29	0.28	97
Ducks	0.58	0.54	0.51	88	94	0.48	0.47	98
Total ¹	0.25	0.22	0.20	80	91	0.24	0.22	92

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	September 2019	August 2020	September 2020	September 2020 as % of		January to September		2020 as percent of 2019
				September 2019	August 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	21,533	21,056	20,402	95	97	218,528	195,927	90
Mature	1,632	2,253	1,845	113	82	14,884	15,459	104
Light	382	396	361	95	91	3,415	3,744	110
Heavy	1,250	1,857	1,484	119	80	11,469	11,715	102
Total	23,165	23,309	22,247	96	95	233,412	211,386	91
Turkeys								
Young	6,386	6,196	5,754	90	93	63,034	56,878	90
Old	152	109	138	91	127	1,278	1,212	95
Total	6,538	6,305	5,892	90	93	64,312	58,090	90
Ducks	315	165	170	54	103	2,666	2,210	83
Other ¹	5	2	7	140	350	24	24	100
Total	30,023	29,781	28,316	94	95	300,414	271,710	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.58	0.56	0.52	90	93	0.66	0.58	88
Mature	3.33	4.47	3.67	110	82	3.61	3.57	99
Light	7.40	7.28	7.46	101	102	6.87	7.47	109
Heavy	2.85	4.13	3.26	114	79	3.16	3.06	97
Total	0.62	0.61	0.56	90	92	0.70	0.62	89
Turkeys								
Young	1.38	1.30	1.21	88	93	1.44	1.32	92
Old	4.75	3.26	3.27	69	100	4.40	4.28	97
Total	1.40	1.31	1.23	88	94	1.46	1.34	92
Ducks	2.70	1.82	1.98	73	109	2.48	2.47	100
Other ¹	1.25	1.85	2.15	172	116	1.49	1.59	107
Total	0.71	0.69	0.64	90	93	0.79	0.70	89

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: August and September 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	904	953	527,939	525,550
Mature	-	-	30	63	64,886	68,756
Light	-	-	11	16	40,089	45,271
Heavy	-	-	19	47	24,797	23,485
Total	-	-	934	1,016	592,825	594,306
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	28	42	11,156	9,426
Old	-	-	7	6	756	627
Total	-	-	35	48	11,912	10,053
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	188,553	199,022	1,743	1,188	11,294	11,370
Mature	11,474	13,174	56	110	25,050	23,057
Light	7,067	8,114	14	47	10,351	10,737
Heavy	4,407	5,060	42	63	14,699	12,320
Total	200,027	212,196	1,799	1,298	36,344	34,427
Turkeys						
Young	1,707	1,883	58	140	102	32
Old	246	363	12	19	131	78
Total	1,953	2,246	70	159	233	110
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,565	6,542	34,816	33,390	113,267	117,700
Mature	966	1,437	269	246	22,488	24,077
Light	872	1,191	117	89	19,826	21,180
Heavy	94	246	152	157	2,662	2,897
Total	7,531	7,979	35,085	33,636	135,755	141,777
Turkeys						
Young	62	77	426	188	710	699
Old	11	11	49	14	13	46
Total	73	88	475	202	723	745
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	38,602	32,063	582,385	572,350	1,506,068	1,500,128
Mature	310	1,177	59,240	49,963	184,769	182,060
Light	61	8	36,703	26,210	115,111	112,863
Heavy	249	1,169	22,537	23,753	69,658	69,197
Total	38,912	33,240	641,625	622,313	1,690,837	1,682,188
Turkeys						
Young	154	82	11,585	8,219	25,988	20,788
Old	38	25	771	1,255	2,034	2,444
Total	192	107	12,356	9,474	28,022	23,232

- 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: August and September 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	95,688	99,502	530,784	559,144	5.55	5.62
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	83,628	84,468	589,770	598,435	7.05	7.08
California	23,585	21,245	142,866	130,739	6.06	6.15
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	26,761	28,012	206,058	218,946	7.70	7.82
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	107,414	110,664	650,918	686,218	6.06	6.20
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,146	6,524	28,696	30,555	4.67	4.68
Iowa	862	965	4,757	5,548	5.52	5.75
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,569	24,934	155,677	165,077	6.61	6.62
Louisiana	13,459	15,500	93,386	106,520	6.94	6.87
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,992	11,663	71,328	77,026	6.49	6.60
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	59,292	59,190	371,296	378,989	6.26	6.40
Missouri	35,714	35,294	182,731	179,122	5.12	5.08
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	90	120	453	602	5.03	5.01
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,402	2,479	11,730	12,424	4.88	5.01
North Carolina	75,936	78,893	624,136	653,617	8.22	8.28
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	10,082	11,159	73,636	81,755	7.30	7.33
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,172	11,199	63,552	64,901	5.69	5.80
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,011	24,492	188,646	189,643	7.54	7.74
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,639	26,922	149,800	152,078	5.62	5.65
Texas	60,036	61,346	402,007	413,560	6.70	6.74
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,791	28,399	165,819	179,198	6.19	6.31
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	771,711	790,659	4,955,096	5,139,940	6.42	6.50

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	August	September	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	403,693	426,024	1,982	2,042	0.49	0.48
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	441,871	449,315	1,870	1,869	0.42	0.41
California	107,313	98,304	923	653	0.85	0.66
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	158,726	169,741	583	618	0.37	0.36
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	493,001	516,690	4,629	3,885	0.93	0.75
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,939	22,267	100	84	0.47	0.38
Iowa	3,297	3,746	374	485	10.19	11.47
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	117,739	124,910	743	584	0.63	0.47
Louisiana	70,725	80,465	295	342	0.42	0.42
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	53,430	57,732	264	281	0.49	0.48
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	275,700	283,837	1,123	1,174	0.41	0.41
Missouri	134,326	131,799	415	365	0.31	0.28
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	335	446	4	6	1.27	1.25
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,149	7,505	77	96	1.07	1.26
North Carolina	480,942	502,892	1,920	1,925	0.40	0.38
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	55,031	61,246	175	217	0.32	0.35
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,675	44,721	910	953	2.04	2.09
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	141,812	142,837	875	756	0.61	0.53
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	110,827	112,203	559	565	0.50	0.50
Texas	306,754	318,206	1,857	1,888	0.60	0.59
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	123,076	132,818	440	529	0.36	0.40
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	3,733,880	3,877,650	21,056	20,402	0.56	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: August and September 2020

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	47	61	27,859	31,778
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	30,955	30,933
Delaware	-	-	140	118	23,512	24,660
Georgia	-	-	4	12	49,440	49,440
Mississippi	-	-	35	35	9,771	9,771
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	42,031	41,381
Texas	-	-	98	104	56,670	56,129
Virginia	-	-	97	116	18,235	19,880
United States	-	-	904	953	527,939	525,550
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	24,242	26,165	77	74	1,019	1,170
Arkansas	6,692	6,679	92	99	1,001	1,005
Delaware	10,888	11,372	30	71	258	266
Georgia	36,879	41,318	93	94	1,599	1,596
Mississippi	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina	11,204	10,573	47	47	988	903
Texas	15,570	15,765	115	133	743	793
Virginia	9,669	9,714	1	6	193	209
United States	188,553	199,022	1,743	1,188	11,294	11,370
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	463	508	2,571	3,136	11,784	13,005
Arkansas	163	169	2,794	2,794	3,330	3,346
Delaware	750	765	1,902	1,507	2,887	2,725
Georgia	768	557	9,064	8,638	54,441	54,458
Mississippi	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	790
North Carolina	391	359	4,038	3,640	2,261	2,123
Texas	408	338	316	335	3,917	3,587
Virginia	613	691	817	839	2,200	2,363
United States	6,565	6,542	34,816	33,390	113,267	117,700
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	300	421	39,278	27,920	107,640	104,238
Arkansas	1,809	1,841	81,313	81,316	128,185	128,218
Delaware	3,483	2,236	5,289	6,120	49,139	49,840
Georgia	13,873	12,719	114,204	105,233	280,365	274,065
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	29,107	29,107
North Carolina	2,078	1,986	22,522	19,711	85,628	80,791
Texas	583	552	18,151	18,371	96,571	96,107
Virginia	1,132	453	11,235	12,517	44,192	46,788
United States	38,602	32,063	582,385	572,350	1,506,068	1,500,128

- 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: August and September 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,978	2,496	57,529	50,523	19.32	20.24
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	1	1	38	40	31.70	31.79
Indiana	1,915	1,945	77,287	77,541	40.35	39.86
Iowa	1,120	1,057	46,538	45,449	41.55	43.00
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,029	3,709	110,310	98,438	27.38	26.54
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	944	841	31,701	29,922	33.59	35.57
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	1,551	1,837	55,715	68,323	35.92	37.20
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	554	554	25,457	25,759	45.99	46.47
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	611	808	17,957	21,375	29.41	26.44
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)	2	14	31.69	32.38
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	2	1	63	18	31.70	32.38
Virginia	2,091	2,155	57,885	61,439	27.69	28.52
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	488	461	21,842	20,344	44.78	44.10
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,670	18,170	590,712	587,723	31.64	32.35

- 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: August and September 2020

[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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(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	47,844	41,986	397	385	0.82	0.91
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	30	32	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	62,200	62,530	779	702	1.24	1.11
Iowa	36,690	35,992	605	571	1.62	1.56
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	88,205	78,765	1,134	927	1.27	1.16
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,694	24,066	209	190	0.81	0.78
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	44,051	54,064	298	379	0.67	0.70
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,341	20,598	306	266	1.48	1.27
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	14,100	16,953	290	314	2.01	1.82
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	2	11	-	-	(X)	(X)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	50	14	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	45,706	48,735	850	853	1.83	1.72
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	17,245	16,052	286	224	1.63	1.38
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	471,677	469,676	6,196	5,754	1.30	1.21

- 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 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.

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.

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