



Poultry Slaughter

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

August 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

August 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2021 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.42 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in August 2020. The July 2021 revised certified total at 4.27 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from July 2020. The July revision represented an increase of 7.24 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2021 was 5.83 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 5.63 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.17 billion pounds, up 4 percent from August 2020. Mature chickens, at 61.2 million pounds, were down 11 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 588 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.6 million pounds, up 21 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2021 averaged 6.47 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2020. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.75 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2021 averaged 31.5 pounds per bird, down slightly from August 2020.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2021 totaled 14.0 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 27.2 million pounds, were 0.61 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.69 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2020	July 2021	August 2021	August 2021 as % of		January to August		2021 as percent of 2020
				August 2020	July 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	771,711	769,481	798,728	104	104	6,164,042	6,128,427	99
Mature	9,980	9,848	9,070	91	92	79,010	76,892	97
Light	2,880	2,985	3,012	105	101	23,616	24,537	104
Heavy	7,100	6,863	6,058	85	88	55,394	52,355	95
Total	781,691	779,329	807,798	103	104	6,243,052	6,205,319	99
Turkeys								
Young	18,670	17,855	18,481	99	104	146,055	141,044	97
Old	143	114	176	123	154	1,015	1,142	113
Total	18,813	17,969	18,657	99	104	147,070	142,186	97
Ducks	1,743	2,003	2,167	124	108	15,495	15,707	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,955,096	4,970,980	5,165,759	104	104	39,371,636	39,455,918	100
Mature	69,030	68,524	61,224	89	89	539,599	519,105	96
Light	10,068	10,604	10,247	102	97	82,003	84,946	104
Heavy	58,962	57,920	50,977	86	88	457,596	434,159	95
Total	5,024,126	5,039,504	5,226,983	104	104	39,911,235	39,975,023	100
Turkeys								
Young	590,712	571,231	582,770	99	102	4,753,350	4,621,246	97
Old	4,155	3,454	5,409	130	157	30,657	34,566	113
Total	594,867	574,685	588,179	99	102	4,784,007	4,655,812	97
Ducks	12,063	13,881	14,646	121	106	107,754	109,028	101
Other ¹	158	273	335	212	123	1,722	1,698	99
Total	5,631,214	5,628,343	5,830,143	104	104	44,804,718	44,741,561	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.42	6.46	6.47	101	100	6.39	6.44	101
Mature	6.92	6.96	6.75	98	97	6.83	6.75	99
Light	3.50	3.55	3.40	97	96	3.47	3.46	100
Heavy	8.30	8.44	8.41	101	100	8.26	8.29	100
Total	6.43	6.47	6.47	101	100	6.39	6.44	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.64	31.99	31.53	100	99	32.54	32.76	101
Old	29.06	30.30	30.73	106	101	30.20	30.27	100
Total	31.62	31.98	31.53	100	99	32.53	32.74	101
Ducks	6.92	6.93	6.76	98	98	6.95	6.94	100

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	August 2020	July 2021	August 2021	August 2021 as % of		January to August		2021 as percent of 2020
				August 2020	July 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,467,608	3,492,801	3,624,200	105	104	27,530,250	27,739,524	101
Mature	48,120	47,290	41,745	87	88	369,456	355,864	96
Light	5,041	5,516	5,386	107	98	41,903	43,792	105
Heavy	43,079	41,774	36,359	84	87	327,553	312,072	95
Total	3,515,728	3,540,091	3,665,945	104	104	27,899,706	28,095,388	101
Turkeys								
Young	299,436	274,002	281,338	94	103	2,370,132	2,265,487	96
Old	3,180	2,540	4,035	127	159	22,523	25,692	114
Total	302,616	276,542	285,373	94	103	2,392,655	2,291,179	96
Ducks	3,117	3,527	3,987	128	113	29,069	26,680	92
Other ¹	96	162	112	117	69	1,072	953	89
Total	3,821,557	3,820,322	3,955,417	104	104	30,322,502	30,414,200	100
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	266,272	257,464	273,749	103	106	2,127,451	2,033,592	96
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	266,272	257,464	273,749	103	106	2,127,451	2,033,592	96
Turkeys								
Young	172,241	181,968	184,135	107	101	1,425,024	1,425,214	100
Old	58	65	53	91	82	538	506	94
Total	172,299	182,033	184,188	107	101	1,425,562	1,425,720	100
Ducks	5,805	6,616	6,711	116	101	49,740	53,259	107
Other ¹	10	13	101	1,010	777	99	176	178
Total	444,386	446,126	464,749	105	104	3,602,852	3,512,747	97
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,733,880	3,750,265	3,897,949	104	104	29,657,701	29,773,116	100
Mature	48,120	47,290	41,745	87	88	369,456	355,864	96
Light	5,041	5,516	5,386	107	98	41,903	43,792	105
Heavy	43,079	41,774	36,359	84	87	327,553	312,072	95
Total	3,782,000	3,797,555	3,939,694	104	104	30,027,157	30,128,980	100
Turkeys								
Young	471,677	455,970	465,473	99	102	3,795,156	3,690,701	97
Old	3,238	2,605	4,088	126	157	23,061	26,198	114
Total	474,915	458,575	469,561	99	102	3,818,217	3,716,899	97
Ducks	8,922	10,143	10,698	120	105	78,809	79,939	101
Other ¹	106	175	213	201	122	1,171	1,129	96
Total	4,265,943	4,266,448	4,420,166	104	104	33,925,354	33,926,947	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2020	July 2021	August 2021	August 2021 as % of		January to August		2021 as percent of 2020
				August 2020	July 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	9,928	10,622	11,160	112	105	79,920	80,400	101
Mature	709	740	688	97	93	4,882	5,271	108
Light	149	140	71	48	51	873	785	90
Heavy	560	600	617	110	103	4,009	4,486	112
Total	10,637	11,362	11,848	111	104	84,802	85,671	101
Turkeys								
Young	1,860	2,117	2,031	109	96	13,160	14,646	111
Old	35	53	41	117	77	296	354	120
Total	1,895	2,170	2,072	109	95	13,456	15,000	111
Ducks	65	109	96	148	88	504	587	116
Total ¹	12,597	13,641	14,017	111	103	98,762	101,259	103
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.21	0.22	110	105	0.20	0.20	100
Mature	1.03	1.08	1.12	109	104	0.90	1.02	113
Light	1.48	1.32	0.69	47	52	1.06	0.92	87
Heavy	0.95	1.04	1.21	127	116	0.88	1.03	117
Total	0.21	0.23	0.23	110	100	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.31	0.37	0.35	113	95	0.28	0.32	114
Old	0.84	1.53	0.76	90	50	0.97	1.02	105
Total	0.32	0.38	0.35	109	92	0.28	0.32	114
Ducks	0.54	0.79	0.66	122	84	0.47	0.54	115
Total ¹	0.22	0.24	0.24	109	100	0.22	0.23	105

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	August 2020	July 2021	August 2021	August 2021 as % of		January to August		2021 as percent of 2020
				August 2020	July 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	21,056	18,453	18,761	89	102	175,531	150,247	86
Mature	2,253	2,215	1,805	80	81	13,614	16,098	118
Light	396	412	446	113	108	3,383	3,623	107
Heavy	1,857	1,803	1,359	73	75	10,231	12,475	122
Total	23,309	20,668	20,566	88	100	189,145	166,345	88
Turkeys								
Young	6,196	5,724	6,178	100	108	51,124	47,548	93
Old	109	151	169	155	112	1,074	1,067	99
Total	6,305	5,875	6,347	101	108	52,198	48,615	93
Ducks	165	201	234	142	116	2,040	1,577	77
Other ¹	2	3	5	250	167	17	20	118
Total	29,781	26,747	27,152	91	102	243,400	216,557	89
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.56	0.49	0.48	86	98	0.59	0.50	85
Mature	4.47	4.47	4.14	93	93	3.55	4.33	122
Light	7.28	6.95	7.65	105	110	7.47	7.64	102
Heavy	4.13	4.14	3.60	87	87	3.03	3.84	127
Total	0.61	0.54	0.52	85	96	0.63	0.55	87
Turkeys								
Young	1.30	1.24	1.31	101	106	1.33	1.27	95
Old	3.26	5.48	3.97	122	72	4.45	3.91	88
Total	1.31	1.26	1.33	102	106	1.35	1.29	96
Ducks	1.82	1.94	2.14	118	110	2.52	1.93	77
Other ¹	1.85	1.69	2.29	124	136	1.43	1.74	122
Total	0.69	0.62	0.61	88	98	0.71	0.63	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: July and August 2021

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,016	1,208	479,937	488,076
Mature	-	-	111	104	70,656	78,053
Light	-	-	73	82	46,670	53,557
Heavy	-	-	38	22	23,986	24,496
Total	-	-	1,127	1,312	550,593	566,129
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	21	50	8,986	8,293
Old	-	-	17	6	917	786
Total	-	-	38	56	9,903	9,079
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	239,532	239,805	1,165	1,138	11,877	11,750
Mature	9,278	11,705	260	224	36,988	35,791
Light	3,614	4,896	114	29	19,052	17,435
Heavy	5,664	6,809	146	195	17,936	18,356
Total	248,810	251,510	1,425	1,362	48,865	47,541
Turkeys						
Young	2,277	2,261	17	6	14	86
Old	397	496	19	3	94	189
Total	2,674	2,757	36	9	108	275
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,787	6,872	31,484	32,070	75,203	76,044
Mature	1,628	2,175	210	334	24,174	31,445
Light	1,235	1,668	97	146	19,305	27,758
Heavy	393	507	113	188	4,869	3,687
Total	8,415	9,047	31,694	32,404	99,377	107,489
Turkeys						
Young	60	83	138	180	1,014	825
Old	11	16	18	21	96	144
Total	71	99	156	201	1,110	969
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	28,482	29,893	623,467	656,583	1,498,950	1,543,439
Mature	287	301	46,202	54,089	189,794	214,221
Light	45	54	24,223	31,623	114,428	137,248
Heavy	242	247	21,979	22,466	75,366	76,973
Total	28,769	30,194	669,669	710,672	1,688,744	1,757,660
Turkeys						
Young	176	183	10,441	10,529	23,144	22,496
Old	14	7	1,292	850	2,875	2,518
Total	190	190	11,733	11,379	26,019	25,014

- 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: July and August 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	94,946	96,681	531,066	541,136	5.59	5.60
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	80,552	87,977	571,627	621,767	7.10	7.07
California	21,358	22,995	129,034	139,311	6.04	6.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,776	29,848	228,845	229,159	7.69	7.68
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	103,692	107,625	634,817	662,430	6.12	6.15
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,664	6,718	30,493	31,877	4.58	4.74
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,986	24,545	149,709	161,318	6.51	6.57
Louisiana	14,603	14,168	98,872	95,404	6.77	6.73
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,539	11,860	75,291	78,038	6.53	6.58
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	56,919	56,761	352,311	347,941	6.19	6.13
Missouri	33,750	35,966	179,361	189,347	5.31	5.26
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,474	2,814	11,853	13,672	4.79	4.86
North Carolina	77,845	79,318	641,915	656,549	8.25	8.28
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	11,271	11,818	72,760	85,833	6.46	7.26
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,301	12,268	66,876	71,985	5.92	5.87
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,362	25,936	191,138	195,204	7.54	7.53
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,742	27,690	156,207	165,982	5.84	5.99
Texas	61,119	63,225	419,423	428,784	6.86	6.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,958	28,383	168,748	177,596	6.26	6.26
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	769,481	798,728	4,970,980	5,165,759	6.46	6.47

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	402,925	410,477	1,702	1,814	0.42	0.44
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	431,631	468,648	1,636	1,746	0.38	0.37
California	97,037	104,739	974	836	0.99	0.79
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	175,826	176,798	588	568	0.33	0.32
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	474,051	494,395	2,963	3,165	0.62	0.64
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	22,203	23,126	154	147	0.69	0.63
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	113,440	122,047	544	569	0.48	0.46
Louisiana	74,892	72,231	366	325	0.49	0.45
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	56,489	58,376	290	283	0.51	0.48
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	263,904	263,011	1,073	967	0.41	0.37
Missouri	132,106	139,621	391	401	0.30	0.29
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	7,260	8,206	78	114	1.06	1.37
North Carolina	494,646	505,527	1,522	1,511	0.31	0.30
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	54,574	64,403	224	247	0.41	0.38
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	46,769	50,203	804	842	1.69	1.65
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	143,758	146,870	924	997	0.64	0.67
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	115,761	123,038	565	624	0.49	0.50
Texas	323,067	330,159	1,376	1,308	0.42	0.39
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	126,089	133,442	346	337	0.27	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	3,750,265	3,897,949	18,453	18,761	0.49	0.48

- 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: July and August 2021

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	77	50	27,386	28,030
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	30,967	31,026
Delaware	-	-	44	43	16,197	16,686
Georgia	-	-	3	5	47,674	47,433
Mississippi	-	-	34	34	9,749	9,749
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	41,381	41,380
Texas	-	-	98	95	54,650	54,327
Virginia	-	-	4	8	17,354	18,622
United States	-	-	1,016	1,208	479,937	488,076
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	26,198	26,139	85	85	1,170	1,182
Arkansas	6,759	6,789	74	83	1,001	1,002
Delaware	9,787	9,809	24	21	213	207
Georgia	70,448	73,029	70	68	1,718	1,635
Mississippi	5,237	5,237	10	10	568	568
North Carolina	10,573	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas	16,162	16,614	150	145	878	849
Virginia	8,767	6,378	3	6	133	114
United States	239,532	239,805	1,165	1,138	11,877	11,750
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	612	620	2,856	2,963	11,952	11,444
Arkansas	167	167	2,795	2,794	3,292	3,330
Delaware	441	429	734	749	2,247	2,563
Georgia	511	555	7,368	7,174	12,942	12,584
Mississippi	433	433	1,885	1,885	787	787
North Carolina	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas	383	321	326	288	3,956	3,705
Virginia	921	704	428	547	1,617	1,698
United States	6,787	6,872	31,484	32,070	75,203	76,044
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	402	516	42,614	46,879	113,352	117,908
Arkansas	1,793	1,802	81,294	81,395	128,178	128,424
Delaware	1,611	1,689	3,768	3,696	35,066	35,892
Georgia	8,799	9,992	133,715	139,726	283,248	292,201
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	5,717	5,717	25,435	25,435
North Carolina	1,986	1,986	19,711	19,711	80,791	80,790
Texas	1,964	1,048	18,104	17,266	96,671	94,658
Virginia	386	345	11,950	10,108	41,563	38,530
United States	28,482	29,893	623,467	656,583	1,498,950	1,543,439

- 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: July and August 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,636	2,844	55,570	58,359	21.08	20.52
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(Z)	1	7	33	31.99	28.78
Indiana	2,079	2,096	82,832	81,997	39.84	39.12
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,972	4,030	94,107	99,724	23.69	24.74
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	809	689	27,282	19,593	33.71	28.44
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	518	577	23,946	26,199	46.25	45.39
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	587	700	17,717	19,574	30.16	27.95
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	(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	17,855	18,481	571,231	582,770	31.99	31.53

- 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: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(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	46,227	48,528	351	422	0.75	0.86
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	5	25	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	66,596	65,866	821	876	1.22	1.31
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	75,275	79,617	908	993	1.19	1.23
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	22,022	15,935	269	209	1.21	1.29
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	19,131	20,921	269	327	1.39	1.54
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	14,062	15,552	328	363	2.28	2.28
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)	(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	455,970	465,473	5,724	6,178	1.24	1.31

- 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.

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Abbreviated Agenda

Day 1 – October 13

Agency Updates – *All agencies*

AMS Transportation & Marketing Program - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

NASS Milk Production Program - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

Showcasing ERS Data and New Initiatives - *Economic Research Service*

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

Day 2 – October 14

Open Forum – *All agencies*

Climate Information for Informed Decision Making - *World Agricultural Outlook Board*

AMS Market News - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

NASS Modernization - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

GADAS Demo – *Foreign Agricultural Service*

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