



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 12 Percent from Last Year

March 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2020 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.42 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the amount certified in March 2019. The February 2020 revised certified total at 3.92 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from February 2019. The February revision represented an increase of 5.11 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2020 was 5.84 billion pounds, up 12 percent from 5.21 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.11 billion pounds, up 13 percent from March 2019. Mature chickens, at 70.1 million pounds, were up 11 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 636 million pounds, up 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.9 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2020 averaged 6.33 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.76 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2020 averaged 32.7 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from March 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2020 totaled 12.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 32.9 million pounds, were 0.74 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	March 2019	February 2020	March 2020	March 2020 as % of		January to March		2020 as percent of 2019
				March 2019	February 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	730,928	716,853	807,931	111	113	2,216,870	2,344,969	106
Mature	9,403	9,220	10,378	110	113	28,471	29,694	104
Light	3,068	2,931	3,301	108	113	9,036	9,358	104
Heavy	6,335	6,289	7,077	112	113	19,435	20,336	105
Total	740,331	726,073	818,309	111	113	2,245,341	2,374,663	106
Turkeys								
Young	17,978	17,038	19,295	107	113	54,693	55,511	101
Old	50	105	150	300	143	296	402	136
Total	18,028	17,143	19,445	108	113	54,989	55,913	102
Ducks	2,204	2,108	2,401	109	114	6,953	7,037	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,529,234	4,539,919	5,112,617	113	113	13,789,714	14,906,666	108
Mature	62,903	62,032	70,117	111	113	190,736	200,498	105
Light	10,543	10,374	11,321	107	109	31,041	32,574	105
Heavy	52,360	51,658	58,796	112	114	159,695	167,924	105
Total	4,592,137	4,601,951	5,182,734	113	113	13,980,450	15,107,164	108
Turkeys								
Young	596,483	556,414	631,105	106	113	1,803,842	1,828,873	101
Old	1,455	3,201	4,619	317	144	8,781	12,302	140
Total	597,938	559,615	635,724	106	114	1,812,623	1,841,175	102
Ducks	15,708	14,737	16,857	107	114	49,421	49,424	100
Other ¹	170	200	253	149	127	518	693	134
Total	5,205,953	5,176,503	5,835,568	112	113	15,843,012	16,998,456	107
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.20	6.33	6.33	102	100	6.22	6.36	102
Mature	6.69	6.73	6.76	101	100	6.70	6.75	101
Light	3.44	3.54	3.43	100	97	3.44	3.48	101
Heavy	8.27	8.21	8.31	100	101	8.22	8.26	100
Total	6.20	6.34	6.33	102	100	6.23	6.36	102
Turkeys								
Young	33.18	32.66	32.71	99	100	32.98	32.95	100
Old	29.10	30.49	30.79	106	101	29.67	30.60	103
Total	33.17	32.64	32.69	99	100	32.96	32.93	100
Ducks	7.13	6.99	7.02	98	100	7.11	7.02	99

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	March 2019	February 2020	March 2020	March 2020 as % of		January to March		2020 as percent of 2019
				March 2019	February 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,165,068	3,172,769	3,578,156	113	113	9,646,905	10,431,164	108
Mature	41,701	41,566	47,131	113	113	126,583	135,277	107
Light	5,264	5,281	5,863	111	111	15,658	16,607	106
Heavy	36,437	36,285	41,268	113	114	110,925	118,670	107
Total	3,206,769	3,214,335	3,625,287	113	113	9,773,488	10,566,441	108
Turkeys								
Young	299,648	283,888	312,982	104	110	900,523	910,325	101
Old	1,076	2,358	3,315	308	141	6,510	8,968	138
Total	300,724	286,246	316,297	105	110	907,033	919,293	101
Ducks	4,197	3,728	4,278	102	115	14,057	13,008	93
Other ¹	111	127	158	142	124	330	432	131
Total	3,511,801	3,504,436	3,946,020	112	113	10,694,908	11,499,174	108
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	244,752	245,695	274,345	112	112	737,248	796,859	108
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total	244,752	245,695	274,345	112	112	737,325	796,859	108
Turkeys								
Young	176,751	160,449	190,627	108	119	539,020	549,184	102
Old	25	41	105	420	256	138	230	167
Total	176,776	160,490	190,732	108	119	539,158	549,414	102
Ducks	7,272	6,908	7,987	110	116	22,111	22,911	104
Other ¹	5	11	14	280	127	22	36	164
Total	428,805	413,104	473,078	110	115	1,298,616	1,369,220	105
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,409,820	3,418,464	3,852,501	113	113	10,384,153	11,228,023	108
Mature	41,701	41,566	47,131	113	113	126,660	135,277	107
Light	5,264	5,281	5,863	111	111	15,658	16,607	106
Heavy	36,437	36,285	41,268	113	114	111,002	118,670	107
Total	3,451,521	3,460,030	3,899,632	113	113	10,510,813	11,363,300	108
Turkeys								
Young	476,399	444,337	503,609	106	113	1,439,543	1,459,509	101
Old	1,101	2,399	3,420	311	143	6,648	9,198	138
Total	477,500	446,736	507,029	106	113	1,446,191	1,468,707	102
Ducks	11,469	10,636	12,265	107	115	36,168	35,919	99
Other ¹	116	138	172	148	125	352	468	133
Total	3,940,606	3,917,540	4,419,098	112	113	11,993,524	12,868,394	107

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2019	February 2020	March 2020	March 2020 as % of		January to March		2020 as percent of 2019
				March 2019	February 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	10,169	9,415	9,892	97	105	32,190	30,445	95
Mature	673	521	554	82	106	1,986	1,672	84
Light	125	106	82	66	77	404	292	72
Heavy	548	415	472	86	114	1,582	1,380	87
Total	10,842	9,936	10,446	96	105	34,176	32,117	94
Turkeys								
Young	1,688	1,490	1,668	99	112	5,332	5,032	94
Old	19	34	40	211	118	122	132	108
Total	1,707	1,524	1,708	100	112	5,454	5,164	95
Ducks	67	60	61	91	102	230	205	89
Total ¹	12,617	11,520	12,215	97	106	39,862	37,486	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.21	0.19	86	90	0.23	0.20	87
Mature	1.07	0.84	0.79	74	94	1.04	0.83	80
Light	1.19	1.02	0.72	61	71	1.30	0.90	69
Heavy	1.05	0.80	0.80	76	100	0.99	0.82	83
Total	0.24	0.22	0.20	83	91	0.24	0.21	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.27	0.26	93	96	0.30	0.28	93
Old	1.31	1.06	0.87	66	82	1.39	1.07	77
Total	0.29	0.27	0.27	93	100	0.30	0.28	93
Ducks	0.43	0.41	0.36	84	88	0.47	0.41	87
Total ¹	0.24	0.22	0.21	88	95	0.25	0.22	88

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	March 2019	February 2020	March 2020	March 2020 as % of		January to March		2020 as percent of 2019
				March 2019	February 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	25,544	21,744	23,910	94	110	77,492	70,650	91
Mature	1,518	1,347	1,555	102	115	4,657	4,313	93
Light	409	457	477	117	104	1,158	1,414	122
Heavy	1,109	890	1,078	97	121	3,499	2,899	83
Total	27,062	23,091	25,465	94	110	82,149	74,963	91
Turkeys								
Young	7,075	6,269	6,923	98	110	21,123	20,430	97
Old	65	112	176	271	157	302	462	153
Total	7,140	6,381	7,099	99	111	21,425	20,892	98
Ducks	279	338	297	106	88	876	1,002	114
Other ¹	2	2	3	150	150	5	7	140
Total	34,483	29,812	32,864	95	110	104,455	96,864	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.74	0.63	0.62	84	98	0.74	0.63	85
Mature	3.51	3.14	3.19	91	102	3.55	3.09	87
Light	7.21	7.96	7.52	104	94	6.89	7.85	114
Heavy	2.95	2.39	2.55	86	107	3.06	2.38	78
Total	0.78	0.66	0.65	83	98	0.78	0.66	85
Turkeys								
Young	1.46	1.39	1.36	93	98	1.45	1.38	95
Old	5.57	4.46	4.89	88	110	4.35	4.78	110
Total	1.47	1.41	1.38	94	98	1.46	1.40	96
Ducks	2.37	3.08	2.36	100	77	2.36	2.71	115
Other ¹	1.69	1.43	1.71	101	120	1.40	1.47	105
Total	0.87	0.76	0.74	85	97	0.86	0.75	87

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: February and March 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,314	1,814	612,341	636,609
Mature	-	-	82	105	84,323	92,514
Light	-	-	46	45	59,155	66,973
Heavy	-	-	36	60	25,168	25,541
Total	-	-	1,396	1,919	696,664	729,123
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	15	14	11,714	13,805
Old	-	-	1	12	704	975
Total	-	-	16	26	12,418	14,780
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	430,701	460,746	1,665	1,408	15,107	15,469
Mature	9,445	8,390	267	129	35,563	32,596
Light	5,587	5,216	210	64	16,474	14,509
Heavy	3,858	3,174	57	65	19,089	18,087
Total	440,146	469,136	1,932	1,537	50,670	48,065
Turkeys						
Young	2,115	2,611	53	123	30	88
Old	182	529	12	6	44	198
Total	2,297	3,140	65	129	74	286
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	8,006	8,429	40,007	38,744	114,095	122,546
Mature	1,113	1,172	628	312	25,159	27,323
Light	875	946	478	153	22,125	24,086
Heavy	238	226	150	159	3,034	3,237
Total	9,119	9,601	40,635	39,056	139,254	149,869
Turkeys						
Young	78	84	709	803	663	579
Old	16	22	16	25	36	98
Total	94	106	725	828	699	677
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	30,862	30,704	596,261	620,669	1,850,359	1,937,138
Mature	257	560	60,286	67,132	217,123	230,233
Light	40	22	36,959	42,351	141,949	154,365
Heavy	217	538	23,327	24,781	75,174	75,868
Total	31,119	31,264	656,547	687,801	2,067,482	2,167,371
Turkeys						
Young	122	141	7,197	5,725	22,696	23,973
Old	37	22	538	617	1,586	2,504
Total	159	163	7,735	6,342	24,282	26,477

- 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: February and March 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	91,933	102,898	507,891	569,762	5.52	5.54
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	77,292	87,482	535,219	606,007	6.92	6.93
California	20,586	24,796	123,551	149,632	6.00	6.03
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,097	33,308	220,896	251,610	7.59	7.55
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	95,667	111,370	581,798	672,263	6.08	6.04
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,859	6,430	26,576	29,459	4.54	4.58
Iowa	831	995	4,371	5,085	5.26	5.11
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	21,866	24,888	139,128	159,963	6.36	6.43
Louisiana	14,521	16,219	94,167	106,414	6.49	6.56
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,719	12,049	68,791	76,982	6.42	6.39
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	56,194	63,106	353,339	397,703	6.29	6.30
Missouri	33,149	36,712	164,534	182,659	4.96	4.98
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	126	120	590	526	4.68	4.40
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,225	2,582	10,618	12,057	4.77	4.67
North Carolina	69,545	77,351	560,093	625,559	8.05	8.09
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	11,183	12,390	79,534	88,412	7.11	7.14
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,122	11,311	56,230	64,478	5.56	5.70
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,483	25,879	173,453	195,132	7.71	7.54
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	24,588	25,705	129,993	136,035	5.29	5.29
Texas	55,118	60,195	351,921	383,033	6.38	6.36
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,084	26,966	153,385	163,653	6.11	6.07
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	716,853	807,931	4,539,919	5,112,617	6.33	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: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	386,784	433,866	1,930	2,027	0.50	0.46
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	403,136	458,068	1,848	2,120	0.46	0.46
California	92,908	111,990	910	1,113	0.97	0.98
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	170,902	193,948	1,238	1,435	0.72	0.73
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	437,383	503,933	3,648	4,116	0.83	0.81
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	19,345	21,479	128	144	0.66	0.67
Iowa	3,059	3,405	400	485	11.57	12.47
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	105,409	121,066	538	581	0.51	0.48
Louisiana	71,281	80,304	301	319	0.42	0.40
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	51,435	57,440	419	503	0.81	0.87
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	262,140	299,830	1,581	1,601	0.60	0.53
Missouri	120,925	133,974	380	473	0.31	0.35
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	425	384	5	5	1.20	1.19
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,396	7,298	134	120	2.05	1.62
North Carolina	431,150	480,289	1,801	1,947	0.42	0.40
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	59,460	66,043	191	227	0.32	0.34
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	38,231	44,154	1,157	1,216	2.94	2.68
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	130,658	147,177	927	1,107	0.70	0.75
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	95,646	100,376	702	658	0.73	0.65
Texas	269,432	294,133	1,952	2,080	0.72	0.70
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	111,122	117,996	487	640	0.44	0.54
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	3,418,464	3,852,501	21,744	23,910	0.63	0.62

- 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: February and March 2020

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	106	122	38,893	38,185
Arkansas	-	-	35	37	32,047	32,648
Delaware	-	-	316	703	42,046	49,381
Georgia	-	-	2	1	60,552	58,754
Mississippi	-	-	50	138	19,357	19,912
North Carolina	-	-	160	83	48,987	51,001
Texas	-	-	109	106	56,889	60,234
Virginia	-	-	58	74	16,078	17,785
United States	-	-	1,314	1,814	612,341	636,609

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	34,978	35,606	168	126	1,317	1,298
Arkansas	8,190	8,636	71	71	987	1,057
Delaware	43,951	54,869	50	68	594	628
Georgia	107,657	109,663	141	104	1,889	2,156
Mississippi	12,128	13,613	130	136	731	789
North Carolina	14,665	16,827	42	42	1,242	1,075
Texas	20,643	22,836	125	131	997	1,043
Virginia	18,568	24,361	8	2	305	354
United States	430,701	460,746	1,665	1,408	15,107	15,469

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	600	645	4,333	4,125	14,802	14,346
Arkansas	164	168	2,326	2,882	4,466	6,218
Delaware	759	791	1,410	1,863	5,522	6,293
Georgia	486	719	8,942	9,035	39,326	41,644
Mississippi	871	944	4,232	3,699	1,554	1,699
North Carolina	394	420	5,234	5,316	2,396	2,929
Texas	362	380	303	308	4,542	3,863
Virginia	436	578	601	619	1,795	2,007
United States	8,006	8,429	40,007	38,744	114,095	122,546

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	527	560	24,905	32,055	120,629	127,068
Arkansas	1,781	1,793	87,435	86,650	137,502	140,160
Delaware	3,850	4,266	10,349	11,697	108,847	130,559
Georgia	3,530	5,505	91,083	105,793	313,608	333,374
Mississippi	518	885	16,807	14,376	56,378	56,191
North Carolina	2,151	2,831	29,377	32,614	104,648	113,138
Texas	675	441	18,115	17,849	102,760	107,191
Virginia	465	381	19,620	20,289	57,934	66,450
United States	30,862	30,704	596,261	620,669	1,850,359	1,937,138

- 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: February and March 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February (1,000 head)	March (1,000 head)	February (1,000 pounds)	March (1,000 pounds)	February (pounds)	March (pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,861	3,172	52,615	60,826	18.39	19.18
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(Z)	-	5	-	31.37	-
Indiana	1,821	2,121	75,779	87,068	41.62	41.05
Iowa	1,139	1,262	49,140	54,829	43.15	43.45
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	2,963	3,421	86,320	97,248	29.13	28.43
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	856	979	28,830	31,810	33.67	32.49
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,503	1,815	56,787	71,549	37.78	39.42
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	497	584	24,562	28,618	49.44	48.98
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	451	518	12,979	15,426	28.77	29.79
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)	1	5	32.65	32.52
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,189	2,300	59,472	61,813	27.16	26.87
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	509	551	22,570	23,238	44.34	42.21
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,038	19,295	556,414	631,105	32.66	32.71

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	43,872	50,664	360	397	0.81	0.78
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	3	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	61,078	70,057	844	913	1.36	1.29
Iowa	38,804	43,247	641	762	1.62	1.73
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	69,139	77,955	922	991	1.32	1.26
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	23,173	25,526	174	218	0.74	0.85
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	44,966	56,102	273	348	0.60	0.62
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,635	22,881	234	371	1.18	1.59
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	10,066	12,021	437	522	4.16	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	(Z)	4	-	-	(X)	(X)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	47,174	49,027	851	916	1.77	1.83
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	17,822	18,427	214	215	1.19	1.15
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	444,337	503,609	6,269	6,923	1.39	1.36

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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.

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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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