



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 9 Percent from Last Year

January 2020 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

January 2021 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2021 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.11 billion pounds, down 9 percent from the amount certified in January 2020. The December 2020 revised certified total at 4.24 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from December 2019. The December revision represented an increase of 9.15 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2021 was 5.42 billion pounds, down 9 percent from 5.99 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.79 billion pounds, down 9 percent from January 2020. Mature chickens, at 59.9 million pounds, were down 12 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 560 million pounds, down 13 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.4 million pounds, down 25 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2021 averaged 6.43 pounds per bird, up slightly from January 2020. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.75 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2021 averaged 33.5 pounds per bird, up slightly from January 2020.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2021 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 26.2 million pounds, were 0.63 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.75 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	January 2021 as % of		January to January		2021 as percent of 2020
				January 2020	December 2020	2020	2021	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	820,185	768,071	745,452	91	97	820,185	745,452	91
Mature	10,096	9,234	8,876	88	96	10,096	8,876	88
Light	3,126	2,852	2,831	91	99	3,126	2,831	91
Heavy	6,970	6,382	6,045	87	95	6,970	6,045	87
Total	830,281	777,305	754,328	91	97	830,281	754,328	91
Turkeys								
Young	19,178	17,494	16,609	87	95	19,178	16,609	87
Old	147	174	130	88	75	147	130	88
Total	19,325	17,668	16,739	87	95	19,325	16,739	87
Ducks	2,528	1,983	1,914	76	97	2,528	1,914	76
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,254,130	4,926,673	4,790,027	91	97	5,254,130	4,790,027	91
Mature	68,349	62,036	59,946	88	97	68,349	59,946	88
Light	10,879	9,696	9,938	91	102	10,879	9,938	91
Heavy	57,470	52,340	50,008	87	96	57,470	50,008	87
Total	5,322,479	4,988,709	4,849,973	91	97	5,322,479	4,849,973	91
Turkeys								
Young	641,354	584,075	556,549	87	95	641,354	556,549	87
Old	4,482	5,198	3,893	87	75	4,482	3,893	87
Total	645,836	589,273	560,442	87	95	645,836	560,442	87
Ducks	17,830	14,013	13,385	75	96	17,830	13,385	75
Other ¹	240	171	149	62	87	240	149	62
Total	5,986,385	5,592,166	5,423,949	91	97	5,986,385	5,423,949	91
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.41	6.41	6.43	100	100	6.41	6.43	100
Mature	6.77	6.72	6.75	100	100	6.77	6.75	100
Light	3.48	3.40	3.51	101	103	3.48	3.51	101
Heavy	8.25	8.20	8.27	100	101	8.25	8.27	100
Total	6.41	6.42	6.43	100	100	6.41	6.43	100
Turkeys								
Young	33.44	33.39	33.51	100	100	33.44	33.51	100
Old	30.49	29.87	29.95	98	100	30.49	29.95	98
Total	33.42	33.35	33.48	100	100	33.42	33.48	100
Ducks	7.05	7.07	6.99	99	99	7.05	6.99	99

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	January 2021 as % of		January to January		2021 as percent of 2020
				January 2020	December 2020	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,680,239	3,466,475	3,371,757	92	97	3,680,239	3,371,757	92
Mature	46,580	42,491	40,759	88	96	46,580	40,759	88
Light	5,463	4,896	5,092	93	104	5,463	5,092	93
Heavy	41,117	37,595	35,667	87	95	41,117	35,667	87
Total	3,726,819	3,508,966	3,412,516	92	97	3,726,819	3,412,516	92
Turkeys								
Young	313,455	292,478	289,690	92	99	313,455	289,690	92
Old	3,295	3,875	2,936	89	76	3,295	2,936	89
Total	316,750	296,353	292,626	92	99	316,750	292,626	92
Ducks	5,002	4,064	3,305	66	81	5,002	3,305	66
Other ¹	147	111	96	65	86	147	96	65
Total	4,048,718	3,809,494	3,708,543	92	97	4,048,718	3,708,543	92
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	276,819	253,645	241,256	87	95	276,819	241,256	87
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	276,819	253,645	241,256	87	95	276,819	241,256	87
Turkeys								
Young	198,108	173,879	154,341	78	89	198,108	154,341	78
Old	84	59	65	77	110	84	65	77
Total	198,192	173,938	154,406	78	89	198,192	154,406	78
Ducks	8,016	6,240	6,584	82	106	8,016	6,584	82
Other ¹	11	8	6	55	75	11	6	55
Total	483,038	433,831	402,252	83	93	483,038	402,252	83
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,957,058	3,720,120	3,613,013	91	97	3,957,058	3,613,013	91
Mature	46,580	42,491	40,759	88	96	46,580	40,759	88
Light	5,463	4,896	5,092	93	104	5,463	5,092	93
Heavy	41,117	37,595	35,667	87	95	41,117	35,667	87
Total	4,003,638	3,762,611	3,653,772	91	97	4,003,638	3,653,772	91
Turkeys								
Young	511,563	466,357	444,031	87	95	511,563	444,031	87
Old	3,379	3,934	3,001	89	76	3,379	3,001	89
Total	514,942	470,291	447,032	87	95	514,942	447,032	87
Ducks	13,018	10,304	9,889	76	96	13,018	9,889	76
Other ¹	158	119	102	65	86	158	102	65
Total	4,531,756	4,243,325	4,110,795	91	97	4,531,756	4,110,795	91

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	January 2021 as % of		January to January		2021 as percent of 2020
				January 2020	December 2020	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,138	10,027	10,010	90	100	11,138	10,010	90
Mature	597	615	571	96	93	597	571	96
Light	104	124	85	82	69	104	85	82
Heavy	493	491	486	99	99	493	486	99
Total	11,735	10,642	10,581	90	99	11,735	10,581	90
Turkeys								
Young	1,874	1,674	1,754	94	105	1,874	1,754	94
Old	58	54	42	72	78	58	42	72
Total	1,932	1,728	1,796	93	104	1,932	1,796	93
Ducks	84	68	59	70	87	84	59	70
Total ¹	13,751	12,438	12,436	90	100	13,751	12,436	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.20	0.21	100	105	0.21	0.21	100
Mature	0.87	0.99	0.95	109	96	0.87	0.95	109
Light	0.96	1.28	0.86	90	67	0.96	0.86	90
Heavy	0.86	0.94	0.97	113	103	0.86	0.97	113
Total	0.22	0.21	0.22	100	105	0.22	0.22	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.29	0.32	110	110	0.29	0.32	110
Old	1.29	1.04	1.08	84	104	1.29	1.08	84
Total	0.30	0.29	0.32	107	110	0.30	0.32	107
Ducks	0.47	0.49	0.44	94	90	0.47	0.44	94
Total ¹	0.23	0.22	0.23	100	105	0.23	0.23	100

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	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	January 2021 as % of		January to January		2021 as percent of 2020
				January 2020	December 2020	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	24,996	18,883	18,057	72	96	24,996	18,057	72
Mature	1,411	1,619	1,873	133	116	1,411	1,873	133
Light	480	441	430	90	98	480	430	90
Heavy	931	1,178	1,443	155	122	931	1,443	155
Total	26,407	20,502	19,930	75	97	26,407	19,930	75
Turkeys								
Young	7,238	5,949	5,972	83	100	7,238	5,972	83
Old	174	122	116	67	95	174	116	67
Total	7,412	6,071	6,088	82	100	7,412	6,088	82
Ducks	367	172	187	51	109	367	187	51
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	2	2	100
Total	34,188	26,747	26,207	77	98	34,188	26,207	77
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.63	0.51	0.50	79	98	0.63	0.50	79
Mature	2.94	3.67	4.39	149	120	2.94	4.39	149
Light	8.08	8.26	7.79	96	94	8.08	7.79	96
Heavy	2.21	3.04	3.89	176	128	2.21	3.89	176
Total	0.66	0.54	0.54	82	100	0.66	0.54	82
Turkeys								
Young	1.40	1.26	1.33	95	106	1.40	1.33	95
Old	4.90	3.01	3.72	76	124	4.90	3.72	76
Total	1.42	1.27	1.34	94	106	1.42	1.34	94
Ducks	2.74	1.64	1.86	68	113	2.74	1.86	68
Other ¹	1.25	1.65	1.92	154	116	1.25	1.92	154
Total	0.75	0.63	0.63	84	100	0.75	0.63	84

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: December 2020 and January 2021

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	967	991	503,612	500,190
Mature	-	-	19	56	90,128	79,759
Light	-	-	1	28	67,101	56,769
Heavy	-	-	18	28	23,027	22,990
Total	-	-	986	1,047	593,740	579,949
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	45	41	12,068	8,732
Old	-	-	8	12	753	855
Total	-	-	53	53	12,821	9,587
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	232,295	238,266	1,359	1,255	12,324	12,664
Mature	13,609	14,958	117	247	30,967	28,357
Light	7,725	8,740	63	19	15,885	11,993
Heavy	5,884	6,218	54	228	15,082	16,364
Total	245,904	253,224	1,476	1,502	43,291	41,021
Turkeys						
Young	1,354	1,696	48	20	36	30
Old	283	231	7	9	176	234
Total	1,637	1,927	55	29	212	264
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,373	6,131	34,826	33,434	101,092	92,883
Mature	1,526	1,416	278	581	33,528	24,056
Light	1,237	1,201	161	483	30,676	21,166
Heavy	289	215	117	98	2,852	2,890
Total	7,899	7,547	35,104	34,015	134,620	116,939
Turkeys						
Young	99	21	317	157	607	530
Old	16	13	51	31	112	82
Total	115	34	368	188	719	612
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	26,757	27,675	597,663	602,383	1,517,268	1,515,872
Mature	227	544	63,818	73,852	234,217	223,826
Light	19	49	39,318	49,919	162,186	150,367
Heavy	208	495	24,500	23,933	72,031	73,459
Total	26,984	28,219	661,481	676,235	1,751,485	1,739,698
Turkeys						
Young	109	172	8,245	9,283	22,928	20,682
Old	2	6	933	686	2,341	2,159
Total	111	178	9,178	9,969	25,269	22,841

- 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: December 2020 and January 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	96,112	93,265	523,626	518,788	5.45	5.56
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	82,726	79,289	591,344	567,106	7.15	7.15
California	21,557	22,189	128,272	131,769	5.95	5.94
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	28,393	28,413	223,488	222,098	7.87	7.82
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	105,856	100,979	649,684	617,040	6.14	6.11
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,217	6,212	28,793	28,606	4.63	4.60
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,862	22,768	151,947	147,385	6.37	6.47
Louisiana	14,687	14,145	101,144	97,603	6.89	6.90
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,964	10,589	71,314	70,219	6.50	6.63
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	58,813	55,484	371,025	349,498	6.31	6.30
Missouri	35,346	33,325	178,798	166,717	5.06	5.00
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,352	2,188	11,498	10,975	4.89	5.02
North Carolina	76,174	74,104	625,492	611,871	8.21	8.26
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	10,066	9,532	72,197	67,299	7.17	7.06
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,751	11,355	60,975	65,596	5.67	5.78
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,211	23,034	187,542	176,673	7.75	7.67
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,008	26,166	144,709	146,377	5.56	5.59
Texas	58,836	58,212	389,051	380,008	6.61	6.53
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,025	27,177	167,730	169,604	6.21	6.24
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	768,071	745,452	4,926,673	4,790,027	6.41	6.43

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2020 and January 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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	399,664	395,423	1,704	1,850	0.42	0.47
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	444,825	427,051	1,702	1,595	0.38	0.37
California	96,462	99,286	701	692	0.72	0.69
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	172,532	172,075	802	724	0.46	0.42
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	490,960	461,685	3,263	2,901	0.66	0.62
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,946	20,767	131	131	0.62	0.63
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	115,292	111,510	568	524	0.49	0.47
Louisiana	76,728	74,073	307	302	0.40	0.41
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	53,350	52,670	290	251	0.54	0.47
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	278,855	260,960	1,191	1,273	0.43	0.49
Missouri	131,533	122,818	368	335	0.28	0.27
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	6,939	6,592	104	107	1.47	1.60
North Carolina	481,541	471,350	1,855	1,703	0.38	0.36
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	54,193	50,526	277	205	0.51	0.40
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	42,104	45,447	877	731	2.04	1.58
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	141,287	133,127	791	826	0.56	0.62
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	107,089	108,444	579	488	0.54	0.45
Texas	297,081	292,480	1,564	1,561	0.52	0.53
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	124,793	125,451	327	328	0.26	0.26
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	3,720,120	3,613,013	18,883	18,057	0.51	0.50

- 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: December 2020 and January 2021

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	81	55	29,269	30,144
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	31,068	30,861
Delaware	-	-	88	71	15,702	15,792
Georgia	-	-	13	11	53,986	53,643
Mississippi	-	-	35	35	9,771	9,771
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	41,380	38,501
Texas	-	-	98	111	57,864	54,275
Virginia	-	-	10	9	15,657	16,020
United States	-	-	967	991	503,612	500,190
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	26,787	26,942	86	100	1,202	1,218
Arkansas	6,662	6,595	95	74	1,005	1,002
Delaware	9,402	8,508	27	34	181	184
Georgia	51,171	50,269	139	97	1,639	1,779
Mississippi	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina	10,573	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas	18,358	18,696	118	110	1,017	1,099
Virginia	9,150	9,337	8	16	160	178
United States	232,295	238,266	1,359	1,255	12,324	12,664
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	496	550	3,029	3,017	10,637	10,869
Arkansas	179	163	2,794	2,794	3,284	3,264
Delaware	385	372	737	675	2,288	1,915
Georgia	654	615	9,350	8,945	42,002	35,067
Mississippi	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	790
North Carolina	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas	323	300	362	344	4,392	4,060
Virginia	499	432	529	539	1,723	1,496
United States	6,373	6,131	34,826	33,434	101,092	92,883
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	400	408	37,913	59,978	109,900	133,281
Arkansas	1,791	1,790	81,285	81,259	128,199	127,838
Delaware	1,521	1,198	11,416	4,244	41,747	32,993
Georgia	7,906	9,457	89,665	85,064	256,525	244,947
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	29,107	29,107
North Carolina	1,986	1,986	19,711	19,711	80,790	77,911
Texas	1,031	736	19,071	18,399	102,634	98,130
Virginia	630	335	10,793	10,665	39,159	39,027
United States	26,757	27,675	597,663	602,383	1,517,268	1,515,872

- 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: December 2020 and January 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,810	2,905	56,717	53,890	20.18	18.55
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	2	(Z)	68	6	33.08	28.16
Indiana	1,861	1,868	75,580	78,095	40.62	41.82
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,330	3,471	92,246	98,479	27.70	28.37
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	873	423	31,655	19,924	36.25	47.11
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	513	25,208	25,309	48.67	49.31
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	604	490	18,874	16,051	31.24	32.79
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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	7	-	243	-	33.82	-
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,494	16,609	584,075	556,549	33.39	33.51

- 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: December 2020 and January 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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	47,168	44,815	418	419	0.88	0.93
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	54	4	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	60,787	62,778	766	751	1.24	1.18
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	73,758	78,504	893	1,135	1.20	1.43
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,699	16,177	241	176	0.93	1.08
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	20,094	20,201	246	248	1.21	1.21
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,127	12,717	278	265	1.81	2.04
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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	194	-	-	-	(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	466,357	444,031	5,949	5,972	1.26	1.33

- 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.

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