



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent from Last Year

August 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.26 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in August 2019. The July 2020 revised certified total at 4.31 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from July 2019. The July revision represented an increase of 5.10 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2020 was 5.63 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.82 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.95 billion pounds, down 3 percent from August 2019. Mature chickens, at 64.7 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 594 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.1 million pounds, down 24 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2020 averaged 6.42 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.84 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2020 averaged 31.6 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2020 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 29.7 million pounds, were 0.69 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.72 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	August 2020 as % of		January to August		2020 as percent of 2019
				August 2019	July 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	805,342	786,204	771,560	96	98	6,138,309	6,163,646	100
Mature	10,204	10,284	9,466	93	92	77,061	78,496	102
Light	2,800	3,029	2,880	103	95	23,560	23,616	100
Heavy	7,404	7,255	6,586	89	91	53,501	54,880	103
Total	815,546	796,488	781,026	96	98	6,215,370	6,242,142	100
Turkeys								
Young	20,124	19,563	18,647	93	95	149,791	146,032	97
Old	192	109	143	74	131	1,118	1,015	91
Total	20,316	19,672	18,790	92	96	150,909	147,047	97
Ducks	2,304	1,472	1,743	76	118	18,272	15,495	85
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,107,162	4,973,291	4,954,387	97	100	38,571,573	39,369,217	102
Mature	71,173	71,022	64,709	91	91	522,192	535,278	103
Light	9,844	10,629	10,068	102	95	81,346	82,003	101
Heavy	61,329	60,393	54,641	89	90	440,846	453,275	103
Total	5,178,335	5,044,313	5,019,096	97	100	39,093,765	39,904,495	102
Turkeys								
Young	622,416	630,187	589,907	95	94	4,840,520	4,752,545	98
Old	5,404	3,225	4,155	77	129	32,965	30,657	93
Total	627,820	633,412	594,062	95	94	4,873,485	4,783,202	98
Ducks	15,854	9,936	12,063	76	121	127,996	107,754	84
Other ¹	254	247	158	62	64	1,780	1,722	97
Total	5,822,263	5,687,908	5,625,379	97	99	44,097,026	44,797,173	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.34	6.33	6.42	101	101	6.28	6.39	102
Mature	6.98	6.91	6.84	98	99	6.78	6.82	101
Light	3.52	3.51	3.50	99	100	3.45	3.47	101
Heavy	8.28	8.32	8.30	100	100	8.24	8.26	100
Total	6.35	6.33	6.43	101	102	6.29	6.39	102
Turkeys								
Young	30.93	32.21	31.64	102	98	32.32	32.54	101
Old	28.15	29.59	29.06	103	98	29.49	30.20	102
Total	30.90	32.20	31.62	102	98	32.29	32.53	101
Ducks	6.88	6.75	6.92	101	103	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	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	August 2020 as % of		January to August		2020 as percent of 2019
				August 2019	July 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,564,773	3,479,648	3,467,269	97	100	26,960,003	27,528,353	102
Mature	49,169	49,719	44,785	91	90	350,217	366,121	105
Light	5,126	5,388	5,041	98	94	41,486	41,903	101
Heavy	44,043	44,331	39,744	90	90	308,731	324,218	105
Total	3,613,942	3,529,367	3,512,054	97	100	27,310,220	27,894,474	102
Turkeys								
Young	307,600	311,084	298,793	97	96	2,421,271	2,369,489	98
Old	3,651	2,296	3,180	87	139	23,920	22,523	94
Total	311,251	313,380	301,973	97	96	2,445,191	2,392,012	98
Ducks	4,167	2,994	3,117	75	104	34,747	29,069	84
Other ¹	159	152	96	60	63	1,108	1,072	97
Total	3,929,519	3,845,893	3,817,240	97	99	29,791,266	30,316,627	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	281,105	266,171	266,123	95	100	2,089,927	2,127,302	102
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total	281,105	266,171	266,123	95	100	2,090,004	2,127,302	102
Turkeys								
Young	189,374	191,663	172,241	91	90	1,443,495	1,425,024	99
Old	397	62	58	15	94	822	538	65
Total	189,771	191,725	172,299	91	90	1,444,317	1,425,562	99
Ducks	7,324	4,330	5,805	79	134	58,592	49,740	85
Other ¹	12	12	10	83	83	84	99	118
Total	478,212	462,238	444,237	93	96	3,592,997	3,602,703	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,845,878	3,745,819	3,733,392	97	100	29,049,930	29,655,655	102
Mature	49,169	49,719	44,785	91	90	350,294	366,121	105
Light	5,126	5,388	5,041	98	94	41,486	41,903	101
Heavy	44,043	44,331	39,744	90	90	308,808	324,218	105
Total	3,895,047	3,795,538	3,778,177	97	100	29,400,224	30,021,776	102
Turkeys								
Young	496,974	502,747	471,034	95	94	3,864,766	3,794,513	98
Old	4,048	2,358	3,238	80	137	24,742	23,061	93
Total	501,022	505,105	474,272	95	94	3,889,508	3,817,574	98
Ducks	11,491	7,324	8,922	78	122	93,339	78,809	84
Other ¹	171	164	106	62	65	1,192	1,171	98
Total	4,407,731	4,308,131	4,261,477	97	99	33,384,263	33,919,330	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	August 2020 as % of		January to August		2020 as percent of 2019
				August 2019	July 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	11,654	10,796	9,923	85	92	86,214	79,913	93
Mature	547	694	695	127	100	4,790	4,868	102
Light	112	158	149	133	94	979	873	89
Heavy	435	536	546	126	102	3,811	3,995	105
Total	12,201	11,490	10,618	87	92	91,004	84,781	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,695	1,957	1,860	110	95	13,759	13,160	96
Old	40	46	35	88	76	317	296	93
Total	1,735	2,003	1,895	109	95	14,076	13,456	96
Ducks	93	61	65	70	107	604	504	83
Total ¹	14,029	13,554	12,578	90	93	105,689	98,741	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.22	0.20	87	91	0.22	0.20	91
Mature	0.77	0.98	1.07	139	109	0.92	0.91	99
Light	1.14	1.49	1.48	130	99	1.20	1.06	88
Heavy	0.71	0.89	1.00	141	112	0.86	0.88	102
Total	0.24	0.23	0.21	88	91	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.31	0.32	119	103	0.28	0.28	100
Old	0.74	1.43	0.84	114	59	0.96	0.97	101
Total	0.28	0.32	0.32	114	100	0.29	0.28	97
Ducks	0.59	0.61	0.54	92	89	0.47	0.47	100
Total ¹	0.24	0.24	0.22	92	92	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	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	August 2020 as % of		January to August		2020 as percent of 2019
				August 2019	July 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	22,628	19,473	21,049	93	108	196,995	175,518	89
Mature	1,793	2,499	2,197	123	88	13,252	13,558	102
Light	375	396	396	106	100	3,033	3,383	112
Heavy	1,418	2,103	1,801	127	86	10,219	10,175	100
Total	24,421	21,972	23,246	95	106	210,247	189,076	90
Turkeys								
Young	7,083	6,326	6,191	87	98	56,648	51,119	90
Old	163	109	109	67	100	1,126	1,074	95
Total	7,246	6,435	6,300	87	98	57,774	52,193	90
Ducks	327	173	165	50	95	2,351	2,040	87
Other ¹	3	2	2	67	100	19	17	89
Total	31,997	28,582	29,713	93	104	270,391	243,326	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.58	0.52	0.56	97	108	0.67	0.59	88
Mature	3.52	4.79	4.68	133	98	3.65	3.57	98
Light	6.82	6.85	7.28	107	106	6.81	7.47	110
Heavy	3.12	4.53	4.34	139	96	3.20	3.04	95
Total	0.62	0.58	0.61	98	105	0.71	0.63	89
Turkeys								
Young	1.41	1.24	1.30	92	105	1.44	1.33	92
Old	3.87	4.42	3.26	84	74	4.35	4.45	102
Total	1.43	1.26	1.31	92	104	1.46	1.35	92
Ducks	2.77	2.31	1.82	66	79	2.46	2.52	102
Other ¹	1.72	1.20	1.85	108	154	1.57	1.43	91
Total	0.72	0.66	0.69	96	105	0.80	0.71	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 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	899	904	543,825	527,225
Mature	-	-	34	30	66,870	64,730
Light	-	-	10	11	43,280	40,089
Heavy	-	-	24	19	23,590	24,641
Total	-	-	933	934	610,695	591,955
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	10	28	11,062	11,156
Old	-	-	2	7	517	756
Total	-	-	12	35	11,579	11,912
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	216,611	188,553	1,169	1,743	11,527	11,294
Mature	12,335	10,523	101	56	23,542	23,968
Light	7,818	7,067	47	14	9,377	10,351
Heavy	4,517	3,456	54	42	14,165	13,617
Total	228,946	199,076	1,270	1,799	35,069	35,262
Turkeys						
Young	2,126	1,707	161	58	87	102
Old	189	246	13	12	167	131
Total	2,315	1,953	174	70	254	233
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,487	6,565	35,121	34,816	108,610	113,267
Mature	1,478	966	230	269	25,156	22,488
Light	1,313	872	86	117	22,330	19,826
Heavy	165	94	144	152	2,826	2,662
Total	7,965	7,531	35,351	35,085	133,766	135,755
Turkeys						
Young	70	62	490	426	598	710
Old	12	11	25	49	28	13
Total	82	73	515	475	626	723
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	32,320	38,602	542,945	582,385	1,499,514	1,505,354
Mature	478	310	59,048	58,170	189,272	181,510
Light	16	61	37,425	36,703	121,702	115,111
Heavy	462	249	21,623	21,467	67,570	66,399
Total	32,798	38,912	601,993	640,555	1,688,786	1,686,864
Turkeys						
Young	112	154	9,564	11,585	24,280	25,988
Old	21	38	240	771	1,214	2,034
Total	133	192	9,804	12,356	25,494	28,022

- 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 2020

[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	98,737	95,688	530,195	530,784	5.37	5.55
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	82,950	83,529	575,208	589,550	6.93	7.06
California	24,441	23,585	145,341	142,866	5.95	6.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,893	26,761	234,827	206,058	7.60	7.70
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	110,562	107,414	662,087	650,918	5.99	6.06
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,431	6,146	29,243	28,696	4.55	4.67
Iowa	873	862	4,925	4,757	5.64	5.52
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,731	23,569	148,283	155,677	6.52	6.61
Louisiana	14,150	13,459	94,831	93,386	6.70	6.94
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,127	10,992	71,686	71,328	6.44	6.49
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	58,156	59,292	359,546	371,296	6.18	6.26
Missouri	36,637	35,714	186,813	182,731	5.10	5.12
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	100	90	485	453	4.84	5.03
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,223	2,402	10,386	11,730	4.67	4.88
North Carolina	77,498	75,889	623,079	623,861	8.04	8.22
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	10,539	10,082	76,037	73,636	7.21	7.30
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,866	11,171	60,995	63,547	5.61	5.69
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,692	25,011	181,329	188,459	7.65	7.54
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,372	26,639	142,985	149,800	5.42	5.62
Texas	61,726	60,036	412,066	402,007	6.68	6.70
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,356	26,791	166,464	165,819	6.09	6.19
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	786,204	771,560	4,973,291	4,954,387	6.33	6.42

- 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 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	404,902	403,693	1,899	1,982	0.47	0.49
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	432,865	441,722	1,813	1,867	0.42	0.42
California	109,545	107,313	786	923	0.71	0.85
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	181,372	158,726	752	583	0.41	0.37
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	498,015	493,001	3,388	4,629	0.68	0.93
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	21,317	20,939	113	100	0.53	0.47
Iowa	3,342	3,297	430	374	11.39	10.19
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	111,835	117,739	617	743	0.55	0.63
Louisiana	71,964	70,725	305	295	0.42	0.42
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	53,774	53,430	257	264	0.48	0.49
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	267,120	275,700	1,110	1,123	0.41	0.41
Missouri	137,115	134,326	442	415	0.32	0.31
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	358	335	4	4	1.06	1.27
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,351	7,149	77	77	1.20	1.07
North Carolina	478,475	480,760	1,840	1,919	0.38	0.40
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	56,805	55,031	226	175	0.40	0.32
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	42,026	43,671	771	910	1.80	2.04
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	136,525	141,675	744	872	0.54	0.61
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	105,552	110,827	591	559	0.56	0.50
Texas	313,944	306,754	1,812	1,857	0.57	0.60
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	122,338	123,076	488	440	0.40	0.36
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	3,745,819	3,733,392	19,473	21,049	0.52	0.56

- 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 2020

[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	-	-	40	47	29,016	27,859
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	30,986	30,955
Delaware	-	-	83	140	29,335	23,512
Georgia	-	-	3	4	50,896	49,440
Mississippi	-	-	35	35	9,771	9,771
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	44,471	42,031
Texas	-	-	103	98	55,861	56,670
Virginia	-	-	88	97	20,227	18,235
United States	-	-	899	904	543,825	527,225
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	26,148	24,242	79	77	1,128	1,019
Arkansas	6,749	6,692	93	92	1,005	1,001
Delaware	12,902	10,888	30	30	263	258
Georgia	47,630	36,879	83	93	1,709	1,599
Mississippi	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina	11,711	11,204	47	47	1,055	988
Texas	15,531	15,570	214	115	753	743
Virginia	11,439	9,669	2	1	177	193
United States	216,611	188,553	1,169	1,743	11,527	11,294
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	524	463	2,993	2,571	11,847	11,784
Arkansas	165	163	2,795	2,794	3,278	3,330
Delaware	671	750	1,823	1,902	2,866	2,887
Georgia	652	768	8,774	9,064	49,205	54,441
Mississippi	433	433	1,888	1,888	787	790
North Carolina	394	391	4,777	4,038	2,654	2,261
Texas	331	408	310	316	3,512	3,917
Virginia	602	613	815	817	2,190	2,200
United States	6,487	6,565	35,121	34,816	108,610	113,267
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	399	300	29,700	39,278	101,874	107,640
Arkansas	1,803	1,809	81,312	81,313	128,222	128,185
Delaware	3,307	3,483	6,380	5,289	57,660	49,139
Georgia	9,070	13,873	79,979	114,204	248,001	280,365
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	29,104	29,107
North Carolina	2,985	2,078	24,918	22,522	93,080	85,628
Texas	767	583	17,408	18,151	94,790	96,571
Virginia	480	1,132	12,204	11,235	48,224	44,192
United States	32,320	38,602	542,945	582,385	1,499,514	1,505,354

- 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 2020

[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	2,984	2,978	57,798	57,529	19.37	19.32
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(Z)	1	12	38	31.69	31.70
Indiana	2,057	1,915	83,899	77,287	40.78	40.35
Iowa	1,239	1,120	52,533	46,538	42.40	41.55
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,086	4,029	113,458	110,310	27.77	27.38
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	905	928	30,774	30,899	34.01	33.30
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	1,838	1,551	70,671	55,715	38.45	35.92
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	548	554	25,445	25,457	46.41	45.99
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	647	611	19,277	17,954	29.81	29.41
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	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2	32.20	31.69
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	3	2	97	63	32.24	31.70
Virginia	2,330	2,091	63,305	57,885	27.17	27.69
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	556	488	25,260	21,842	45.45	44.78
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,563	18,647	630,187	589,907	32.21	31.64

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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	
	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	48,150	47,844	382	397	0.79	0.82
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	9	30	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	67,448	62,200	845	779	1.24	1.24
Iowa	41,477	36,690	700	605	1.66	1.62
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	90,792	88,205	1,197	1,134	1.30	1.27
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,908	25,053	178	204	0.71	0.81
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	55,516	44,051	345	298	0.62	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,296	20,341	307	306	1.49	1.48
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,063	14,098	246	290	1.61	2.01
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	(Z)	2	-	-	(X)	(X)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	77	50	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	50,309	45,706	935	850	1.82	1.83
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	19,979	17,245	278	286	1.37	1.63
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	502,747	471,034	6,326	6,191	1.24	1.30

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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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