



Poultry Slaughter

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

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Poultry certified wholesome during April 2021 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.21 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in April 2020. The March 2021 revised certified total at 4.59 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from March 2020. The March revision represented an increase of 8.77 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2021 was 5.56 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.91 billion pounds, up 3 percent from April 2020. Mature chickens, at 65.1 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 576 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.3 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2021 averaged 6.44 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2020. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.53 pounds per bird, down 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2021 averaged 33.6 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from April 2020.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2021 totaled 11.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 27.6 million pounds, were 0.65 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	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	April 2021 as % of		January to April		2021 as percent of 2020
				April 2020	March 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	752,639	832,145	762,466	101	92	3,100,499	3,016,755	97
Mature	9,818	10,012	9,955	101	99	39,513	37,465	95
Light	2,518	3,326	3,323	132	100	11,877	12,209	103
Heavy	7,300	6,686	6,632	91	99	27,636	25,256	91
Total	762,457	842,157	772,421	101	92	3,140,012	3,054,220	97
Turkeys								
Young	16,981	19,427	17,009	100	88	72,483	68,645	95
Old	107	130	155	145	119	509	573	113
Total	17,088	19,557	17,164	100	88	72,992	69,218	95
Ducks	2,146	1,987	1,896	88	95	9,183	7,558	82
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,785,456	5,315,009	4,906,838	103	92	19,705,257	19,334,750	98
Mature	68,489	67,238	65,051	95	97	268,994	250,342	93
Light	8,608	11,482	11,172	130	97	41,183	42,026	102
Heavy	59,881	55,756	53,879	90	97	227,811	208,316	91
Total	4,853,945	5,382,247	4,971,889	102	92	19,974,251	19,585,092	98
Turkeys								
Young	548,888	649,318	571,606	104	88	2,377,761	2,300,545	97
Old	3,325	3,857	4,702	141	122	15,627	17,030	109
Total	552,213	653,175	576,308	104	88	2,393,388	2,317,575	97
Ducks	15,056	14,021	13,285	88	95	64,481	52,978	82
Other ¹	163	171	160	98	94	856	615	72
Total	5,421,377	6,049,614	5,561,642	103	92	22,432,976	21,956,260	98
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.36	6.39	6.44	101	101	6.36	6.41	101
Mature	6.98	6.72	6.53	94	97	6.81	6.68	98
Light	3.42	3.45	3.36	98	97	3.47	3.44	99
Heavy	8.20	8.34	8.12	99	97	8.24	8.25	100
Total	6.37	6.39	6.44	101	101	6.36	6.41	101
Turkeys								
Young	32.32	33.42	33.61	104	101	32.80	33.51	102
Old	31.07	29.67	30.34	98	102	30.70	29.72	97
Total	32.32	33.40	33.58	104	101	32.79	33.48	102
Ducks	7.02	7.06	7.01	100	99	7.02	7.01	100

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	April 2021 as % of		January to April		2021 as percent of 2020
				April 2020	March 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,325,176	3,731,862	3,449,633	104	92	13,764,306	13,597,806	99
Mature	46,145	46,308	44,715	97	97	181,428	171,607	95
Light	4,423	5,835	5,759	130	99	21,031	21,492	102
Heavy	41,722	40,473	38,956	93	96	160,397	150,115	94
Total	3,371,321	3,778,170	3,494,348	104	92	13,945,734	13,769,413	99
Turkeys								
Young	280,143	314,491	280,867	100	89	1,190,468	1,144,207	96
Old	2,494	2,881	3,524	141	122	11,462	12,697	111
Total	282,637	317,372	284,391	101	90	1,201,930	1,156,904	96
Ducks	3,573	3,189	2,994	84	94	16,581	12,336	74
Other ¹	98	107	97	99	91	530	387	73
Total	3,657,629	4,098,838	3,781,830	103	92	15,164,775	14,939,040	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	275,087	276,917	246,591	90	89	1,073,628	991,883	92
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	275,087	276,917	246,591	90	89	1,073,628	991,883	92
Turkeys								
Young	158,637	204,476	176,090	111	86	707,821	693,052	98
Old	38	51	73	192	143	268	249	93
Total	158,675	204,527	176,163	111	86	708,089	693,301	98
Ducks	7,459	7,087	6,732	90	95	30,370	26,576	88
Other ¹	13	11	13	100	118	49	37	76
Total	441,234	488,542	429,499	97	88	1,812,136	1,711,797	94
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,600,263	4,008,779	3,696,224	103	92	14,837,934	14,589,689	98
Mature	46,145	46,308	44,715	97	97	181,428	171,607	95
Light	4,423	5,835	5,759	130	99	21,031	21,492	102
Heavy	41,722	40,473	38,956	93	96	160,397	150,115	94
Total	3,646,408	4,055,087	3,740,939	103	92	15,019,362	14,761,296	98
Turkeys								
Young	438,780	518,967	456,957	104	88	1,898,289	1,837,259	97
Old	2,532	2,932	3,597	142	123	11,730	12,946	110
Total	441,312	521,899	460,554	104	88	1,910,019	1,850,205	97
Ducks	11,032	10,276	9,726	88	95	46,951	38,912	83
Other ¹	111	118	110	99	93	579	424	73
Total	4,098,863	4,587,380	4,211,329	103	92	16,976,911	16,650,837	98

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	April 2021 as % of		January to April		2021 as percent of 2020
				April 2020	March 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	9,510	10,166	9,472	100	93	39,974	39,068	98
Mature	619	642	625	101	97	2,291	2,513	110
Light	77	90	74	96	82	369	354	96
Heavy	542	552	551	102	100	1,922	2,159	112
Total	10,129	10,808	10,097	100	93	42,265	41,581	98
Turkeys								
Young	1,298	1,960	1,635	126	83	6,330	6,998	111
Old	28	45	44	157	98	160	192	120
Total	1,326	2,005	1,679	127	84	6,490	7,190	111
Ducks	69	60	51	74	85	274	229	84
Total ¹	11,524	12,873	11,827	103	92	49,029	49,000	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.19	0.19	95	100	0.20	0.20	100
Mature	0.90	0.95	0.96	107	101	0.85	1.00	118
Light	0.89	0.78	0.66	74	85	0.90	0.84	93
Heavy	0.91	0.99	1.02	112	103	0.84	1.04	124
Total	0.21	0.20	0.20	95	100	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.30	0.29	121	97	0.27	0.30	111
Old	0.84	1.17	0.94	112	80	1.02	1.13	111
Total	0.24	0.31	0.29	121	94	0.27	0.31	115
Ducks	0.46	0.43	0.38	83	88	0.42	0.43	102
Total ¹	0.21	0.21	0.21	100	100	0.22	0.22	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	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	April 2021 as % of		January to April		2021 as percent of 2020
				April 2020	March 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	20,718	20,780	19,497	94	94	91,435	75,438	83
Mature	1,339	1,710	1,948	145	114	5,652	7,368	130
Light	364	537	472	130	88	1,778	1,875	105
Heavy	975	1,173	1,476	151	126	3,874	5,493	142
Total	22,057	22,490	21,445	97	95	97,087	82,806	85
Turkeys								
Young	6,090	6,478	5,843	96	90	26,520	23,745	90
Old	127	119	132	104	111	589	497	84
Total	6,217	6,597	5,975	96	91	27,109	24,242	89
Ducks	294	229	173	59	76	1,296	751	58
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	9	8	89
Total	28,570	29,318	27,595	97	94	125,501	107,807	86
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.57	0.52	0.52	91	100	0.61	0.51	84
Mature	2.82	3.56	4.17	148	117	3.02	4.12	136
Light	7.60	8.43	7.58	100	90	7.80	8.02	103
Heavy	2.28	2.82	3.65	160	129	2.36	3.53	150
Total	0.60	0.55	0.57	95	104	0.64	0.56	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.37	1.23	1.26	92	102	1.38	1.28	93
Old	4.78	3.90	3.54	74	91	4.78	3.70	77
Total	1.39	1.25	1.28	92	102	1.40	1.29	92
Ducks	2.60	2.18	1.75	67	80	2.69	1.89	70
Other ¹	1.77	1.67	1.79	101	107	1.53	1.85	121
Total	0.69	0.64	0.65	94	102	0.73	0.64	88

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: March and April 2021

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	818	969	505,903	493,691
Mature	-	-	25	23	92,087	90,474
Light	-	-	6	5	67,807	66,060
Heavy	-	-	19	18	24,280	24,414
Total	-	-	843	992	597,990	584,165
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	51	57	8,984	9,779
Old	-	-	25	5	760	805
Total	-	-	76	62	9,744	10,584
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	258,515	272,428	1,284	1,077	13,366	12,667
Mature	13,956	10,659	148	120	34,274	36,258
Light	9,820	6,261	117	70	18,172	19,991
Heavy	4,136	4,398	31	50	16,102	16,267
Total	272,471	283,087	1,432	1,197	47,640	48,925
Turkeys						
Young	1,884	1,178	12	28	67	32
Old	195	210	12	3	36	251
Total	2,079	1,388	24	31	103	283
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,902	6,811	33,658	32,394	86,534	80,319
Mature	1,465	1,510	315	266	32,723	36,120
Light	1,151	1,188	97	116	29,660	32,805
Heavy	314	322	218	150	3,063	3,315
Total	8,367	8,321	33,973	32,660	119,257	116,439
Turkeys						
Young	42	63	99	131	897	775
Old	20	24	48	25	136	52
Total	62	87	147	156	1,033	827
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	28,938	28,220	608,807	606,938	1,544,725	1,535,514
Mature	261	463	64,334	65,627	239,588	241,520
Light	35	34	42,310	43,604	169,175	170,134
Heavy	226	429	22,024	22,023	70,413	71,386
Total	29,199	28,683	673,141	672,565	1,784,313	1,777,034
Turkeys						
Young	33	115	10,423	8,344	22,492	20,502
Old	3	1	1,207	1,222	2,442	2,598
Total	36	116	11,630	9,566	24,934	23,100

- 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: March and April 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	104,854	96,783	581,721	542,338	5.55	5.60
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	93,188	83,499	657,666	595,439	7.06	7.13
California	24,453	23,509	146,997	145,382	6.01	6.18
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,681	29,643	232,280	224,088	7.83	7.56
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	109,857	101,072	647,656	610,959	5.90	6.04
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,472	6,338	30,281	30,342	4.68	4.79
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,756	23,248	169,601	151,153	6.58	6.50
Louisiana	15,579	13,758	108,365	96,731	6.96	7.03
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,258	11,045	73,253	72,002	6.51	6.52
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	65,383	58,876	418,345	371,087	6.40	6.30
Missouri	38,592	34,187	202,641	174,884	5.25	5.12
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,440	2,196	11,687	10,322	4.79	4.70
North Carolina	80,690	74,972	648,292	611,061	8.03	8.15
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	10,686	10,717	75,145	76,364	7.03	7.13
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,934	10,232	67,737	59,249	5.68	5.79
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,455	23,894	185,801	177,425	7.30	7.43
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	29,488	26,343	167,865	152,039	5.69	5.77
Texas	66,842	59,560	450,660	402,503	6.74	6.76
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,814	26,872	179,229	166,393	6.22	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	832,145	762,466	5,315,009	4,906,838	6.39	6.44

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	441,326	411,840	2,067	2,104	0.47	0.51
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	494,172	448,742	1,955	1,757	0.39	0.39
California	110,217	108,678	952	1,048	0.86	0.96
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	179,763	172,497	640	698	0.35	0.40
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	490,005	455,485	3,018	2,926	0.61	0.64
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	21,977	22,023	190	180	0.86	0.81
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	128,665	114,267	564	550	0.44	0.48
Louisiana	82,062	73,513	287	305	0.35	0.41
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	54,685	53,918	317	365	0.58	0.67
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	311,878	273,046	1,464	1,269	0.47	0.46
Missouri	148,899	128,531	441	408	0.30	0.32
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	7,066	6,343	115	104	1.60	1.61
North Carolina	498,455	470,220	1,541	1,482	0.31	0.31
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	56,219	57,187	212	253	0.38	0.44
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	46,876	40,957	933	750	1.95	1.80
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	140,329	133,687	980	918	0.69	0.68
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	124,677	112,880	504	408	0.40	0.36
Texas	345,681	312,669	2,349	1,815	0.67	0.58
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	133,082	123,808	360	342	0.27	0.28
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	4,008,779	3,696,224	20,780	19,497	0.52	0.52

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: March and April 2021

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	58	167	33,943	33,160
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	30,927	30,942
Delaware	-	-	70	51	15,447	15,789
Georgia	-	-	14	3	53,441	51,661
Mississippi	-	-	35	34	9,771	9,389
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	41,380	41,380
Texas	-	-	103	96	57,229	55,204
Virginia	-	-	12	10	16,105	15,613
United States	-	-	818	969	505,903	493,691

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	26,882	26,990	105	94	1,215	1,270
Arkansas	6,599	6,682	76	81	1,001	1,002
Delaware	9,632	9,657	22	25	201	202
Georgia	66,766	70,726	101	58	1,983	1,912
Mississippi	5,276	5,237	9	10	572	568
North Carolina	10,573	10,576	47	47	903	903
Texas	16,959	16,184	199	128	1,184	914
Virginia	10,688	10,564	13	3	164	168
United States	258,515	272,428	1,284	1,077	13,366	12,667

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	575	566	3,013	2,942	11,381	12,032
Arkansas	169	168	2,794	2,795	3,261	3,282
Delaware	401	377	685	691	2,477	2,418
Georgia	730	718	9,291	8,865	24,872	18,779
Mississippi	433	433	1,888	1,885	790	787
North Carolina	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas	353	364	314	320	4,300	3,970
Virginia	653	710	583	539	1,607	1,734
United States	6,902	6,811	33,658	32,394	86,534	80,319

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	403	462	51,774	61,594	129,349	139,277
Arkansas	1,791	1,798	81,255	81,396	127,909	128,182
Delaware	3,020	2,580	4,431	4,284	36,386	36,074
Georgia	9,938	7,255	85,975	94,717	253,111	254,694
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	9,317	5,717	29,106	25,075
North Carolina	1,986	1,987	19,916	19,712	80,995	80,795
Texas	746	839	18,710	17,900	100,097	95,919
Virginia	334	336	11,312	13,146	41,471	42,823
United States	28,938	28,220	608,807	606,938	1,544,725	1,535,514

- 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: March and April 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,283	2,628	64,143	53,411	19.54	20.33
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	-	(Z)	-	2	-	24.69
Indiana	2,132	1,964	88,516	82,458	41.51	41.99
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,780	3,641	102,119	95,811	27.01	26.31
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	883	765	32,528	29,165	36.84	38.14
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	581	513	28,220	25,271	48.58	49.24
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	641	528	20,219	16,481	31.54	31.21
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,427	17,009	649,318	571,606	33.42	33.61

- 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: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	53,313	44,538	400	345	0.74	0.77
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(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)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	-	2	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	71,174	66,214	913	883	1.27	1.32
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	81,637	76,722	1,049	941	1.27	1.21
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,669	23,697	180	224	0.67	0.93
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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,557	20,206	274	261	1.20	1.27
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	16,052	13,110	373	239	2.27	1.79
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	-	-	-	-	(X)	(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	518,967	456,957	6,478	5,843	1.23	1.26

- 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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