



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during April 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.09 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in April 2019. The March 2020 revised certified total at 4.43 billion pounds, was up 12 percent from March 2019. The March revision represented an increase of 8.72 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2020 was 5.40 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 5.46 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.77 billion pounds, down slightly from April 2019. Mature chickens, at 68.5 million pounds, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 552 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.0 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2020 averaged 6.37 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.98 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2020 averaged 32.3 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from April 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2020 totaled 11.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 28.5 million pounds, were 0.69 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.86 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020	April 2020 as % of		January to April		2020 as percent of 2019
				April 2019	March 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	758,442	810,686	749,023	99	92	2,975,312	3,096,747	104
Mature	9,649	10,379	9,817	102	95	38,120	39,512	104
Light	3,159	3,302	2,518	80	76	12,195	11,877	97
Heavy	6,490	7,077	7,299	112	103	25,925	27,635	107
Total	768,091	821,065	758,840	99	92	3,013,432	3,136,259	104
Turkeys								
Young	18,311	19,286	16,981	93	88	73,004	72,483	99
Old	125	150	107	86	71	421	509	121
Total	18,436	19,436	17,088	93	88	73,425	72,992	99
Ducks	2,314	2,401	2,139	92	89	9,267	9,176	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,769,674	5,124,840	4,768,614	100	93	18,559,388	19,687,503	106
Mature	63,857	70,124	68,479	107	98	254,593	268,984	106
Light	10,851	11,322	8,605	79	76	41,892	41,180	98
Heavy	53,006	58,802	59,874	113	102	212,701	227,804	107
Total	4,833,531	5,194,964	4,837,093	100	93	18,813,981	19,956,487	106
Turkeys								
Young	601,863	631,105	548,888	91	87	2,405,705	2,377,761	99
Old	3,821	4,619	3,325	87	72	12,602	15,627	124
Total	605,684	635,724	552,213	91	87	2,418,307	2,393,388	99
Ducks	16,335	16,858	15,008	92	89	65,756	64,433	98
Other ¹	193	253	163	84	64	711	856	120
Total	5,455,743	5,847,799	5,404,477	99	92	21,298,755	22,415,164	105
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.29	6.32	6.37	101	101	6.24	6.36	102
Mature	6.62	6.76	6.98	105	103	6.68	6.81	102
Light	3.43	3.43	3.42	100	100	3.44	3.47	101
Heavy	8.17	8.31	8.20	100	99	8.20	8.24	100
Total	6.29	6.33	6.37	101	101	6.24	6.36	102
Turkeys								
Young	32.87	32.72	32.32	98	99	32.95	32.80	100
Old	30.57	30.79	31.07	102	101	29.93	30.70	103
Total	32.85	32.71	32.32	98	99	32.94	32.79	100
Ducks	7.06	7.02	7.02	99	100	7.10	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	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020	April 2020 as % of		January to April		2020 as percent of 2019
				April 2019	March 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,338,774	3,585,188	3,312,855	99	92	12,985,679	13,751,051	106
Mature	42,602	47,137	46,139	108	98	169,185	181,422	107
Light	5,553	5,864	4,422	80	75	21,211	21,030	99
Heavy	37,049	41,273	41,717	113	101	147,974	160,392	108
Total	3,381,376	3,632,325	3,358,994	99	92	13,154,864	13,932,473	106
Turkeys								
Young	299,594	312,982	280,143	94	90	1,200,117	1,190,468	99
Old	2,845	3,315	2,494	88	75	9,355	11,462	123
Total	302,439	316,297	282,637	93	89	1,209,472	1,201,930	99
Ducks	4,407	4,278	3,542	80	83	18,464	16,550	90
Other ¹	122	158	98	80	62	452	530	117
Total	3,688,344	3,953,058	3,645,271	99	92	14,383,252	15,151,483	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	251,290	276,027	274,966	109	100	988,538	1,073,507	109
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total	251,290	276,027	274,966	109	100	988,615	1,073,507	109
Turkeys								
Young	181,103	190,627	158,637	88	83	720,123	707,821	98
Old	88	105	38	43	36	226	268	119
Total	181,191	190,732	158,675	88	83	720,349	708,089	98
Ducks	7,517	7,987	7,459	99	93	29,628	30,370	103
Other ¹	11	14	13	118	93	33	49	148
Total	440,009	474,760	441,113	100	93	1,738,625	1,812,015	104
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,590,064	3,861,215	3,587,821	100	93	13,974,217	14,824,558	106
Mature	42,602	47,137	46,139	108	98	169,262	181,422	107
Light	5,553	5,864	4,422	80	75	21,211	21,030	99
Heavy	37,049	41,273	41,717	113	101	148,051	160,392	108
Total	3,632,666	3,908,352	3,633,960	100	93	14,143,479	15,005,980	106
Turkeys								
Young	480,697	503,609	438,780	91	87	1,920,240	1,898,289	99
Old	2,933	3,420	2,532	86	74	9,581	11,730	122
Total	483,630	507,029	441,312	91	87	1,929,821	1,910,019	99
Ducks	11,924	12,265	11,001	92	90	48,092	46,920	98
Other ¹	133	172	111	83	65	485	579	119
Total	4,128,353	4,427,818	4,086,384	99	92	16,121,877	16,963,498	105

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020	April 2020 as % of		January to April		2020 as percent of 2019
				April 2019	March 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	10,153	9,910	9,479	93	96	42,343	39,942	94
Mature	570	554	619	109	112	2,556	2,291	90
Light	92	82	77	84	94	496	369	74
Heavy	478	472	542	113	115	2,060	1,922	93
Total	10,723	10,464	10,098	94	97	44,899	42,233	94
Turkeys								
Young	1,629	1,668	1,298	80	78	6,961	6,330	91
Old	23	40	28	122	70	145	160	110
Total	1,652	1,708	1,326	80	78	7,106	6,490	91
Ducks	64	61	69	108	113	294	274	93
Total ¹	12,439	12,233	11,493	92	94	52,301	48,997	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.19	0.20	95	105	0.23	0.20	87
Mature	0.89	0.79	0.90	101	114	1.00	0.85	85
Light	0.85	0.72	0.89	105	124	1.18	0.90	76
Heavy	0.90	0.80	0.91	101	114	0.97	0.84	87
Total	0.22	0.20	0.21	95	105	0.24	0.21	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.26	0.24	89	92	0.29	0.27	93
Old	0.60	0.87	0.84	140	97	1.15	1.02	89
Total	0.27	0.27	0.24	89	89	0.29	0.27	93
Ducks	0.39	0.36	0.46	118	128	0.45	0.43	96
Total ¹	0.23	0.21	0.21	91	100	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	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020	April 2020 as % of		January to April		2020 as percent of 2019
				April 2019	March 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	26,546	23,974	20,605	78	86	104,038	91,319	88
Mature	1,491	1,555	1,339	90	86	6,148	5,652	92
Light	390	477	364	93	76	1,548	1,778	115
Heavy	1,101	1,078	975	89	90	4,600	3,874	84
Total	28,037	25,529	21,944	78	86	110,186	96,971	88
Turkeys								
Young	7,495	6,923	6,090	81	88	28,618	26,520	93
Old	149	176	127	85	72	451	589	131
Total	7,644	7,099	6,217	81	88	29,069	27,109	93
Ducks	308	297	293	95	99	1,184	1,295	109
Other ¹	2	3	2	100	67	7	9	129
Total	35,991	32,928	28,456	79	86	140,446	125,384	89
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.73	0.62	0.57	78	92	0.74	0.61	82
Mature	3.38	3.19	2.82	83	88	3.50	3.02	86
Light	6.56	7.52	7.61	116	101	6.80	7.80	115
Heavy	2.89	2.55	2.28	79	89	3.01	2.36	78
Total	0.77	0.65	0.60	78	92	0.77	0.64	83
Turkeys								
Young	1.54	1.36	1.37	89	101	1.47	1.38	94
Old	4.83	4.89	4.78	99	98	4.50	4.78	106
Total	1.56	1.38	1.39	89	101	1.48	1.40	95
Ducks	2.52	2.36	2.59	103	110	2.40	2.69	112
Other ¹	1.48	1.71	1.77	120	104	1.42	1.53	108
Total	0.86	0.74	0.69	80	93	0.86	0.73	85

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 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,814	1,373	638,032	604,059
Mature	-	-	105	66	92,520	76,448
Light	-	-	45	42	66,974	51,263
Heavy	-	-	60	24	25,546	25,185
Total	-	-	1,919	1,439	730,552	680,507
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	14	25	13,805	14,407
Old	-	-	12	6	975	883
Total	-	-	26	31	14,780	15,290
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	461,913	360,437	1,408	1,534	15,509	13,632
Mature	8,391	8,415	129	129	32,597	22,238
Light	5,217	5,944	64	65	14,510	9,711
Heavy	3,174	2,471	65	64	18,087	12,527
Total	470,304	368,852	1,537	1,663	48,106	35,870
Turkeys						
Young	2,611	2,674	123	93	88	112
Old	529	247	6	-	198	127
Total	3,140	2,921	129	93	286	239
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	8,429	7,517	38,744	36,543	122,546	121,596
Mature	1,172	1,508	312	222	27,323	17,194
Light	946	1,450	153	104	24,086	15,218
Heavy	226	58	159	118	3,237	1,976
Total	9,601	9,025	39,056	36,765	149,869	138,790
Turkeys						
Young	84	85	803	946	579	597
Old	22	6	25	23	98	108
Total	106	91	828	969	677	705
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	30,766	28,055	620,879	560,876	1,940,040	1,735,622
Mature	562	221	67,132	48,319	230,243	174,760
Light	22	4	42,351	26,533	154,368	110,334
Heavy	540	217	24,781	21,786	75,875	64,426
Total	31,328	28,276	688,011	609,195	2,170,283	1,910,382
Turkeys						
Young	141	85	5,725	5,108	23,973	24,132
Old	22	24	617	529	2,504	1,953
Total	163	109	6,342	5,637	26,477	26,085

- 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 2020

[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	103,567	97,103	572,747	539,921	5.53	5.56
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	87,482	83,142	606,007	579,327	6.93	6.97
California	24,815	23,635	149,722	141,024	6.03	5.97
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	33,308	22,295	251,610	175,540	7.55	7.87
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	111,372	103,723	672,263	632,913	6.04	6.10
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,458	6,491	29,590	29,556	4.58	4.55
Iowa	995	649	5,085	3,280	5.11	5.05
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	24,888	23,505	159,963	153,945	6.43	6.55
Louisiana	16,219	14,658	106,414	96,927	6.56	6.61
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,049	10,127	76,982	64,919	6.39	6.41
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	63,073	59,582	397,843	376,810	6.31	6.32
Missouri	36,712	35,380	182,659	182,138	4.98	5.15
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	120	86	526	406	4.40	4.73
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,600	2,025	12,130	9,937	4.67	4.91
North Carolina	77,427	72,366	626,280	586,829	8.09	8.11
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	12,390	10,697	88,412	78,886	7.14	7.37
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,397	9,698	64,951	55,664	5.70	5.74
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,879	23,757	195,132	177,600	7.54	7.48
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	27,054	25,688	141,398	139,344	5.23	5.42
Texas	60,365	53,407	383,810	343,324	6.36	6.43
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,337	25,866	165,123	158,360	6.04	6.12
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	810,686	749,023	5,124,840	4,768,614	6.32	6.37

- 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 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	435,980	411,608	2,030	1,850	0.46	0.45
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	458,068	434,226	2,120	1,699	0.46	0.39
California	112,056	105,723	1,115	1,113	0.99	1.04
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	193,948	135,667	1,435	958	0.73	0.70
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	503,955	474,722	4,116	3,565	0.81	0.75
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	21,572	21,569	146	151	0.67	0.70
Iowa	3,405	2,236	485	260	12.47	10.42
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	121,066	116,409	581	645	0.48	0.55
Louisiana	80,304	73,309	319	291	0.40	0.40
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	57,440	48,223	503	451	0.87	0.93
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	299,705	281,209	1,601	1,317	0.53	0.47
Missouri	133,974	133,864	473	427	0.35	0.32
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	384	302	5	2	1.19	0.66
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,356	5,932	120	98	1.61	1.62
North Carolina	480,828	452,405	1,949	1,937	0.40	0.43
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	66,043	58,836	227	253	0.34	0.43
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	44,469	37,673	1,250	832	2.73	2.16
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	147,177	133,960	1,107	912	0.75	0.68
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	104,106	102,957	674	809	0.64	0.78
Texas	294,798	262,933	2,081	1,597	0.70	0.60
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	119,233	114,446	644	457	0.54	0.40
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	3,861,215	3,587,821	23,974	20,605	0.62	0.57

- 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 2020

[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	-	-	122	163	38,185	41,456
Arkansas	-	-	37	37	32,648	31,150
Delaware	-	-	703	214	49,381	34,433
Georgia	-	-	1	8	58,754	56,765
Mississippi	-	-	138	35	19,912	12,144
North Carolina	-	-	83	68	51,001	52,808
Texas	-	-	106	117	60,234	55,233
Virginia	-	-	74	36	17,785	16,893
United States	-	-	1,814	1,373	638,032	604,059
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	35,606	30,217	126	198	1,298	1,151
Arkansas	8,636	6,651	71	97	1,057	1,004
Delaware	54,869	30,137	68	27	628	358
Georgia	109,663	72,563	104	47	2,156	1,812
Mississippi	13,613	7,472	136	148	789	572
North Carolina	16,827	15,342	42	47	1,075	1,121
Texas	22,836	17,541	131	313	1,043	888
Virginia	24,361	20,309	2	2	354	274
United States	461,913	360,437	1,408	1,534	15,509	13,632
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	645	607	4,125	4,209	14,346	13,796
Arkansas	168	166	2,882	2,799	6,218	3,263
Delaware	791	699	1,863	1,197	6,293	2,601
Georgia	719	738	9,035	8,719	41,644	52,148
Mississippi	944	724	3,699	2,202	1,699	911
North Carolina	420	415	5,316	5,466	2,929	2,501
Texas	380	369	308	295	3,863	3,773
Virginia	578	431	619	629	2,007	1,745
United States	8,429	7,517	38,744	36,543	122,546	121,596
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	560	504	32,055	23,902	127,068	116,203
Arkansas	1,793	1,791	86,650	81,510	140,160	128,468
Delaware	4,266	1,896	11,697	7,571	130,559	79,133
Georgia	5,505	3,998	105,793	110,149	333,374	306,947
Mississippi	885	618	14,376	9,285	56,191	34,111
North Carolina	2,831	2,078	32,614	27,280	113,138	107,126
Texas	441	750	17,849	16,748	107,191	96,027
Virginia	381	414	20,289	11,256	66,450	51,989
United States	30,766	28,055	620,879	560,876	1,940,040	1,735,622

- 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 2020

[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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,172	3,016	60,826	56,869	19.18	18.86
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	-	(Z)	-	2	-	28.77
Indiana	2,121	1,884	87,068	77,207	41.05	40.98
Iowa	1,262	1,114	54,829	47,836	43.45	42.96
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,421	3,000	97,248	83,365	28.43	27.79
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	970	898	31,810	29,771	32.78	33.14
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,815	1,568	71,549	58,256	39.42	37.15
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	584	606	28,618	28,819	48.98	47.54
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	518	291	15,426	9,041	29.79	31.06
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)	5	1	32.52	32.34
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,300	1,949	61,813	53,464	26.87	27.43
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	551	615	23,238	26,134	42.21	42.46
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,286	16,981	631,105	548,888	32.72	32.32

- 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 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	50,664	47,374	397	384	0.78	0.80
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	-	2	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	70,057	62,241	913	810	1.29	1.28
Iowa	43,247	37,827	762	722	1.73	1.87
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
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	77,955	66,573	991	973	1.26	1.44
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,526	23,843	218	215	0.85	0.90
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	56,102	45,946	348	298	0.62	0.64
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,881	22,999	371	379	1.59	1.62
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	12,021	7,112	522	273	4.16	3.70
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	4	1	-	-	(X)	(X)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	49,027	42,578	916	755	1.83	1.74
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	18,427	20,694	215	275	1.15	1.31
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	503,609	438,780	6,923	6,090	1.36	1.37

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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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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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