



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

**December 2019** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**December 2020** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during December 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.23 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in December 2019. The November 2020 revised certified total at 3.98 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2019. The November revision represented an increase of 9.19 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during December 2020 was 5.58 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.48 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.92 billion pounds, up 2 percent from December 2019. Mature chickens, at 60.7 million pounds, were down slightly from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 589 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.9 million pounds, down 21 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during December 2020 averaged 6.41 pounds per bird, up slightly from December 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.69 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2020 averaged 33.4 pounds per bird, up slightly from December 2019.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during December 2020 totaled 12.4 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 26.7 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	December 2019	November 2020	December 2020	December 2020 as % of		January to December		2020 as percent of 2019
				December 2019	November 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	757,769	719,240	766,650	101	107	9,224,243	9,228,130	100
Mature .....	8,958	8,512	9,080	101	107	115,006	116,694	101
Light .....	2,730	2,520	2,852	104	113	34,586	34,313	99
Heavy .....	6,228	5,992	6,228	100	104	80,420	82,381	102
Total .....	766,727	727,752	775,730	101	107	9,339,249	9,344,824	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	16,763	18,717	17,495	104	93	225,915	221,324	98
Old .....	123	132	174	141	132	1,745	1,680	96
Total .....	16,886	18,849	17,669	105	94	227,660	223,004	98
Ducks .....	2,487	1,655	1,960	79	118	27,544	22,461	82
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,842,657	4,605,473	4,916,012	102	107	58,286,994	59,135,024	101
Mature .....	60,755	58,293	60,738	100	104	783,664	799,466	102
Light .....	9,156	8,695	9,696	106	112	119,682	118,801	99
Heavy .....	51,599	49,598	51,042	99	103	663,982	680,665	103
Total .....	4,903,412	4,663,766	4,976,750	101	107	59,070,658	59,934,490	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	557,236	569,190	584,091	105	103	7,236,359	7,141,928	99
Old .....	3,833	3,862	5,198	136	135	51,967	50,531	97
Total .....	561,069	573,052	589,289	105	103	7,288,326	7,192,459	99
Ducks .....	17,624	11,584	13,908	79	120	193,568	156,666	81
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	220	408	171	78	42	4,253	3,594	85
Total .....	5,482,325	5,248,810	5,580,118	102	106	66,556,805	67,287,209	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.39	6.40	6.41	100	100	6.32	6.41	101
Mature .....	6.78	6.85	6.69	99	98	6.81	6.85	101
Light .....	3.35	3.45	3.40	101	99	3.46	3.46	100
Heavy .....	8.29	8.28	8.20	99	99	8.26	8.26	100
Total .....	6.40	6.41	6.42	100	100	6.32	6.41	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	33.24	30.41	33.39	100	110	32.03	32.27	101
Old .....	31.16	29.26	29.87	96	102	29.78	30.08	101
Total .....	33.23	30.40	33.35	100	110	32.01	32.25	101
Ducks .....	7.09	7.00	7.10	100	101	7.03	6.98	99

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	December 2019	November 2020	December 2020	December 2020 as % of		January to December		2020 as percent of 2019
				December 2019	November 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,382,091	3,242,967	3,458,569	102	107	40,753,885	41,431,540	102
Mature .....	41,835	40,000	41,644	100	104	528,442	548,483	104
Light .....	4,785	4,363	4,896	102	112	61,010	60,548	99
Heavy .....	37,050	35,637	36,748	99	103	467,432	487,935	104
Total .....	3,423,926	3,282,967	3,500,213	102	107	41,282,327	41,980,023	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	291,901	291,380	292,469	100	100	3,665,798	3,561,041	97
Old .....	2,816	2,798	3,875	138	138	37,851	37,322	99
Total .....	294,717	294,178	296,344	101	101	3,703,649	3,598,363	97
Ducks .....	5,385	3,116	3,977	74	128	54,157	42,784	79
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	139	130	111	80	85	1,825	1,555	85
Total .....	3,724,167	3,580,391	3,800,645	102	106	45,041,958	45,622,725	101
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	265,259	235,082	253,323	96	108	3,151,198	3,141,832	100
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total .....	265,259	235,082	253,323	96	108	3,151,275	3,141,832	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	151,873	163,711	173,901	115	106	2,112,536	2,143,892	101
Old .....	89	223	59	66	26	1,380	964	70
Total .....	151,962	163,934	173,960	114	106	2,113,916	2,144,856	101
Ducks .....	7,480	5,372	6,240	83	116	87,047	71,900	83
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	13	135	8	62	6	953	804	84
Total .....	424,714	404,523	433,531	102	107	5,353,191	5,359,392	100
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,647,350	3,478,049	3,711,892	102	107	43,905,083	44,573,372	102
Mature .....	41,835	40,000	41,644	100	104	528,519	548,483	104
Light .....	4,785	4,363	4,896	102	112	61,010	60,548	99
Heavy .....	37,050	35,637	36,748	99	103	467,509	487,935	104
Total .....	3,689,185	3,518,049	3,753,536	102	107	44,433,602	45,121,855	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	443,774	455,091	466,370	105	102	5,778,334	5,704,933	99
Old .....	2,905	3,021	3,934	135	130	39,231	38,286	98
Total .....	446,679	458,112	470,304	105	103	5,817,565	5,743,219	99
Ducks .....	12,865	8,488	10,217	79	120	141,204	114,684	81
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	152	265	119	78	45	2,778	2,359	85
Total .....	4,148,881	3,984,914	4,234,176	102	106	50,395,149	50,982,117	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2019	November 2020	December 2020	December 2020 as % of		January to December		2020 as percent of 2019
				December 2019	November 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	11,029	9,147	10,014	91	109	131,003	118,492	90
Mature .....	546	546	611	112	112	6,919	7,121	103
Light .....	110	81	124	113	153	1,390	1,238	89
Heavy .....	436	465	487	112	105	5,529	5,883	106
Total .....	11,575	9,693	10,625	92	110	137,922	125,613	91
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,495	1,500	1,674	112	112	19,712	19,549	99
Old .....	29	22	54	186	245	481	421	88
Total .....	1,524	1,522	1,728	113	114	20,193	19,970	99
Ducks .....	95	49	67	71	137	963	732	76
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	13,194	11,265	12,420	94	110	159,091	146,320	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.23	0.20	0.20	87	100	0.22	0.20	91
Mature .....	0.90	0.94	1.01	112	107	0.88	0.89	101
Light .....	1.20	0.93	1.28	107	138	1.16	1.04	90
Heavy .....	0.84	0.94	0.95	113	101	0.83	0.86	104
Total .....	0.24	0.21	0.21	88	100	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.27	0.26	0.29	107	112	0.27	0.27	100
Old .....	0.76	0.57	1.04	137	182	0.93	0.83	89
Total .....	0.27	0.27	0.29	107	107	0.28	0.28	100
Ducks .....	0.54	0.42	0.48	89	114	0.50	0.47	94
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.21	0.22	92	105	0.24	0.22	92

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2019	November 2020	December 2020	December 2020 as % of		January to December		2020 as percent of 2019
				December 2019	November 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	23,003	17,660	18,860	82	107	285,265	252,721	89
Mature .....	1,296	1,650	1,618	125	98	19,541	20,957	107
Light .....	426	397	441	104	111	4,710	5,006	106
Heavy .....	870	1,253	1,177	135	94	14,831	15,951	108
Total .....	24,299	19,310	20,478	84	106	304,806	273,678	90
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,411	5,845	5,953	93	102	83,022	74,958	90
Old .....	124	85	122	98	144	1,762	1,543	88
Total .....	6,535	5,930	6,075	93	102	84,784	76,501	90
Ducks .....	330	148	172	52	116	3,595	2,694	75
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	3	2	100	67	37	39	105
Total .....	31,166	25,391	26,727	86	105	393,222	352,912	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.63	0.51	0.51	81	100	0.65	0.56	86
Mature .....	3.00	3.96	3.74	125	94	3.57	3.68	103
Light .....	8.18	8.34	8.26	101	99	7.17	7.64	107
Heavy .....	2.29	3.40	3.10	135	91	3.07	3.17	103
Total .....	0.65	0.55	0.54	83	98	0.68	0.60	88
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.42	1.27	1.26	89	99	1.42	1.30	92
Old .....	4.09	2.74	3.01	74	110	4.30	3.87	90
Total .....	1.44	1.28	1.28	89	100	1.44	1.31	91
Ducks .....	2.50	1.71	1.66	66	97	2.48	2.30	93
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.30	1.12	1.65	127	147	1.31	1.63	124
Total .....	0.75	0.63	0.63	84	100	0.77	0.69	90

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: November and December 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	800	967	520,850	503,319
Mature .....	-	-	27	19	87,815	90,172
Light .....	-	-	4	1	63,954	67,101
Heavy .....	-	-	23	18	23,861	23,071
Total .....	-	-	827	986	608,665	593,491
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	30	45	12,449	12,068
Old .....	-	-	8	8	438	753
Total .....	-	-	38	53	12,887	12,821
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	210,381	232,105	1,393	1,359	10,995	12,316
Mature .....	14,607	13,856	272	124	28,648	30,639
Light .....	8,427	7,725	81	63	12,167	15,885
Heavy .....	6,180	6,131	191	61	16,481	14,754
Total .....	224,988	245,961	1,665	1,483	39,643	42,955
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	2,090	1,354	289	48	54	36
Old .....	209	283	3	7	83	176
Total .....	2,299	1,637	292	55	137	212
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	5,996	6,370	33,180	34,819	109,081	101,091
Mature .....	1,274	1,537	415	278	29,530	33,599
Light .....	879	1,237	271	161	26,077	30,676
Heavy .....	395	300	144	117	3,453	2,923
Total .....	7,270	7,907	33,595	35,097	138,611	134,690
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	155	99	253	317	1,252	607
Old .....	7	16	11	51	12	112
Total .....	162	115	264	368	1,264	719
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	22,283	26,751	624,316	597,614	1,539,275	1,516,711
Mature .....	266	227	64,345	63,757	227,199	234,208
Light .....	7	19	42,805	39,318	154,672	162,186
Heavy .....	259	208	21,540	24,439	72,527	72,022
Total .....	22,549	26,978	688,661	661,371	1,766,474	1,750,919
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	128	109	8,267	8,245	24,967	22,928
Old .....	3	2	641	933	1,415	2,341
Total .....	131	111	8,908	9,178	26,382	25,269

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: November and December 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	92,700	96,088	505,287	523,626	5.45	5.45
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	77,661	82,755	553,350	591,332	7.13	7.15
California .....	21,038	21,110	126,854	125,633	6.03	5.95
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	24,497	28,393	198,254	223,488	8.09	7.87
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	99,836	105,504	591,307	646,272	5.92	6.13
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,471	6,215	24,701	28,788	4.51	4.63
Iowa .....	867	654	4,977	3,735	5.74	5.71
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	21,678	23,862	137,347	151,947	6.34	6.37
Louisiana .....	14,336	14,687	100,987	101,144	7.04	6.89
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	10,378	10,964	68,481	71,314	6.60	6.50
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	55,135	58,813	351,324	371,025	6.37	6.31
Missouri .....	31,292	35,346	155,495	178,798	4.97	5.06
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	152	179	735	844	4.83	4.71
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,224	2,352	10,959	11,498	4.93	4.89
North Carolina .....	71,737	75,998	599,716	623,759	8.36	8.21
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	10,077	9,912	68,455	71,209	6.79	7.18
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,232	10,751	58,388	60,975	5.71	5.67
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	22,843	24,184	177,205	187,415	7.76	7.75
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	23,720	26,008	129,828	144,709	5.47	5.56
Texas .....	55,063	58,558	366,595	387,245	6.66	6.61
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	24,680	27,025	149,535	167,730	6.06	6.21
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 .....	719,240	766,650	4,605,473	4,916,012	6.40	6.41

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	384,957	399,664	1,609	1,704	0.42	0.42
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	415,583	444,866	1,579	1,702	0.38	0.38
California .....	95,248	94,274	659	700	0.69	0.74
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	154,355	172,532	621	802	0.40	0.46
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	448,608	488,431	3,153	3,255	0.70	0.66
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	18,000	20,942	81	131	0.45	0.62
Iowa .....	3,465	2,575	331	287	8.71	10.02
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	103,878	115,292	557	568	0.53	0.49
Louisiana .....	76,279	76,728	311	307	0.41	0.40
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	51,364	53,350	235	290	0.46	0.54
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	261,898	278,855	1,063	1,191	0.40	0.43
Missouri .....	114,361	131,533	314	368	0.27	0.28
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	543	609	7	8	1.35	1.28
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,641	6,939	109	104	1.61	1.47
North Carolina .....	462,798	480,240	1,693	1,853	0.36	0.38
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	51,271	53,452	239	272	0.46	0.51
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	40,236	42,104	843	877	2.05	2.04
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	133,338	141,195	719	791	0.54	0.56
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	96,020	107,089	574	579	0.59	0.54
Texas .....	280,196	295,600	1,543	1,564	0.55	0.53
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	111,384	124,793	328	327	0.29	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 .....	3,478,049	3,711,892	17,660	18,860	0.51	0.51

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.



## Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: November and December 2020

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	51	81	29,415	29,269
Arkansas .....	-	-	36	36	31,061	31,068
Delaware .....	-	-	58	88	13,334	15,702
Georgia .....	-	-	4	13	49,943	53,762
Mississippi .....	-	-	35	35	13,560	9,771
North Carolina .....	-	-	68	68	41,385	41,380
Texas .....	-	-	101	98	55,394	57,864
Virginia .....	-	-	21	10	15,526	15,657
United States .....	-	-	800	967	520,850	503,319
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	26,419	26,787	121	86	1,121	1,202
Arkansas .....	6,647	6,662	97	95	1,002	1,005
Delaware .....	8,768	9,402	22	27	177	181
Georgia .....	45,699	51,138	96	139	1,324	1,632
Mississippi .....	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina .....	10,573	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas .....	17,651	18,357	100	118	878	1,017
Virginia .....	8,012	9,150	18	8	135	160
United States .....	210,381	232,105	1,393	1,359	10,995	12,316
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	514	496	3,150	3,029	11,962	10,637
Arkansas .....	173	179	2,795	2,794	3,305	3,284
Delaware .....	342	385	654	737	1,839	2,288
Georgia .....	621	651	8,573	9,343	50,931	42,001
Mississippi .....	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	790
North Carolina .....	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas .....	306	323	315	362	3,662	4,392
Virginia .....	469	499	489	529	1,582	1,723
United States .....	5,996	6,370	33,180	34,819	109,081	101,091
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	377	400	30,745	37,913	103,875	109,900
Arkansas .....	1,790	1,791	81,317	81,285	128,223	128,199
Delaware .....	1,184	1,521	4,731	11,416	31,109	41,747
Georgia .....	4,167	7,901	157,392	89,629	318,750	256,209
Mississippi .....	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	32,896	29,107
North Carolina .....	1,986	1,986	19,713	19,711	80,797	80,790
Texas .....	505	1,030	18,254	19,067	97,166	102,628
Virginia .....	328	630	9,471	10,793	36,051	39,159
United States .....	22,283	26,751	624,316	597,614	1,539,275	1,516,711

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: November and December 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,330	2,810	64,806	56,717	19.46	20.18
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 .....	50	2	1,247	68	25.03	33.08
Indiana .....	1,766	1,861	68,482	75,580	38.77	40.62
Iowa .....	1,124	1,203	48,594	52,512	43.24	43.64
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,859	3,330	93,694	92,246	24.28	27.70
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	693	875	24,592	31,682	35.47	36.19
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 .....	1,761	1,702	61,254	65,507	34.79	38.49
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	591	517	26,050	25,197	44.05	48.69
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	755	604	20,254	18,874	26.82	31.24
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 .....	1	(Z)	43	4	30.42	33.81
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	42	7	1,042	243	24.71	33.82
Virginia .....	1,943	2,068	56,703	60,457	29.18	29.23
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	359	416	15,547	18,866	43.33	45.38
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,717	17,495	569,190	584,091	30.41	33.39

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(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 .....	54,070	47,168	436	418	0.80	0.88
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 .....	1,002	54	11	-	1.09	1.24
Indiana .....	55,163	60,787	714	766	1.28	1.24
Iowa .....	38,455	41,450	606	627	1.55	1.49
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	74,907	73,758	1,112	899	1.46	1.20
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	19,982	25,721	206	239	1.02	0.92
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 .....	48,510	51,749	323	352	0.66	0.67
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	20,470	20,085	242	246	1.17	1.21
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	16,137	15,127	329	278	2.00	1.81
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 .....	35	3	(Z)	-	1.23	(X)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	847	194	6	-	0.74	(X)
Virginia .....	44,866	48,023	769	834	1.69	1.71
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	12,266	14,902	196	249	1.57	1.64
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	455,091	466,370	5,845	5,953	1.27	1.26

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<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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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