



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 11 Percent from Last Year

December 2018 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the amount certified in December 2018. The November 2019 revised certified total at 3.95 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from November 2018. The November revision represented an increase of 3.77 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during December 2019 was 5.46 billion pounds, up 11 percent from 4.92 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.83 billion pounds, up 13 percent from December 2018. Mature chickens, at 59.7 million pounds, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 561 million pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.6 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2019 averaged 6.39 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from December 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.76 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2019 averaged 33.2 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from December 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2019 totaled 13.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 31.1 million pounds, were 0.75 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.83 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2018	November 2019	December 2019	December 2019 as % of		January to December		2019 as percent of 2018
				December 2018	November 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	689,771	712,323	754,949	109	106	9,034,504	9,218,408	102
Mature	8,831	9,038	8,833	100	98	126,406	114,195	90
Light	3,432	2,570	2,730	80	106	46,311	34,586	75
Heavy	5,399	6,468	6,103	113	94	80,095	79,609	99
Total	698,602	721,361	763,782	109	106	9,160,910	9,332,603	102
Turkeys								
Young	17,169	19,204	16,763	98	87	235,198	225,931	96
Old	119	135	123	103	91	1,662	1,745	105
Total	17,288	19,339	16,886	98	87	236,860	227,676	96
Ducks	2,361	2,099	2,487	105	118	27,647	27,546	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,287,589	4,544,504	4,825,434	113	106	56,541,518	58,248,476	103
Mature	55,731	62,364	59,699	107	96	816,199	776,814	95
Light	11,395	9,084	9,156	80	101	158,851	119,682	75
Heavy	44,336	53,280	50,543	114	95	657,348	657,132	100
Total	4,343,320	4,606,868	4,885,133	112	106	57,357,717	59,025,290	103
Turkeys								
Young	558,969	583,138	557,236	100	96	7,310,114	7,235,527	99
Old	3,659	4,088	3,833	105	94	48,981	51,967	106
Total	562,628	587,226	561,069	100	96	7,359,095	7,287,494	99
Ducks	16,889	14,992	17,624	104	118	192,980	193,578	100
Other ¹	222	426	220	99	52	3,872	4,253	110
Total	4,923,059	5,209,512	5,464,046	111	105	64,913,664	66,510,615	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.22	6.38	6.39	103	100	6.26	6.32	101
Mature	6.31	6.90	6.76	107	98	6.46	6.80	105
Light	3.32	3.53	3.35	101	95	3.43	3.46	101
Heavy	8.21	8.24	8.28	101	100	8.21	8.25	100
Total	6.22	6.39	6.40	103	100	6.26	6.32	101
Turkeys								
Young	32.56	30.37	33.24	102	109	31.08	32.03	103
Old	30.75	30.28	31.16	101	103	29.47	29.78	101
Total	32.54	30.36	33.23	102	109	31.07	32.01	103
Ducks	7.15	7.14	7.09	99	99	6.98	7.03	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	December 2018	November 2019	December 2019	December 2019 as % of		January to December		2019 as percent of 2018
				December 2018	November 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,996,442	3,196,098	3,373,720	113	106	39,479,778	40,730,946	103
Mature	36,788	42,475	40,943	111	96	539,352	522,963	97
Light	5,829	4,553	4,785	82	105	81,396	61,010	75
Heavy	30,959	37,922	36,158	117	95	457,956	461,953	101
Total	3,033,230	3,238,573	3,414,663	113	105	40,019,130	41,253,909	103
Turkeys								
Young	282,846	307,162	291,901	103	95	3,624,916	3,665,130	101
Old	2,732	3,102	2,816	103	91	36,128	37,851	105
Total	285,578	310,264	294,717	103	95	3,661,044	3,702,981	101
Ducks	5,215	4,665	5,385	103	115	54,936	54,166	99
Other ¹	141	199	139	99	70	1,602	1,825	114
Total	3,324,164	3,553,701	3,714,904	112	105	43,736,712	45,012,881	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	232,296	231,028	262,067	113	113	3,120,957	3,146,690	101
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	232,296	231,028	262,067	113	113	3,120,967	3,146,767	101
Turkeys								
Young	162,456	158,929	151,873	93	96	2,216,166	2,112,536	95
Old	59	40	89	151	223	881	1,380	157
Total	162,515	158,969	151,962	94	96	2,217,047	2,113,916	95
Ducks	7,210	6,329	7,480	104	118	86,000	87,047	101
Other ¹	11	88	13	118	15	961	953	99
Total	402,032	396,414	421,522	105	106	5,424,975	5,348,683	99
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,228,738	3,427,126	3,635,787	113	106	42,600,735	43,877,636	103
Mature	36,788	42,475	40,943	111	96	539,362	523,040	97
Light	5,829	4,553	4,785	82	105	81,406	61,010	75
Heavy	30,959	37,922	36,158	117	95	457,956	462,030	101
Total	3,265,526	3,469,601	3,676,730	113	106	43,140,097	44,400,676	103
Turkeys								
Young	445,302	466,091	443,774	100	95	5,841,082	5,777,666	99
Old	2,791	3,142	2,905	104	92	37,009	39,231	106
Total	448,093	469,233	446,679	100	95	5,878,091	5,816,897	99
Ducks	12,425	10,994	12,865	104	117	140,936	141,213	100
Other ¹	152	287	152	100	53	2,563	2,778	108
Total	3,726,196	3,950,115	4,136,426	111	105	49,161,687	50,361,564	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2018	November 2019	December 2019	December 2019 as % of		January to December		2019 as percent of 2018
				December 2018	November 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,971	10,653	10,985	110	103	130,452	130,918	100
Mature	537	531	544	101	102	8,167	6,899	84
Light	171	102	110	64	108	2,497	1,390	56
Heavy	366	429	434	119	101	5,670	5,509	97
Total	10,508	11,184	11,529	110	103	138,619	137,817	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,548	1,348	1,495	97	111	19,090	19,708	103
Old	35	35	29	83	83	494	481	97
Total	1,583	1,383	1,524	96	110	19,584	20,189	103
Ducks	71	78	95	134	122	797	963	121
Total ¹	12,162	12,646	13,148	108	104	159,005	158,982	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	0.96	0.85	0.91	95	107	1.00	0.89	89
Light	1.50	1.12	1.20	80	107	1.57	1.16	74
Heavy	0.83	0.81	0.86	104	106	0.86	0.84	98
Total	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.23	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.23	0.27	96	117	0.26	0.27	104
Old	0.96	0.86	0.76	79	88	1.01	0.93	92
Total	0.28	0.24	0.27	96	113	0.27	0.28	104
Ducks	0.42	0.52	0.54	129	104	0.41	0.50	122
Total ¹	0.25	0.24	0.24	96	100	0.24	0.24	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	December 2018	November 2019	December 2019	December 2019 as % of		January to December		2019 as percent of 2018
				December 2018	November 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	23,030	20,276	22,919	100	113	322,994	285,043	88
Mature	1,345	1,682	1,288	96	77	20,727	19,499	94
Light	396	397	426	108	107	5,131	4,710	92
Heavy	949	1,285	862	91	67	15,596	14,789	95
Total	24,375	21,958	24,207	99	110	343,721	304,542	89
Turkeys								
Young	6,329	6,296	6,411	101	102	82,278	83,012	101
Old	141	135	124	88	92	1,944	1,762	91
Total	6,470	6,431	6,535	101	102	84,222	84,774	101
Ducks	279	272	330	118	121	3,667	3,595	98
Other ¹	1	3	2	200	67	35	37	106
Total	31,125	28,664	31,074	100	108	431,645	392,948	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.71	0.59	0.63	89	107	0.75	0.65	87
Mature	3.53	3.81	3.05	86	80	3.70	3.59	97
Light	6.36	8.02	8.18	129	102	5.93	7.17	121
Heavy	2.97	3.28	2.33	78	71	3.29	3.10	94
Total	0.74	0.63	0.65	88	103	0.79	0.68	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.40	1.33	1.42	101	107	1.39	1.42	102
Old	4.81	4.12	4.09	85	99	4.99	4.30	86
Total	1.42	1.35	1.44	101	107	1.41	1.44	102
Ducks	2.20	2.41	2.50	114	104	2.54	2.48	98
Other ¹	0.65	1.03	1.30	200	126	1.35	1.31	97
Total	0.83	0.72	0.75	90	104	0.87	0.77	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: November and December 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,784	1,700	566,574	611,858
Mature	-	-	103	105	77,851	82,431
Light	-	-	77	60	54,537	58,214
Heavy	-	-	26	45	23,314	24,217
Total	-	-	1,887	1,805	644,425	694,289
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	41	13	20,365	15,520
Old	-	-	3	10	921	998
Total	-	-	44	23	21,286	16,518
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	263,394	333,225	1,506	1,398	16,142	16,857
Mature	7,650	10,632	103	274	27,860	34,497
Light	3,596	5,615	33	200	12,091	15,538
Heavy	4,054	5,017	70	74	15,769	18,959
Total	271,044	343,857	1,609	1,672	44,002	51,354
Turkeys						
Young	3,096	1,915	493	314	86	94
Old	414	394	-	-	253	115
Total	3,510	2,309	493	314	339	209
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	7,907	8,717	40,299	40,588	93,920	106,454
Mature	1,424	1,470	486	423	20,532	28,977
Light	1,217	1,288	351	271	17,659	26,000
Heavy	207	182	135	152	2,873	2,977
Total	9,331	10,187	40,785	41,011	114,452	135,431
Turkeys						
Young	196	82	527	625	1,183	603
Old	11	12	23	11	27	41
Total	207	94	550	636	1,210	644
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	28,206	34,327	576,999	597,907	1,596,731	1,753,031
Mature	865	1,028	54,930	72,578	191,804	232,415
Light	49	23	29,389	46,794	118,999	154,003
Heavy	816	1,005	25,541	25,784	72,805	78,412
Total	29,071	35,355	631,929	670,485	1,788,535	1,985,446
Turkeys						
Young	391	99	11,658	10,148	38,036	29,413
Old	4	10	722	438	2,378	2,029
Total	395	109	12,380	10,586	40,414	31,442

- 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: November and December 2019

[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	92,254	96,181	505,080	528,398	5.47	5.49
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,893	80,559	534,636	568,635	7.04	7.06
California	17,931	21,123	113,189	134,840	6.31	6.38
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,603	31,497	210,085	230,220	7.10	7.31
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	100,735	105,831	619,292	654,083	6.15	6.18
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,751	5,839	26,192	25,606	4.55	4.39
Iowa	708	943	3,980	5,122	5.62	5.43
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	21,292	23,244	137,779	149,905	6.47	6.45
Louisiana	14,781	16,071	94,438	104,076	6.39	6.48
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,363	10,524	60,922	65,724	5.88	6.25
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	55,454	57,081	349,750	356,509	6.31	6.25
Missouri	34,042	36,807	172,566	187,874	5.07	5.10
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	96	134	418	646	4.36	4.82
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,211	2,443	10,498	11,851	4.75	4.85
North Carolina	70,012	73,337	569,766	601,961	8.14	8.21
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	11,326	11,449	82,505	82,703	7.28	7.22
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,000	10,290	50,781	57,019	5.64	5.54
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,327	24,209	173,505	188,179	7.77	7.77
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,206	24,527	123,475	132,044	5.32	5.38
Texas	54,005	56,417	358,662	365,043	6.64	6.47
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	23,482	26,974	147,740	169,963	6.29	6.30
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	712,323	754,949	4,544,504	4,825,434	6.38	6.39

- 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 2019

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	385,467	403,569	2,058	2,039	0.53	0.50
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	402,252	429,436	1,583	2,590	0.39	0.60
California	85,119	101,131	810	1,075	0.94	1.05
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	162,228	176,984	1,032	1,190	0.63	0.67
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	466,521	491,562	2,876	3,298	0.61	0.67
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	19,134	18,665	102	126	0.53	0.67
Iowa	2,713	3,579	275	304	9.21	7.82
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	104,173	113,057	653	669	0.62	0.59
Louisiana	71,291	78,123	273	302	0.38	0.38
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	45,140	49,002	308	316	0.68	0.64
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	267,610	268,263	1,610	1,790	0.60	0.66
Missouri	126,120	138,179	462	489	0.37	0.35
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	295	465	2	7	0.57	1.51
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,478	7,278	158	170	2.38	2.28
North Carolina	438,839	463,892	1,919	2,025	0.44	0.43
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	61,933	62,027	241	232	0.39	0.37
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	34,659	38,746	870	1,060	2.45	2.66
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	130,785	141,877	833	892	0.63	0.62
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	90,917	97,312	622	629	0.68	0.64
Texas	270,529	277,482	2,133	2,194	0.78	0.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	106,887	122,915	408	476	0.38	0.39
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	3,427,126	3,635,787	20,276	22,919	0.59	0.63

- 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: November and December 2019

[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	-	-	180	127	36,676	42,582
Arkansas	-	-	35	35	30,956	32,081
Delaware	-	-	313	452	40,926	46,793
Georgia	-	-	17	11	55,075	58,329
Mississippi	-	-	116	52	13,934	16,719
North Carolina	-	-	124	72	47,845	48,211
Texas	-	-	100	107	54,661	58,313
Virginia	-	-	126	59	15,113	19,227
United States	-	-	1,784	1,700	566,574	611,858
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	28,982	37,366	188	134	1,310	1,387
Arkansas	7,825	7,647	73	78	983	988
Delaware	27,914	36,934	26	83	623	648
Georgia	54,038	72,122	153	105	1,976	2,116
Mississippi	7,564	10,742	89	113	709	822
North Carolina	14,430	14,306	42	36	1,221	984
Texas	22,214	24,182	158	115	1,070	1,077
Virginia	12,234	16,341	6	2	345	370
United States	263,394	333,225	1,506	1,398	16,142	16,857
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	525	650	3,972	4,053	13,455	14,975
Arkansas	157	163	2,561	2,795	4,513	4,535
Delaware	666	733	1,893	1,563	5,163	4,658
Georgia	594	574	9,871	10,468	25,835	35,893
Mississippi	856	800	3,178	3,210	1,827	1,798
North Carolina	466	394	4,484	5,157	2,769	2,544
Texas	398	388	277	379	3,801	4,023
Virginia	384	385	578	629	1,713	1,751
United States	7,907	8,717	40,299	40,588	93,920	106,454
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	429	874	26,885	31,432	112,602	133,580
Arkansas	1,797	1,790	94,555	89,819	143,455	139,931
Delaware	3,556	4,586	12,285	11,303	93,365	107,753
Georgia	2,834	3,063	58,570	87,707	208,963	270,388
Mississippi	599	626	10,189	12,829	39,061	47,711
North Carolina	2,147	2,548	41,055	29,560	114,583	103,812
Texas	485	531	17,696	17,468	100,860	106,583
Virginia	357	369	13,565	12,646	44,421	51,779
United States	28,206	34,327	576,999	597,907	1,596,731	1,753,031

- 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: November and December 2019

[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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,155	2,564	57,511	45,728	18.23	17.84
California	986	566	25,244	18,130	25.60	32.04
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,720	1,745	68,409	72,551	39.78	41.57
Iowa	1,073	996	44,953	43,367	41.89	43.53
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	3,886	3,204	100,022	93,620	25.74	29.22
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	738	785	27,381	29,630	37.09	37.76
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	1,751	1,645	61,100	61,570	34.90	37.42
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	574	512	24,674	24,412	43.00	47.67
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	80	-	1,218	5	15.29	33.33
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	44	5	1,149	169	25.82	32.37
Virginia	2,026	1,910	56,323	55,100	27.81	28.86
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	515	559	22,065	25,156	42.83	45.00
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,204	16,763	583,138	557,236	30.37	33.24

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2019

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(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	47,868	38,033	372	352	0.77	0.92
California	20,190	14,517	185	103	0.91	0.70
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	55,181	58,585	870	894	1.55	1.50
Iowa	35,376	34,117	604	543	1.68	1.57
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	80,484	74,819	971	1,075	1.19	1.42
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	22,083	23,869	182	201	0.82	0.83
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	48,115	48,344	287	354	0.59	0.73
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,691	19,476	240	252	1.20	1.28
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	1,027	4	9	-	0.91	0.12
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	931	134	9	-	0.91	0.07
Virginia	44,594	43,577	847	753	1.86	1.70
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	17,443	19,873	284	333	1.60	1.65
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	466,091	443,774	6,296	6,411	1.33	1.42

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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 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2017. Young chickens were slaughtered in 40 States, young turkeys in 33 States.

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