



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**March 2020** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**March 2021** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during March 2021 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.58 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in March 2020. The February 2021 revised certified total at 3.74 billion pounds, was down 4 percent from February 2020. The February revision represented an increase of 246,000 pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during March 2021 was 6.04 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.85 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.30 billion pounds, up 3 percent from March 2020. Mature chickens, at 67.2 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 653 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.0 million pounds, down 17 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during March 2021 averaged 6.39 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2020. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.72 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2021 averaged 33.4 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2020.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during March 2021 totaled 12.9 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 29.2 million pounds, were 0.63 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.74 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	March 2021 as % of		January to March		2021 as percent of 2020
				March 2020	February 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	810,822	676,811	830,502	102	123	2,347,860	2,252,646	96
Mature .....	10,379	8,622	10,012	96	116	29,695	27,510	93
Light .....	3,302	2,729	3,326	101	122	9,359	8,886	95
Heavy .....	7,077	5,893	6,686	94	113	20,336	18,624	92
Total .....	821,201	685,433	840,514	102	123	2,377,555	2,280,156	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,286	15,598	19,427	101	125	55,502	51,636	93
Old .....	150	158	130	87	82	402	418	104
Total .....	19,436	15,756	19,557	101	124	55,904	52,054	93
Ducks .....	2,401	1,761	1,987	83	113	7,037	5,662	80
	(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 .....	5,125,752	4,322,876	5,303,683	103	123	14,919,801	14,416,586	97
Mature .....	70,124	58,107	67,238	96	116	200,505	185,291	92
Light .....	11,322	9,434	11,482	101	122	32,575	30,854	95
Heavy .....	58,802	48,673	55,756	95	115	167,930	154,437	92
Total .....	5,195,876	4,380,983	5,370,921	103	123	15,120,306	14,601,877	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	631,105	522,972	649,318	103	124	1,828,873	1,728,939	95
Old .....	4,619	4,578	3,857	84	84	12,302	12,328	100
Total .....	635,724	527,550	653,175	103	124	1,841,175	1,741,267	95
Ducks .....	16,858	12,287	14,021	83	114	49,425	39,693	80
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	253	135	171	68	127	693	455	66
Total .....	5,848,711	4,920,955	6,038,288	103	123	17,011,599	16,383,292	96
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.32	6.39	6.39	101	100	6.35	6.40	101
Mature .....	6.76	6.74	6.72	99	100	6.75	6.74	100
Light .....	3.43	3.46	3.45	101	100	3.48	3.47	100
Heavy .....	8.31	8.26	8.34	100	101	8.26	8.29	100
Total .....	6.33	6.39	6.39	101	100	6.36	6.40	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	32.72	33.53	33.42	102	100	32.95	33.48	102
Old .....	30.79	28.97	29.67	96	102	30.60	29.49	96
Total .....	32.71	33.48	33.40	102	100	32.93	33.45	102
Ducks .....	7.02	6.98	7.06	101	101	7.02	7.01	100

<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	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	March 2021 as % of		January to March		2021 as percent of 2020
				March 2020	February 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,586,122	3,044,554	3,724,420	104	122	10,439,130	10,140,731	97
Mature .....	47,137	39,825	46,308	98	116	135,283	126,892	94
Light .....	5,864	4,806	5,835	100	121	16,608	15,733	95
Heavy .....	41,273	35,019	40,473	98	116	118,675	111,159	94
Total .....	3,633,259	3,084,379	3,770,728	104	122	10,574,413	10,267,623	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	312,982	259,079	314,491	100	121	910,325	863,340	95
Old .....	3,315	3,356	2,881	87	86	8,968	9,173	102
Total .....	316,297	262,435	317,372	100	121	919,293	872,513	95
Ducks .....	4,278	2,848	3,189	75	112	13,008	9,342	72
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	158	87	107	68	123	432	290	67
Total .....	3,953,992	3,349,749	4,091,396	103	122	11,507,146	11,149,768	97
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	276,027	227,119	275,591	100	121	798,541	743,966	93
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	276,027	227,119	275,591	100	121	798,541	743,966	93
Turkeys								
Young .....	190,627	158,145	204,476	107	129	549,184	516,962	94
Old .....	105	60	51	49	85	230	176	77
Total .....	190,732	158,205	204,527	107	129	549,414	517,138	94
Ducks .....	7,987	6,173	7,087	89	115	22,911	19,844	87
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	14	7	11	79	157	36	24	67
Total .....	474,760	391,504	487,216	103	124	1,370,902	1,280,972	93
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,862,149	3,271,673	4,000,011	104	122	11,237,671	10,884,697	97
Mature .....	47,137	39,825	46,308	98	116	135,283	126,892	94
Light .....	5,864	4,806	5,835	100	121	16,608	15,733	95
Heavy .....	41,273	35,019	40,473	98	116	118,675	111,159	94
Total .....	3,909,286	3,311,498	4,046,319	104	122	11,372,954	11,011,589	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	503,609	417,224	518,967	103	124	1,459,509	1,380,302	95
Old .....	3,420	3,416	2,932	86	86	9,198	9,349	102
Total .....	507,029	420,640	521,899	103	124	1,468,707	1,389,651	95
Ducks .....	12,265	9,021	10,276	84	114	35,919	29,186	81
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	172	94	118	69	126	468	314	67
Total .....	4,428,752	3,741,253	4,578,612	103	122	12,878,048	12,430,740	97

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	March 2021 as % of		January to March		2021 as percent of 2020
				March 2020	February 2021	2020	2021	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	9,911	9,420	10,149	102	108	30,464	29,579	97
Mature .....	554	675	642	116	95	1,672	1,888	113
Light .....	82	105	90	110	86	292	280	96
Heavy .....	472	570	552	117	97	1,380	1,608	117
Total .....	10,465	10,095	10,791	103	107	32,136	31,467	98
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,668	1,649	1,960	118	119	5,032	5,363	107
Old .....	40	61	45	113	74	132	148	112
Total .....	1,708	1,710	2,005	117	117	5,164	5,511	107
Ducks .....	61	59	60	98	102	205	178	87
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	12,234	11,864	12,856	105	108	37,505	37,156	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.19	0.22	0.19	100	86	0.20	0.21	105
Mature .....	0.79	1.16	0.95	120	82	0.83	1.02	123
Light .....	0.72	1.11	0.78	108	70	0.90	0.91	101
Heavy .....	0.80	1.17	0.99	124	85	0.82	1.04	127
Total .....	0.20	0.23	0.20	100	87	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.26	0.32	0.30	115	94	0.28	0.31	111
Old .....	0.87	1.33	1.17	134	88	1.07	1.20	112
Total .....	0.27	0.32	0.31	115	97	0.28	0.32	114
Ducks .....	0.36	0.48	0.43	119	90	0.41	0.45	110
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.21	0.24	0.21	100	88	0.22	0.23	105

<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	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	March 2021 as % of		January to March		2021 as percent of 2020
				March 2020	February 2021	2020	2021	
	(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 .....	23,977	17,104	20,688	86	121	70,717	55,849	79
Mature .....	1,555	1,837	1,710	110	93	4,313	5,420	126
Light .....	477	436	537	113	123	1,414	1,403	99
Heavy .....	1,078	1,401	1,173	109	84	2,899	4,017	139
Total .....	25,532	18,941	22,398	88	118	75,030	61,269	82
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,923	5,452	6,478	94	119	20,430	17,902	88
Old .....	176	130	119	68	92	462	365	79
Total .....	7,099	5,582	6,597	93	118	20,892	18,267	87
Ducks .....	297	162	229	77	141	1,002	578	58
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	3	2	2	67	100	7	6	86
Total .....	32,931	24,687	29,226	89	118	96,931	80,120	83
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.62	0.52	0.51	82	98	0.63	0.51	81
Mature .....	3.19	4.41	3.56	112	81	3.09	4.10	133
Light .....	7.52	8.32	8.43	112	101	7.85	8.19	104
Heavy .....	2.55	3.85	2.82	111	73	2.38	3.49	147
Total .....	0.65	0.57	0.55	85	96	0.66	0.55	83
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.36	1.29	1.23	90	95	1.38	1.28	93
Old .....	4.89	3.67	3.90	80	106	4.78	3.76	79
Total .....	1.38	1.31	1.25	91	95	1.40	1.30	93
Ducks .....	2.36	1.76	2.18	92	124	2.71	1.94	72
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.71	2.08	1.67	98	80	1.47	1.88	128
Total .....	0.74	0.66	0.63	85	95	0.75	0.64	85

<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: February and March 2021

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	874	818	491,808	505,903
Mature .....	-	-	31	25	86,597	92,087
Light .....	-	-	13	6	64,117	67,807
Heavy .....	-	-	18	19	22,480	24,280
Total .....	-	-	905	843	578,405	597,990
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	43	51	8,771	8,984
Old .....	-	-	10	25	733	760
Total .....	-	-	53	76	9,504	9,744
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	259,445	258,515	1,111	1,284	12,363	13,366
Mature .....	14,999	13,956	81	148	30,141	34,274
Light .....	10,369	9,820	45	117	15,364	18,172
Heavy .....	4,630	4,136	36	31	14,777	16,102
Total .....	274,444	272,471	1,192	1,432	42,504	47,640
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	2,082	1,884	20	12	93	67
Old .....	259	195	14	12	123	36
Total .....	2,341	2,079	34	24	216	103
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	6,245	6,902	34,016	33,658	88,822	86,534
Mature .....	1,255	1,465	270	315	28,004	32,723
Light .....	910	1,151	151	97	24,905	29,660
Heavy .....	345	314	119	218	3,099	3,063
Total .....	7,500	8,367	34,286	33,973	116,826	119,257
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	25	42	175	99	829	897
Old .....	9	20	42	48	86	136
Total .....	34	62	217	147	915	1,033
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	29,567	28,938	568,258	608,543	1,492,509	1,544,461
Mature .....	230	261	67,666	64,334	229,274	239,588
Light .....	10	35	44,835	42,310	160,719	169,175
Heavy .....	220	226	22,831	22,024	68,555	70,413
Total .....	29,797	29,199	635,924	672,877	1,721,783	1,784,049
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	56	33	7,884	10,423	19,978	22,492
Old .....	7	3	1,236	1,207	2,519	2,442
Total .....	63	36	9,120	11,630	22,497	24,934

- 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: February and March 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	88,966	104,862	488,698	581,721	5.49	5.55
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	67,981	93,165	486,647	657,019	7.16	7.05
California .....	20,973	23,461	126,122	141,639	6.01	6.04
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	25,143	29,681	190,149	232,280	7.56	7.83
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	95,317	109,785	566,903	646,197	5.95	5.89
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,105	6,472	29,524	30,281	4.84	4.68
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	19,828	25,756	128,595	169,601	6.49	6.58
Louisiana .....	10,846	15,579	76,205	108,365	7.03	6.96
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	10,257	11,258	67,907	73,253	6.62	6.51
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	50,099	65,487	321,861	418,013	6.42	6.38
Missouri .....	29,155	38,582	152,640	202,641	5.24	5.25
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,170	2,440	10,872	11,687	5.01	4.79
North Carolina .....	71,661	80,690	586,502	648,292	8.18	8.03
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	7,368	10,686	53,517	75,145	7.26	7.03
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,814	11,934	63,428	67,737	5.87	5.68
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	22,360	24,918	166,381	183,076	7.44	7.35
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	23,706	29,488	133,564	167,865	5.63	5.69
Texas .....	45,131	66,842	293,610	450,660	6.51	6.74
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	24,764	28,707	153,697	178,495	6.21	6.22
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 .....	676,811	830,502	4,322,876	5,303,683	6.39	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: February and March 2021

[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>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	371,497	441,326	1,558	2,067	0.42	0.47
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	368,036	493,721	1,555	1,954	0.42	0.39
California .....	94,610	106,257	700	882	0.73	0.82
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	147,346	179,763	567	640	0.38	0.35
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	430,267	488,775	2,928	3,018	0.68	0.61
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	21,426	21,977	170	190	0.79	0.86
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	97,246	128,665	494	564	0.51	0.44
Louisiana .....	57,701	82,062	220	287	0.38	0.35
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	50,870	54,685	281	317	0.55	0.58
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	243,759	311,589	1,180	1,464	0.48	0.47
Missouri .....	112,364	148,899	293	441	0.26	0.30
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 .....	6,648	7,066	105	115	1.55	1.60
North Carolina .....	452,267	498,455	1,574	1,541	0.35	0.31
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	40,084	56,219	153	212	0.38	0.38
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	44,164	46,876	777	933	1.73	1.95
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	125,462	138,171	897	959	0.71	0.69
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	99,108	124,677	441	504	0.44	0.40
Texas .....	227,177	345,681	1,336	2,349	0.58	0.67
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	113,851	132,462	291	360	0.25	0.27
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 .....	3,271,673	4,000,011	17,104	20,688	0.52	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: February and March 2021

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	43	58	29,022	33,943
Arkansas .....	-	-	36	36	30,872	30,927
Delaware .....	-	-	54	70	14,169	15,447
Georgia .....	-	-	54	14	52,877	53,441
Mississippi .....	-	-	35	35	9,771	9,771
North Carolina .....	-	-	68	68	41,380	41,380
Texas .....	-	-	98	103	53,773	57,229
Virginia .....	-	-	5	12	14,998	16,105
United States .....	-	-	874	818	491,808	505,903
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	26,487	26,882	80	105	1,170	1,215
Arkansas .....	6,618	6,599	73	76	1,001	1,001
Delaware .....	9,191	9,632	24	22	181	201
Georgia .....	68,444	66,766	93	101	1,807	1,983
Mississippi .....	5,276	5,276	10	9	572	572
North Carolina .....	10,573	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas .....	17,398	16,959	99	199	870	1,184
Virginia .....	9,269	10,688	3	13	159	164
United States .....	259,445	258,515	1,111	1,284	12,363	13,366
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	509	575	3,071	3,013	10,460	11,381
Arkansas .....	166	169	2,794	2,794	3,296	3,261
Delaware .....	345	401	662	685	1,912	2,477
Georgia .....	694	730	9,219	9,291	31,551	24,872
Mississippi .....	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	790
North Carolina .....	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas .....	383	353	303	314	4,025	4,300
Virginia .....	492	653	568	583	1,513	1,607
United States .....	6,245	6,902	34,016	33,658	88,822	86,534
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	404	403	31,428	51,774	102,674	129,349
Arkansas .....	1,790	1,791	81,234	81,255	127,880	127,909
Delaware .....	1,248	3,020	3,659	4,431	31,445	36,386
Georgia .....	12,283	9,938	92,222	85,975	269,244	253,111
Mississippi .....	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	29,107	29,106
North Carolina .....	1,986	1,986	19,711	19,916	80,790	80,995
Texas .....	614	746	17,515	18,710	95,078	100,097
Virginia .....	341	334	10,360	11,312	37,708	41,471
United States .....	29,567	28,938	568,258	608,543	1,492,509	1,544,461

- 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: February and March 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February (1,000 head)	March (1,000 head)	February (1,000 pounds)	March (1,000 pounds)	February (pounds)	March (pounds)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,348	3,283	48,021	64,143	20.45	19.54
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	1	-	20	-	32.74	-
Indiana .....	1,705	2,132	70,508	88,516	41.35	41.51
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,382	3,780	94,169	102,119	27.84	27.01
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	543	883	16,551	32,528	30.47	36.84
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 .....	503	581	24,345	28,220	48.39	48.58
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	479	641	15,620	20,219	32.58	31.54
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 .....	15,598	19,427	522,972	649,318	33.53	33.42

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## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2021

[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>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	39,971	53,313	327	400	0.81	0.74
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	15	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	56,590	71,174	783	913	1.37	1.27
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	75,383	81,637	971	1,049	1.27	1.27
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	13,607	26,669	113	180	0.83	0.67
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 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,463	22,557	240	274	1.22	1.20
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	12,437	16,052	192	373	1.52	2.27
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 .....	417,224	518,967	5,452	6,478	1.29	1.23

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

<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 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.

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