



# Poultry Slaughter

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

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

**March 2022** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during March 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.56 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in March 2021. The February 2022 revised certified total at 3.96 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from February 2021. The February revision represented an increase of 7.01 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during March 2022 was 6.01 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 6.05 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.29 billion pounds, down slightly from March 2021. Mature chickens, at 67.9 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 634 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.3 million pounds, up 24 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during March 2022 averaged 6.42 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.87 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2022 averaged 32.8 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from March 2021.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during March 2022 totaled 13.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 28.6 million pounds, were 0.62 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.64 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	March 2022 as % of		January to March		2022 as percent of 2021
				March 2021	February 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	832,268	714,577	823,940	99	115	2,254,412	2,294,507	102
Mature .....	10,012	8,632	9,884	99	115	27,510	27,758	101
Light .....	3,326	2,395	2,906	87	121	8,886	8,238	93
Heavy .....	6,686	6,237	6,978	104	112	18,624	19,520	105
Total .....	842,280	723,209	833,824	99	115	2,281,922	2,322,265	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,427	15,753	19,205	99	122	51,636	51,543	100
Old .....	130	106	122	94	115	418	377	90
Total .....	19,557	15,859	19,327	99	122	52,054	51,920	100
Ducks .....	1,987	2,093	2,471	124	118	5,662	6,846	121
	(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 .....	5,315,922	4,611,098	5,292,039	100	115	14,428,825	14,796,553	103
Mature .....	67,238	60,593	67,865	101	112	185,291	189,918	102
Light .....	11,482	8,368	10,043	87	120	30,854	28,497	92
Heavy .....	55,756	52,225	57,822	104	111	154,437	161,421	105
Total .....	5,383,160	4,671,691	5,359,904	100	115	14,614,116	14,986,471	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	649,318	526,903	629,785	97	120	1,728,939	1,707,012	99
Old .....	3,857	3,266	3,746	97	115	12,328	11,693	95
Total .....	653,175	530,169	633,531	97	119	1,741,267	1,718,705	99
Ducks .....	14,021	14,813	17,321	124	117	39,693	48,009	121
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	171	126	180	105	143	455	458	101
Total .....	6,050,527	5,216,799	6,010,936	99	115	16,395,531	16,753,643	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.39	6.45	6.42	100	100	6.40	6.45	101
Mature .....	6.72	7.02	6.87	102	98	6.74	6.84	101
Light .....	3.45	3.49	3.46	100	99	3.47	3.46	100
Heavy .....	8.34	8.37	8.29	99	99	8.29	8.27	100
Total .....	6.39	6.46	6.43	101	100	6.40	6.45	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	33.42	33.45	32.79	98	98	33.48	33.12	99
Old .....	29.67	30.81	30.70	103	100	29.49	31.02	105
Total .....	33.40	33.43	32.78	98	98	33.45	33.10	99
Ducks .....	7.06	7.08	7.01	99	99	7.01	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 2021	February 2022	March 2022	March 2022 as % of		January to March		2022 as percent of 2021
				March 2021	February 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,732,533	3,261,566	3,735,680	100	115	10,147,944	10,443,038	103
Mature .....	46,308	42,637	47,860	103	112	126,892	133,091	105
Light .....	5,835	4,380	5,372	92	123	15,733	14,966	95
Heavy .....	40,473	38,257	42,488	105	111	111,159	118,125	106
Total .....	3,778,841	3,304,203	3,783,540	100	115	10,274,836	10,576,129	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	314,491	261,936	316,042	100	121	863,340	854,002	99
Old .....	2,881	1,993	2,437	85	122	9,173	7,270	79
Total .....	317,372	263,929	318,479	100	121	872,513	861,272	99
Ducks .....	3,189	4,007	4,415	138	110	9,342	12,589	135
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	107	82	114	107	139	290	293	101
Total .....	4,099,509	3,572,221	4,106,548	100	115	11,156,981	11,450,283	103
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	276,965	222,906	258,289	93	116	745,340	725,700	97
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	276,965	222,906	258,289	93	116	745,340	725,700	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	204,476	158,473	188,854	92	119	516,962	510,660	99
Old .....	51	478	426	835	89	176	1,659	943
Total .....	204,527	158,951	189,280	93	119	517,138	512,319	99
Ducks .....	7,087	6,831	8,282	117	121	19,844	22,581	114
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	11	7	10	91	143	24	23	96
Total .....	488,590	388,695	455,861	93	117	1,282,346	1,260,623	98
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,009,498	3,484,472	3,993,969	100	115	10,893,284	11,168,738	103
Mature .....	46,308	42,637	47,860	103	112	126,892	133,091	105
Light .....	5,835	4,380	5,372	92	123	15,733	14,966	95
Heavy .....	40,473	38,257	42,488	105	111	111,159	118,125	106
Total .....	4,055,806	3,527,109	4,041,829	100	115	11,020,176	11,301,829	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	518,967	420,409	504,896	97	120	1,380,302	1,364,662	99
Old .....	2,932	2,471	2,863	98	116	9,349	8,929	96
Total .....	521,899	422,880	507,759	97	120	1,389,651	1,373,591	99
Ducks .....	10,276	10,838	12,697	124	117	29,186	35,170	121
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	118	89	124	105	139	314	316	101
Total .....	4,588,099	3,960,916	4,562,409	99	115	12,439,327	12,710,906	102

- 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 2021	February 2022	March 2022	March 2022 as % of		January to March		2022 as percent of 2021
				March 2021	February 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,169	10,102	10,563	104	105	29,599	31,552	107
Mature .....	642	819	880	137	107	1,888	2,494	132
Light .....	90	117	64	71	55	280	313	112
Heavy .....	552	702	816	148	116	1,608	2,181	136
Total .....	10,811	10,921	11,443	106	105	31,487	34,046	108
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,960	1,822	1,842	94	101	5,363	5,604	104
Old .....	45	38	17	38	45	148	102	69
Total .....	2,005	1,860	1,859	93	100	5,511	5,706	104
Ducks .....	60	71	75	125	106	178	223	125
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	12,876	12,852	13,377	104	104	37,176	39,975	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.19	0.22	0.20	105	91	0.21	0.21	100
Mature .....	0.95	1.35	1.30	137	96	1.02	1.31	128
Light .....	0.78	1.40	0.64	82	46	0.91	1.10	121
Heavy .....	0.99	1.34	1.41	142	105	1.04	1.35	130
Total .....	0.20	0.23	0.21	105	91	0.22	0.23	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.30	0.35	0.29	97	83	0.31	0.33	106
Old .....	1.17	1.16	0.45	38	39	1.20	0.87	73
Total .....	0.31	0.35	0.29	94	83	0.32	0.33	103
Ducks .....	0.43	0.48	0.43	100	90	0.45	0.46	102
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.21	0.25	0.22	105	88	0.23	0.24	104

<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 condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	March 2022 as % of		January to March		2022 as percent of 2021
				March 2021	February 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	20,784	17,730	20,599	99	116	55,945	57,478	103
Mature .....	1,710	1,347	1,645	96	122	5,420	4,465	82
Light .....	537	344	368	69	107	1,403	1,146	82
Heavy .....	1,173	1,003	1,277	109	127	4,017	3,319	83
Total .....	22,494	19,077	22,244	99	117	61,365	61,943	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	6,478	5,244	5,942	92	113	17,902	16,785	94
Old .....	119	113	157	132	139	365	426	117
Total .....	6,597	5,357	6,099	92	114	18,267	17,211	94
Ducks .....	229	228	234	102	103	578	736	127
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	3	150	150	6	7	117
Total .....	29,322	24,664	28,580	97	116	80,216	79,897	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.52	0.51	0.51	98	100	0.51	0.51	100
Mature .....	3.56	3.06	3.32	93	108	4.10	3.25	79
Light .....	8.43	7.28	6.41	76	88	8.19	7.11	87
Heavy .....	2.82	2.55	2.92	104	115	3.49	2.73	78
Total .....	0.55	0.54	0.55	100	102	0.55	0.55	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.23	1.23	1.16	94	94	1.28	1.22	95
Old .....	3.90	4.37	5.20	133	119	3.76	4.55	121
Total .....	1.25	1.25	1.19	95	95	1.30	1.24	95
Ducks .....	2.18	2.06	1.81	83	88	1.94	2.05	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.67	2.20	2.36	141	107	1.88	2.17	115
Total .....	0.64	0.62	0.62	97	100	0.64	0.62	97

<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 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	552	809	110,301	130,962
Mature .....	-	-	22	21	52,594	51,520
Light .....	-	-	9	11	48,441	46,345
Heavy .....	-	-	13	10	4,153	5,175
Total .....	-	-	574	830	162,895	182,482
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	30	30	9,022	9,412
Old .....	-	-	7	10	605	1,036
Total .....	-	-	37	40	9,627	10,448
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	153,302	181,348	492	621	2,836	2,789
Mature .....	9,754	12,608	152	252	22,321	28,361
Light .....	3,729	4,619	64	85	16,776	21,691
Heavy .....	6,025	7,989	88	167	5,545	6,670
Total .....	163,056	193,956	644	873	25,157	31,150
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,097	1,034	36	54	36	45
Old .....	385	481	9	-	50	98
Total .....	1,482	1,515	45	54	86	143
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	3,630	4,237	2,940	2,808	38,232	46,058
Mature .....	1,884	2,102	106	270	20,842	25,185
Light .....	1,302	1,460	81	146	16,806	20,612
Heavy .....	582	642	25	124	4,036	4,573
Total .....	5,514	6,339	3,046	3,078	59,074	71,243
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	87	83	512	457	803	626
Old .....	12	17	4	8	191	213
Total .....	99	100	516	465	994	839
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	9,613	13,410	345,757	352,430	1,557,270	1,726,578
Mature .....	48	315	35,391	33,090	37,908	27,519
Light .....	40	63	28,387	25,930	-	-
Heavy .....	8	252	7,004	7,160	37,908	27,519
Total .....	9,661	13,725	381,148	385,520	1,595,178	1,754,097
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	117	66	7,352	6,483	42,554	44,998
Old .....	5	5	116	612	62	80
Total .....	122	71	7,468	7,095	42,616	45,078

- 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.

<sup>2</sup> Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

## Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: February and March 2022

[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 .....	90,418	104,685	497,017	569,361	5.50	5.44
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	73,984	90,229	525,221	639,241	7.10	7.08
California .....	21,881	25,291	129,702	149,406	5.93	5.91
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	29,837	33,374	226,679	254,658	7.60	7.63
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	97,344	110,237	573,323	652,672	5.89	5.92
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois .....	53	48	333	300	6.28	6.22
Indiana .....	5,605	6,407	26,798	29,878	4.78	4.66
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	17,627	21,367	119,769	141,275	6.79	6.61
Louisiana .....	12,517	14,743	89,370	104,746	7.14	7.10
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	11,062	12,081	71,959	78,490	6.51	6.50
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	54,218	60,229	343,945	378,303	6.34	6.28
Missouri .....	28,226	37,128	154,505	201,576	5.47	5.43
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	128	160	613	791	4.77	4.94
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,443	2,943	11,664	14,069	4.77	4.78
North Carolina .....	72,768	81,171	596,272	668,508	8.19	8.24
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	9,399	11,747	41,570	52,728	4.42	4.49
Oklahoma .....	10,661	12,518	76,356	89,797	7.16	7.17
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	10,634	12,259	60,559	69,667	5.69	5.68
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	22,692	25,628	176,559	195,804	7.78	7.64
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	26,479	30,566	157,299	181,581	5.94	5.94
Texas .....	56,507	63,786	380,992	426,949	6.74	6.69
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	25,216	27,812	161,729	176,393	6.41	6.34
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 .....	714,577	823,940	4,611,098	5,292,039	6.45	6.42

- 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 2022

[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 .....	380,568	436,037	1,753	2,072	0.46	0.47
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	394,700	482,352	1,334	1,709	0.34	0.35
California .....	97,606	111,573	918	1,544	0.93	1.37
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	175,593	196,964	602	749	0.34	0.38
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	434,993	494,419	2,965	3,126	0.68	0.63
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois .....	248	223	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	19,449	21,690	70	80	0.36	0.37
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	90,268	106,661	525	697	0.58	0.65
Louisiana .....	68,236	79,607	349	422	0.51	0.53
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	53,848	58,457	484	565	0.89	0.96
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	254,453	280,037	922	1,145	0.36	0.41
Missouri .....	113,138	148,329	468	581	0.41	0.39
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	452	580	9	12	2.04	2.04
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,064	8,510	100	140	1.40	1.62
North Carolina .....	459,406	512,572	1,519	1,680	0.33	0.33
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	30,917	39,147	220	281	0.71	0.71
Oklahoma .....	57,348	67,355	161	186	0.28	0.28
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	42,170	48,265	878	954	2.04	1.94
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	132,867	147,591	1,009	1,117	0.75	0.75
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	115,919	133,475	530	549	0.46	0.41
Texas .....	292,756	326,307	1,200	1,221	0.41	0.37
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	121,779	132,667	311	362	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 .....	3,484,472	3,993,969	17,730	20,599	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: February and March 2022

[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 .....	-	-	56	74	8,953	11,207
Arkansas .....	-	-	-	-	166	87
Delaware .....	-	-	38	184	9,615	13,576
Georgia .....	-	-	10	27	16,299	18,195
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	1
Texas .....	-	-	-	-	11,185	11,271
Virginia .....	-	-	34	23	4,745	5,423
United States .....	-	-	552	809	110,301	130,962
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	3,498	5,083	5	3	104	124
Arkansas .....	896	403	1	-	-	1
Delaware .....	5,879	7,290	13	17	73	116
Georgia .....	34,362	22,942	70	54	697	701
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	11	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	7,633	10,303	55	30	375	425
Virginia .....	4,073	5,974	30	36	140	147
United States .....	153,302	181,348	492	621	2,836	2,789
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	214	307	469	494	5,343	5,570
Arkansas .....	20	13	1	-	367	415
Delaware .....	125	195	147	205	580	943
Georgia .....	500	546	1,116	1,014	7,627	8,162
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	166	185	10	10	468	502
Virginia .....	420	432	75	53	646	773
United States .....	3,630	4,237	2,940	2,808	38,232	46,058
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	206	241	44,994	55,314	146,683	164,483
Arkansas .....	29	46	387	229	92,529	121,763
Delaware .....	446	755	1,265	1,607	7,314	7,911
Georgia .....	4,769	6,754	144,360	148,217	160,585	171,411
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	125,741	158,986
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	1	133,383	141,057
Texas .....	368	304	1,702	1,851	92,060	102,607
Virginia .....	78	103	6,434	6,873	147,985	87,387
United States .....	9,613	13,410	345,757	352,430	1,557,270	1,726,578

- 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.

<sup>2</sup> Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

## Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: February and March 2022

[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 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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)
Illinois .....	(Z)	(Z)	8	4	33.44	31.17
Indiana .....	1,844	2,218	76,514	89,924	41.50	40.54
Iowa .....	999	1,232	46,118	57,039	46.18	46.31
Kansas .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,264	3,941	92,338	110,982	28.29	28.16
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	451	616	9,961	13,405	22.06	21.76
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	16	18	284	372	17.63	20.65
North Carolina .....	1,638	1,867	66,123	71,510	40.36	38.30
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	486	575	23,565	28,204	48.52	49.04
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	504	605	14,821	16,509	29.41	27.29
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	349	455	16,892	20,663	48.47	45.37
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 .....	324	349	14,070	14,619	43.45	41.92
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	15,753	19,205	526,903	629,785	33.45	32.79

- 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: February and March 2022

[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 .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois .....	6	3	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	61,469	72,567	759	903	1.22	1.23
Iowa .....	36,513	45,191	566	632	1.53	1.38
Kansas .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
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 .....	74,103	89,068	961	1,105	1.28	1.23
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	8,214	11,037	85	125	1.02	1.12
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	175	231	6	6	3.56	2.66
North Carolina .....	51,254	56,631	307	325	0.60	0.57
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	18,826	22,542	240	288	1.26	1.26
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	11,787	12,943	194	283	1.62	2.14
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	13,488	16,574	234	273	1.70	1.62
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 .....	11,079	11,505	228	179	2.01	1.53
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	420,409	504,896	5,244	5,942	1.23	1.16

- 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 federally condemned prior to entry into the slaughter plant which includes Dead-On-Arrival (DOA) and condemned for other causes.

**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 of birds condemned includes federally inspected and establishment sorted 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 349 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2021. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 31 States.

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