



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 4 Percent from Last Year

April 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

April 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.04 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in April 2021. The March 2022 revised certified total at 4.57 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from March 2021. The March revision represented an increase of 2.73 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2022 was 5.32 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 5.56 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.72 billion pounds, down 4 percent from April 2021. Mature chickens, at 61.1 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 524 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.1 million pounds, up 21 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2022 averaged 6.40 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from April 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 7.11 pounds per bird, up 9 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2022 averaged 31.7 pounds per bird, down 6 percent from April 2021.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2022 totaled 11.6 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 24.8 million pounds, were 0.61 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.65 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of		January to April		2022 as percent of 2021
				April 2021	March 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	762,490	824,227	737,709	97	90	3,016,902	3,032,503	101
Mature	9,966	10,116	8,586	86	85	37,476	36,576	98
Light	3,323	2,906	2,148	65	74	12,209	10,386	85
Heavy	6,643	7,210	6,438	97	89	25,267	26,190	104
Total	772,456	834,343	746,295	97	89	3,054,378	3,069,079	100
Turkeys								
Young	17,009	19,205	16,425	97	86	68,645	67,968	99
Old	155	122	120	77	98	573	497	87
Total	17,164	19,327	16,545	96	86	69,218	68,465	99
Ducks	1,896	2,471	2,292	121	93	7,558	9,138	121
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,907,520	5,293,494	4,718,378	96	89	19,336,345	19,516,386	101
Mature	65,138	69,919	61,081	94	87	250,429	253,053	101
Light	11,172	10,043	7,553	68	75	42,026	36,050	86
Heavy	53,966	59,876	53,528	99	89	208,403	217,003	104
Total	4,972,658	5,363,413	4,779,459	96	89	19,586,774	19,769,439	101
Turkeys								
Young	571,606	629,785	520,693	91	83	2,300,545	2,227,705	97
Old	4,702	3,746	3,617	77	97	17,030	15,310	90
Total	576,308	633,531	524,310	91	83	2,317,575	2,243,015	97
Ducks	13,285	17,321	16,098	121	93	52,978	64,107	121
Other ¹	160	180	162	101	90	615	620	101
Total	5,562,411	6,014,445	5,320,029	96	88	21,957,942	22,077,181	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.44	6.42	6.40	99	100	6.41	6.44	100
Mature	6.54	6.91	7.11	109	103	6.68	6.92	104
Light	3.36	3.46	3.52	105	102	3.44	3.47	101
Heavy	8.12	8.30	8.31	102	100	8.25	8.29	100
Total	6.44	6.43	6.40	99	100	6.41	6.44	100
Turkeys								
Young	33.61	32.79	31.70	94	97	33.51	32.78	98
Old	30.34	30.70	30.14	99	98	29.72	30.80	104
Total	33.58	32.78	31.69	94	97	33.48	32.76	98
Ducks	7.01	7.01	7.02	100	100	7.01	7.02	100

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of		January to April		2022 as percent of 2021
				April 2021	March 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,450,080	3,736,734	3,337,277	97	89	13,598,024	13,781,369	101
Mature	44,780	49,538	43,501	97	88	171,672	178,270	104
Light	5,759	5,372	4,057	70	76	21,492	19,023	89
Heavy	39,021	44,166	39,444	101	89	150,180	159,247	106
Total	3,494,860	3,786,272	3,380,778	97	89	13,769,696	13,959,639	101
Turkeys								
Young	280,867	316,042	251,194	89	79	1,144,207	1,105,196	97
Old	3,524	2,437	2,649	75	109	12,697	9,919	78
Total	284,391	318,479	253,843	89	80	1,156,904	1,115,115	96
Ducks	2,994	4,415	4,455	149	101	12,336	17,044	138
Other ¹	97	114	101	104	89	387	394	102
Total	3,782,342	4,109,280	3,639,177	96	89	14,939,323	15,092,192	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	246,659	258,289	224,462	91	87	991,999	950,162	96
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	246,659	258,289	224,462	91	87	991,999	950,162	96
Turkeys								
Young	176,090	188,854	166,346	94	88	693,052	677,006	98
Old	73	426	133	182	31	249	1,792	720
Total	176,163	189,280	166,479	95	88	693,301	678,798	98
Ducks	6,732	8,282	7,358	109	89	26,576	29,939	113
Other ¹	13	10	11	85	110	37	34	92
Total	429,567	455,861	398,310	93	87	1,711,913	1,658,933	97
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,696,739	3,995,023	3,561,739	96	89	14,590,023	14,731,531	101
Mature	44,780	49,538	43,501	97	88	171,672	178,270	104
Light	5,759	5,372	4,057	70	76	21,492	19,023	89
Heavy	39,021	44,166	39,444	101	89	150,180	159,247	106
Total	3,741,519	4,044,561	3,605,240	96	89	14,761,695	14,909,801	101
Turkeys								
Young	456,957	504,896	417,540	91	83	1,837,259	1,782,202	97
Old	3,597	2,863	2,782	77	97	12,946	11,711	90
Total	460,554	507,759	420,322	91	83	1,850,205	1,793,913	97
Ducks	9,726	12,697	11,813	121	93	38,912	46,983	121
Other ¹	110	124	112	102	90	424	428	101
Total	4,211,909	4,565,141	4,037,487	96	88	16,651,236	16,751,125	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of		January to April		2022 as percent of 2021
				April 2021	March 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,473	10,570	9,280	98	88	39,072	40,839	105
Mature	626	887	803	128	91	2,514	3,304	131
Light	74	64	43	58	67	354	356	101
Heavy	552	823	760	138	92	2,160	2,948	136
Total	10,099	11,457	10,083	100	88	41,586	44,143	106
Turkeys								
Young	1,635	1,842	1,399	86	76	6,998	7,003	100
Old	44	17	29	66	171	192	131	68
Total	1,679	1,859	1,428	85	77	7,190	7,134	99
Ducks	51	75	74	145	99	229	297	130
Total ¹	11,829	13,391	11,585	98	87	49,005	51,574	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.20	0.20	105	100	0.20	0.21	105
Mature	0.96	1.27	1.31	136	103	1.00	1.31	131
Light	0.66	0.64	0.57	86	89	0.84	0.99	118
Heavy	1.02	1.37	1.42	139	104	1.04	1.36	131
Total	0.20	0.21	0.21	105	100	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.29	0.27	93	93	0.30	0.31	103
Old	0.94	0.45	0.80	85	178	1.13	0.86	76
Total	0.29	0.29	0.27	93	93	0.31	0.32	103
Ducks	0.38	0.43	0.46	121	107	0.43	0.46	107
Total ¹	0.21	0.22	0.22	105	100	0.22	0.23	105

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 condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of		January to April		2022 as percent of 2021
				April 2021	March 2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	19,499	20,614	18,143	93	88	75,444	75,636	100
Mature	1,949	1,656	1,512	78	91	7,369	5,988	81
Light	472	368	297	63	81	1,875	1,443	77
Heavy	1,477	1,288	1,215	82	94	5,494	4,545	83
Total	21,448	22,270	19,655	92	88	82,813	81,624	99
Turkeys								
Young	5,843	5,942	4,830	83	81	23,745	21,615	91
Old	132	157	132	100	84	497	558	112
Total	5,975	6,099	4,962	83	81	24,242	22,173	91
Ducks	173	234	208	120	89	751	944	126
Other ¹	2	3	3	150	100	8	10	125
Total	27,598	28,606	24,828	90	87	107,814	104,751	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.52	0.51	0.51	98	100	0.51	0.51	100
Mature	4.17	3.23	3.36	81	104	4.12	3.25	79
Light	7.58	6.41	6.82	90	106	8.02	7.05	88
Heavy	3.65	2.83	2.99	82	106	3.53	2.77	78
Total	0.57	0.55	0.54	95	98	0.56	0.54	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.26	1.16	1.14	90	98	1.28	1.20	94
Old	3.54	5.20	4.53	128	87	3.70	4.55	123
Total	1.28	1.19	1.17	91	98	1.29	1.22	95
Ducks	1.75	1.81	1.73	99	96	1.89	1.97	104
Other ¹	1.79	2.36	2.61	146	111	1.85	2.28	123
Total	0.65	0.62	0.61	94	98	0.64	0.62	97

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: March and April 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	809	457	131,731	101,021
Mature	-	-	21	45	51,520	37,940
Light	-	-	11	33	46,345	33,086
Heavy	-	-	10	12	5,175	4,854
Total	-	-	830	502	183,251	138,961
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	30	55	9,412	7,171
Old	-	-	10	2	1,036	892
Total	-	-	40	57	10,448	8,063
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	181,479	113,245	621	409	2,789	2,574
Mature	12,608	9,033	252	229	28,361	18,158
Light	4,619	3,385	85	94	21,691	12,907
Heavy	7,989	5,648	167	135	6,670	5,251
Total	194,087	122,278	873	638	31,150	20,732
Turkeys						
Young	1,034	1,015	54	6	45	9
Old	481	384	-	11	98	91
Total	1,515	1,399	54	17	143	100
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	4,237	4,295	2,808	2,407	46,058	39,539
Mature	2,102	1,732	270	221	25,185	20,172
Light	1,460	909	146	178	20,612	15,511
Heavy	642	823	124	43	4,573	4,661
Total	6,339	6,027	3,078	2,628	71,243	59,711
Turkeys						
Young	83	36	457	373	626	392
Old	17	20	8	27	213	179
Total	100	56	465	400	839	571
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	13,410	11,837	352,430	302,454	1,726,653	1,526,895
Mature	315	71	33,090	27,552	29,260	29,946
Light	63	43	25,930	21,413	-	-
Heavy	252	28	7,160	6,139	29,260	29,946
Total	13,725	11,908	385,520	330,006	1,755,913	1,556,841
Turkeys						
Young	66	91	6,483	3,118	44,998	38,691
Old	5	15	612	356	80	-
Total	71	106	7,095	3,474	45,078	38,691

- 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.

² 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: March and April 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	104,684	93,839	569,361	512,248	5.44	5.46
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	90,229	81,209	639,241	562,626	7.08	6.93
California	25,358	24,335	149,731	143,856	5.90	5.91
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	33,374	28,480	254,658	213,268	7.63	7.49
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	110,237	99,427	652,672	595,460	5.92	5.99
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	48	51	300	319	6.22	6.22
Indiana	6,407	6,071	29,878	29,462	4.66	4.85
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	21,367	18,591	141,275	120,437	6.61	6.48
Louisiana	14,743	13,176	104,746	91,648	7.10	6.96
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,081	10,439	78,490	68,079	6.50	6.52
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	60,229	54,108	378,303	342,829	6.28	6.34
Missouri	37,216	32,174	201,576	177,271	5.42	5.51
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	160	144	791	712	4.94	4.93
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,943	2,394	14,069	11,238	4.78	4.69
North Carolina	81,273	72,294	669,440	592,640	8.24	8.20
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	11,747	10,680	52,728	46,890	4.49	4.39
Oklahoma	12,518	10,806	89,797	76,853	7.17	7.11
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	12,259	10,140	69,667	57,416	5.68	5.66
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,628	22,134	195,804	167,404	7.64	7.56
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	30,566	27,527	181,581	161,897	5.94	5.88
Texas	63,819	56,585	427,147	379,858	6.69	6.71
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,810	26,470	176,393	167,470	6.34	6.33
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	824,227	737,709	5,293,494	4,718,378	6.42	6.40

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	436,037	393,805	2,072	1,870	0.47	0.47
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	482,352	424,034	1,709	1,403	0.35	0.33
California	111,814	106,735	1,554	1,764	1.37	1.63
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	196,964	164,032	749	635	0.38	0.39
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	494,419	450,299	3,126	2,900	0.63	0.64
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	223	237	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	21,690	21,416	80	79	0.37	0.37
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	106,661	90,621	697	553	0.65	0.61
Louisiana	79,607	69,699	422	363	0.53	0.52
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	58,457	50,849	565	377	0.96	0.74
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	280,037	253,360	1,145	886	0.41	0.35
Missouri	148,329	130,334	581	558	0.39	0.43
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	580	525	12	10	2.04	1.91
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	8,510	6,898	140	104	1.62	1.48
North Carolina	513,236	455,366	1,685	1,416	0.33	0.31
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	39,147	34,986	281	306	0.71	0.87
Oklahoma	67,355	57,564	186	181	0.28	0.31
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	48,265	40,010	954	644	1.94	1.59
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	147,591	126,324	1,117	830	0.75	0.65
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	133,475	119,117	549	611	0.41	0.51
Texas	326,456	291,993	1,221	1,132	0.37	0.39
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	132,667	126,009	362	330	0.27	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	3,995,023	3,561,739	20,614	18,143	0.51	0.51

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: March and April 2022

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	74	34	11,207	7,783
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	87	207
Delaware	-	-	184	36	13,576	10,302
Georgia	-	-	27	6	18,195	17,520
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	1	2
Texas	-	-	-	1	11,271	7,743
Virginia	-	-	23	3	5,423	5,259
United States	-	-	809	457	131,731	101,021

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	5,083	3,962	3	20	124	126
Arkansas	403	257	-	5	1	1
Delaware	7,290	5,997	17	34	116	55
Georgia	22,942	22,447	54	59	701	751
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	11	5	-	-	-	-
Texas	10,303	4,830	30	11	425	240
Virginia	5,974	4,534	36	3	147	104
United States	181,479	113,245	621	409	2,789	2,574

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	307	274	494	236	5,570	4,117
Arkansas	13	9	-	1	415	29
Delaware	195	181	205	88	943	1,046
Georgia	546	598	1,014	879	8,162	7,278
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	185	119	10	13	502	388
Virginia	432	411	53	66	773	664
United States	4,237	4,295	2,808	2,407	46,058	39,539

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	241	264	55,314	42,560	164,483	155,077
Arkansas	46	4	229	288	121,763	91,341
Delaware	755	257	1,607	1,874	7,911	11,817
Georgia	6,754	7,244	148,217	140,595	171,411	151,493
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	158,986	114,519
North Carolina	-	-	1	-	141,132	125,084
Texas	304	116	1,851	1,961	102,607	92,758
Virginia	103	121	6,873	5,755	87,387	55,442
United States	13,410	11,837	352,430	302,454	1,726,653	1,526,895

- 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.

² 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: March and April 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	(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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(Z)	(Z)	4	(Z)	31.17	31.67
Indiana	2,218	1,769	89,924	71,203	40.54	40.26
Iowa	1,232	1,056	57,039	46,859	46.31	44.37
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,941	3,734	110,982	98,496	28.16	26.38
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	616	508	13,405	10,240	21.76	20.17
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	18	6	372	136	20.65	22.87
North Carolina	1,867	1,588	71,510	57,830	38.30	36.43
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	575	496	28,204	24,192	49.04	48.81
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	605	463	16,509	13,528	27.29	29.21
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	455	129	20,663	5,613	45.37	43.35
Tennessee	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(Z)	-	2	-	31.59
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	349	291	14,619	13,145	41.92	45.10
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,205	16,425	629,785	520,693	32.79	31.70

- Represents zero.

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

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(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)	-	(D)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	3	(Z)	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	72,567	57,461	903	665	1.23	1.14
Iowa	45,191	37,125	632	514	1.38	1.37
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	89,068	79,006	1,105	994	1.23	1.24
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	11,037	8,468	125	56	1.12	0.65
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	231	85	6	2	2.66	2.42
North Carolina	56,631	45,979	325	281	0.57	0.61
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,542	19,328	288	275	1.26	1.40
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	12,943	10,639	283	169	2.14	1.56
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	16,574	4,501	273	74	1.62	1.62
Tennessee	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	2	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	11,505	10,381	179	162	1.53	1.54
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	504,896	417,540	5,942	4,830	1.16	1.14

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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 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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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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