



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**May 2020** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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**Poultry certified wholesome** during May 2021 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.12 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in May 2020. The April 2021 revised certified total at 4.21 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from April 2020. The April revision represented an increase of 217,000 pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during May 2021 was 5.42 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.34 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from May 2020. Mature chickens, at 65.6 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 565 million pounds, up 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.2 million pounds, up 16 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during May 2021 averaged 6.46 pounds per bird, up slightly from May 2020. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.82 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2021 averaged 32.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2020.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during May 2021 totaled 11.2 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 26.1 million pounds, were 0.63 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.75 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2020	April 2021	May 2021	May 2021 as % of		January to May		2021 as percent of 2020
				May 2020	April 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 .....	732,215	762,423	738,543	101	97	3,832,714	3,755,255	98
Mature .....	9,275	9,966	9,627	104	97	48,788	47,103	97
Light .....	2,638	3,323	2,979	113	90	14,515	15,188	105
Heavy .....	6,637	6,643	6,648	100	100	34,273	31,915	93
Total .....	741,490	772,389	748,170	101	97	3,881,502	3,802,358	98
Turkeys								
Young .....	16,356	17,009	17,161	105	101	88,839	85,806	97
Old .....	127	155	117	92	75	636	690	108
Total .....	16,483	17,164	17,278	105	101	89,475	86,496	97
Ducks .....	1,655	1,896	1,898	115	100	10,838	9,456	87
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,726,000	4,907,039	4,773,745	101	97	24,431,257	24,108,696	99
Mature .....	63,488	65,138	65,620	103	101	332,482	316,049	95
Light .....	8,971	11,172	10,283	115	92	50,154	52,309	104
Heavy .....	54,517	53,966	55,337	102	103	282,328	263,740	93
Total .....	4,789,488	4,972,177	4,839,365	101	97	24,763,739	24,424,745	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	531,730	571,606	561,687	106	98	2,909,491	2,862,232	98
Old .....	3,687	4,702	3,589	97	76	19,314	20,619	107
Total .....	535,417	576,308	565,276	106	98	2,928,805	2,882,851	98
Ducks .....	11,366	13,285	13,191	116	99	75,847	66,169	87
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	199	160	160	80	100	1,055	775	73
Total .....	5,336,470	5,561,930	5,417,992	102	97	27,769,446	27,374,540	99
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.45	6.44	6.46	100	100	6.37	6.42	101
Mature .....	6.85	6.54	6.82	100	104	6.81	6.71	99
Light .....	3.40	3.36	3.45	101	103	3.46	3.44	99
Heavy .....	8.21	8.12	8.32	101	102	8.24	8.26	100
Total .....	6.46	6.44	6.47	100	100	6.38	6.42	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	32.51	33.61	32.73	101	97	32.75	33.36	102
Old .....	29.03	30.34	30.68	106	101	30.37	29.88	98
Total .....	32.48	33.58	32.72	101	97	32.73	33.33	102
Ducks .....	6.87	7.01	6.95	101	99	7.00	7.00	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	May 2020	April 2021	May 2021	May 2021 as % of		January to May		2021 as percent of 2020
				May 2020	April 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 .....	3,313,515	3,449,766	3,366,714	102	98	17,077,821	16,964,653	99
Mature .....	43,660	44,780	44,851	103	100	225,088	216,523	96
Light .....	4,660	5,759	5,367	115	93	25,691	26,859	105
Heavy .....	39,000	39,021	39,484	101	101	199,397	189,664	95
Total .....	3,357,175	3,494,546	3,411,565	102	98	17,302,909	17,181,176	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	266,119	280,867	273,338	103	97	1,456,587	1,417,545	97
Old .....	2,625	3,524	2,626	100	75	14,087	15,323	109
Total .....	268,744	284,391	275,964	103	97	1,470,674	1,432,868	97
Ducks .....	3,252	2,994	3,441	106	115	19,833	15,777	80
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	125	97	98	78	101	655	485	74
Total .....	3,629,296	3,782,028	3,691,068	102	98	18,794,071	18,630,306	99
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	246,555	246,610	242,906	99	98	1,320,183	1,234,808	94
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	246,555	246,610	242,906	99	98	1,320,183	1,234,808	94
Turkeys								
Young .....	158,650	176,090	175,069	110	99	866,471	868,121	100
Old .....	80	73	60	75	82	348	309	89
Total .....	158,730	176,163	175,129	110	99	866,819	868,430	100
Ducks .....	5,105	6,732	6,292	123	93	35,475	32,868	93
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	14	13	12	86	92	63	49	78
Total .....	410,404	429,518	424,339	103	99	2,222,540	2,136,155	96
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,560,070	3,696,376	3,609,620	101	98	18,398,004	18,199,461	99
Mature .....	43,660	44,780	44,851	103	100	225,088	216,523	96
Light .....	4,660	5,759	5,367	115	93	25,691	26,859	105
Heavy .....	39,000	39,021	39,484	101	101	199,397	189,664	95
Total .....	3,603,730	3,741,156	3,654,471	101	98	18,623,092	18,415,984	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	424,769	456,957	448,407	106	98	2,323,058	2,285,666	98
Old .....	2,705	3,597	2,686	99	75	14,435	15,632	108
Total .....	427,474	460,554	451,093	106	98	2,337,493	2,301,298	98
Ducks .....	8,357	9,726	9,733	116	100	55,308	48,645	88
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	139	110	110	79	100	718	534	74
Total .....	4,039,700	4,211,546	4,115,407	102	98	21,016,611	20,766,461	99

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2020	April 2021	May 2021	May 2021 as % of		January to May		2021 as percent of 2020
				May 2020	April 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 .....	9,197	9,473	8,950	97	94	49,171	48,019	98
Mature .....	561	626	611	109	98	2,852	3,125	110
Light .....	66	74	86	130	116	435	440	101
Heavy .....	495	552	525	106	95	2,417	2,685	111
Total .....	9,758	10,099	9,561	98	95	52,023	51,144	98
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,343	1,635	1,556	116	95	7,673	8,554	111
Old .....	24	44	26	108	59	184	218	118
Total .....	1,367	1,679	1,582	116	94	7,857	8,772	112
Ducks .....	50	51	60	120	118	324	289	89
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	11,175	11,829	11,203	100	95	60,204	60,205	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.19	0.19	0.19	100	100	0.20	0.20	100
Mature .....	0.88	0.96	0.93	106	97	0.86	0.99	115
Light .....	0.74	0.66	0.84	114	127	0.87	0.84	97
Heavy .....	0.91	1.02	0.95	104	93	0.86	1.02	119
Total .....	0.20	0.20	0.20	100	100	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.25	0.29	0.28	112	97	0.26	0.30	115
Old .....	0.65	0.94	0.72	111	77	0.95	1.06	112
Total .....	0.26	0.29	0.28	108	97	0.27	0.30	111
Ducks .....	0.44	0.38	0.45	102	118	0.43	0.44	102
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.21	0.21	0.21	100	100	0.22	0.22	100

<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	May 2020	April 2021	May 2021	May 2021 as % of		January to May		2021 as percent of 2020
				May 2020	April 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 .....	22,782	19,498	17,897	79	92	114,217	93,336	82
Mature .....	1,551	1,949	2,168	140	111	7,203	9,537	132
Light .....	357	472	434	122	92	2,135	2,309	108
Heavy .....	1,194	1,477	1,734	145	117	5,068	7,228	143
Total .....	24,333	21,447	20,065	82	94	121,420	102,873	85
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	5,649	5,843	5,721	101	98	32,169	29,466	92
Old .....	155	132	110	71	83	744	607	82
Total .....	5,804	5,975	5,831	100	98	32,913	30,073	91
Ducks .....	197	173	166	84	96	1,493	917	61
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	2	100	100	11	10	91
Total .....	30,336	27,597	26,064	86	94	155,837	133,873	86
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.64	0.52	0.49	77	94	0.62	0.51	82
Mature .....	3.43	4.17	4.61	134	111	3.10	4.22	136
Light .....	7.12	7.58	7.48	105	99	7.67	7.92	103
Heavy .....	2.97	3.65	4.21	142	115	2.48	3.67	148
Total .....	0.67	0.57	0.55	82	96	0.65	0.56	86
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.31	1.26	1.26	96	100	1.37	1.27	93
Old .....	5.42	3.54	3.93	73	111	4.90	3.74	76
Total .....	1.34	1.28	1.28	96	100	1.39	1.29	93
Ducks .....	2.30	1.75	1.68	73	96	2.63	1.85	70
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.42	1.79	1.79	126	100	1.51	1.84	122
Total .....	0.75	0.65	0.63	84	97	0.74	0.64	86

<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: April and May 2021

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	969	811	493,712	484,193
Mature .....	-	-	23	45	90,474	84,369
Light .....	-	-	5	22	66,060	61,028
Heavy .....	-	-	18	23	24,414	23,341
Total .....	-	-	992	856	584,186	568,562
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	57	73	9,779	7,943
Old .....	-	-	5	7	805	619
Total .....	-	-	62	80	10,584	8,562
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	272,449	251,960	1,077	1,081	12,668	12,548
Mature .....	10,659	7,812	120	354	36,258	30,969
Light .....	6,261	4,663	70	176	19,991	17,064
Heavy .....	4,398	3,149	50	178	16,267	13,905
Total .....	283,108	259,772	1,197	1,435	48,926	43,517
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,178	959	28	36	32	111
Old .....	210	156	3	18	251	79
Total .....	1,388	1,115	31	54	283	190
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	6,811	6,838	32,394	33,355	80,321	76,218
Mature .....	1,510	1,511	266	245	36,120	25,307
Light .....	1,188	1,169	116	129	32,805	22,025
Heavy .....	322	342	150	116	3,315	3,282
Total .....	8,321	8,349	32,660	33,600	116,441	101,525
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	63	105	131	236	775	789
Old .....	24	20	25	30	52	43
Total .....	87	125	156	266	827	832
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	28,220	33,609	606,956	629,247	1,535,577	1,529,860
Mature .....	463	244	65,627	57,308	241,520	208,164
Light .....	34	24	43,604	35,581	170,134	141,881
Heavy .....	429	220	22,023	21,727	71,386	66,283
Total .....	28,683	33,853	672,583	686,555	1,777,097	1,738,024
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	115	56	8,344	7,850	20,502	18,158
Old .....	1	11	1,222	1,406	2,598	2,389
Total .....	116	67	9,566	9,256	23,100	20,547

- 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: April and May 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	96,783	93,362	542,338	524,623	5.60	5.62
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	83,499	76,572	595,439	544,618	7.13	7.11
California .....	23,509	22,076	145,382	137,022	6.18	6.21
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	29,643	28,170	224,088	220,275	7.56	7.82
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	101,104	100,085	611,090	607,814	6.04	6.07
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,338	6,292	30,342	28,614	4.79	4.55
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	23,158	23,002	151,153	150,562	6.53	6.55
Louisiana .....	13,758	13,661	96,731	94,586	7.03	6.92
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	11,045	10,751	72,002	70,635	6.52	6.57
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	58,876	54,785	371,087	343,178	6.30	6.26
Missouri .....	34,187	33,258	174,884	172,387	5.12	5.18
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,196	2,282	10,322	10,681	4.70	4.68
North Carolina .....	74,972	75,710	611,061	627,652	8.15	8.29
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	10,717	10,058	76,364	70,641	7.13	7.02
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,232	10,256	59,249	58,685	5.79	5.72
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	23,894	23,862	177,425	179,883	7.43	7.54
South Dakota .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Tennessee .....	26,343	25,823	152,039	151,145	5.77	5.85
Texas .....	59,560	56,344	402,503	373,989	6.76	6.64
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	26,872	26,276	166,393	165,580	6.19	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 .....	762,423	738,543	4,907,039	4,773,745	6.44	6.46

- Represents zero.

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

# Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	411,840	397,178	2,104	1,979	0.51	0.50
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	448,742	410,937	1,757	1,578	0.39	0.38
California .....	108,678	102,916	1,048	1,118	0.96	1.07
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	172,497	169,145	698	645	0.40	0.38
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	455,580	461,687	2,927	2,678	0.64	0.58
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	22,023	20,812	180	116	0.81	0.55
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	114,267	113,465	550	480	0.48	0.42
Louisiana .....	73,513	71,820	305	307	0.41	0.43
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	53,918	53,005	365	341	0.67	0.64
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	273,046	257,424	1,269	1,044	0.46	0.40
Missouri .....	128,531	126,503	408	510	0.32	0.40
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 .....	6,343	6,480	104	82	1.61	1.25
North Carolina .....	470,220	483,054	1,482	1,499	0.31	0.31
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	57,187	52,910	253	211	0.44	0.40
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	40,957	40,931	750	762	1.80	1.83
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	133,687	135,654	918	784	0.68	0.57
South Dakota .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Tennessee .....	112,880	112,311	408	410	0.36	0.36
Texas .....	312,669	290,670	1,815	1,360	0.58	0.47
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	123,808	123,304	342	338	0.28	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 .....	3,696,376	3,609,620	19,498	17,897	0.52	0.49

- 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: April and May 2021

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	167	57	33,160	28,394
Arkansas .....	-	-	36	36	30,942	31,069
Delaware .....	-	-	51	53	15,789	15,450
Georgia .....	-	-	3	2	51,661	48,870
Mississippi .....	-	-	34	34	9,389	9,749
North Carolina .....	-	-	68	68	41,380	41,380
Texas .....	-	-	96	95	55,204	53,444
Virginia .....	-	-	10	8	15,613	16,032
United States .....	-	-	969	811	493,712	484,193

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	26,990	27,031	94	95	1,270	1,147
Arkansas .....	6,682	6,693	81	108	1,002	1,002
Delaware .....	9,657	10,063	25	21	202	232
Georgia .....	70,726	65,280	58	105	1,912	1,773
Mississippi .....	5,237	5,237	10	10	568	568
North Carolina .....	10,576	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas .....	16,184	15,432	128	95	914	860
Virginia .....	10,564	10,343	3	3	168	156
United States .....	272,449	251,960	1,077	1,081	12,668	12,548

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	566	582	2,942	2,897	12,032	10,148
Arkansas .....	168	163	2,795	2,794	3,282	3,265
Delaware .....	377	352	691	695	2,418	2,193
Georgia .....	718	912	8,865	8,482	18,779	17,669
Mississippi .....	433	433	1,885	1,885	787	787
North Carolina .....	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas .....	364	348	320	290	3,970	3,856
Virginia .....	710	700	539	509	1,734	1,852
United States .....	6,811	6,838	32,394	33,355	80,321	76,218

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	462	501	61,594	68,063	139,277	138,915
Arkansas .....	1,798	1,795	81,396	81,299	128,182	128,224
Delaware .....	2,580	1,520	4,284	4,195	36,074	34,774
Georgia .....	7,255	8,220	94,717	124,560	254,694	275,873
Mississippi .....	1,015	1,015	5,717	5,717	25,075	25,435
North Carolina .....	1,987	1,986	19,712	19,711	80,795	80,790
Texas .....	839	940	17,900	16,578	95,919	91,938
Virginia .....	336	341	13,146	13,094	42,823	43,038
United States .....	28,220	33,609	606,956	629,247	1,535,577	1,529,860

- 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: April and May 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,628	2,639	53,411	55,260	20.33	20.94
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(Z)	(Z)	2	1	24.69	32.76
Indiana .....	1,964	1,920	82,458	81,202	41.99	42.30
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,641	3,772	95,811	90,925	26.31	24.11
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	765	702	29,165	25,553	38.14	36.39
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 .....	513	520	25,271	25,200	49.24	48.48
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	528	510	16,481	15,884	31.21	31.12
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 .....	17,009	17,161	571,606	561,687	33.61	32.73

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

# Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(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 .....	44,538	46,085	345	381	0.77	0.82
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	2	(Z)	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	66,214	65,011	883	807	1.32	1.23
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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 .....	76,722	72,745	941	893	1.21	1.21
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	23,697	20,915	224	232	0.93	1.10
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 .....	20,206	20,148	261	315	1.27	1.54
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	13,110	12,589	239	287	1.79	2.23
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 .....	456,957	448,407	5,843	5,721	1.26	1.26

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

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

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations:** Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Certified Ready-to-Cook:** The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

**Ducks:** Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

**Mature Chickens:** Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Old Turkeys:** Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

**Post-Mortem Condemnations:** Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Young Chickens:** Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

**Young Turkeys:** Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

## Statistical Methodology

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 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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