



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**May 2021** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**May 2022** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during May 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in May 2021. The April 2022 revised certified total at 4.04 billion pounds, was down 4 percent from April 2021. The April revision represented an increase of 3.19 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during May 2022 was 5.60 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.01 billion pounds, up 5 percent from May 2021. Mature chickens, at 66.1 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 516 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during May 2022 averaged 6.42 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from May 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.85 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2022 averaged 31.1 pounds per bird, down 5 percent from May 2021.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during May 2022 totaled 12.4 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 26.0 million pounds, were 0.61 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.63 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2021	April 2022	May 2022	May 2022 as % of		January to May		2022 as percent of 2021
				May 2021	April 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 .....	738,974	738,353	780,233	106	106	3,755,876	3,813,380	102
Mature .....	9,627	8,586	9,660	100	113	47,103	46,236	98
Light .....	2,979	2,148	3,053	102	142	15,188	13,439	88
Heavy .....	6,648	6,438	6,607	99	103	31,915	32,797	103
Total .....	748,601	746,939	789,893	106	106	3,802,979	3,859,616	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	17,161	16,427	16,474	96	100	85,806	84,444	98
Old .....	117	120	108	92	90	690	605	88
Total .....	17,278	16,547	16,582	96	100	86,496	85,049	98
Ducks .....	1,898	2,292	1,995	105	87	9,456	11,133	118
	(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 .....	4,776,240	4,722,786	5,005,687	105	106	24,112,585	24,526,481	102
Mature .....	65,620	61,081	66,127	101	108	316,049	319,180	101
Light .....	10,283	7,553	10,501	102	139	52,309	46,551	89
Heavy .....	55,337	53,528	55,626	101	104	263,740	272,629	103
Total .....	4,841,860	4,783,867	5,071,814	105	106	24,428,634	24,845,661	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	561,687	520,697	512,283	91	98	2,862,232	2,739,992	96
Old .....	3,589	3,617	3,378	94	93	20,619	18,688	91
Total .....	565,276	524,314	515,661	91	98	2,882,851	2,758,680	96
Ducks .....	13,191	16,098	14,269	108	89	66,169	78,376	118
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	165	162	171	104	106	780	791	101
Total .....	5,420,492	5,324,441	5,601,915	103	105	27,378,434	27,683,508	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.46	6.40	6.42	99	100	6.42	6.43	100
Mature .....	6.82	7.11	6.85	100	96	6.71	6.90	103
Light .....	3.45	3.52	3.44	100	98	3.44	3.46	101
Heavy .....	8.32	8.31	8.42	101	101	8.26	8.31	101
Total .....	6.47	6.40	6.42	99	100	6.42	6.44	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	32.73	31.70	31.10	95	98	33.36	32.45	97
Old .....	30.68	30.14	31.28	102	104	29.88	30.89	103
Total .....	32.72	31.69	31.10	95	98	33.33	32.44	97
Ducks .....	6.95	7.02	7.15	103	102	7.00	7.04	101

<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 2021	April 2022	May 2022	May 2022 as % of		January to May		2022 as percent of 2021
				May 2021	April 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 .....	3,368,653	3,340,461	3,544,945	105	106	16,966,677	17,329,498	102
Mature .....	44,851	43,501	46,715	104	107	216,523	224,985	104
Light .....	5,367	4,057	5,488	102	135	26,859	24,511	91
Heavy .....	39,484	39,444	41,227	104	105	189,664	200,474	106
Total .....	3,413,504	3,383,962	3,591,660	105	106	17,183,200	17,554,483	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	273,338	251,384	245,027	90	97	1,417,545	1,350,413	95
Old .....	2,626	2,649	2,527	96	95	15,323	12,446	81
Total .....	275,964	254,033	247,554	90	97	1,432,868	1,362,859	95
Ducks .....	3,441	4,455	4,190	122	94	15,777	21,234	135
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	101	101	107	106	106	488	501	103
Total .....	3,693,010	3,642,551	3,843,511	104	106	18,632,333	18,939,077	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	242,906	224,462	232,626	96	104	1,234,905	1,182,788	96
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	242,906	224,462	232,626	96	104	1,234,905	1,182,788	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	175,022	166,163	165,151	94	99	868,074	841,974	97
Old .....	60	133	53	88	40	309	1,845	597
Total .....	175,082	166,296	165,204	94	99	868,383	843,819	97
Ducks .....	6,292	7,358	6,001	95	82	32,868	35,940	109
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	12	11	13	108	118	49	47	96
Total .....	424,292	398,127	403,844	95	101	2,136,205	2,062,594	97
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,611,559	3,564,923	3,777,571	105	106	18,201,582	18,512,286	102
Mature .....	44,851	43,501	46,715	104	107	216,523	224,985	104
Light .....	5,367	4,057	5,488	102	135	26,859	24,511	91
Heavy .....	39,484	39,444	41,227	104	105	189,664	200,474	106
Total .....	3,656,410	3,608,424	3,824,286	105	106	18,418,105	18,737,271	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	448,360	417,547	410,178	91	98	2,285,619	2,192,387	96
Old .....	2,686	2,782	2,580	96	93	15,632	14,291	91
Total .....	451,046	420,329	412,758	92	98	2,301,251	2,206,678	96
Ducks .....	9,733	11,813	10,191	105	86	48,645	57,174	118
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	113	112	120	106	107	537	548	102
Total .....	4,117,302	4,040,678	4,247,355	103	105	20,768,538	21,001,671	101

- 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 2021	April 2022	May 2022	May 2022 as % of		January to May		2022 as percent of 2021
				May 2021	April 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 .....	8,954	9,290	9,901	111	107	48,026	50,750	106
Mature .....	611	803	855	140	106	3,125	4,159	133
Light .....	86	43	72	84	167	440	428	97
Heavy .....	525	760	783	149	103	2,685	3,731	139
Total .....	9,565	10,093	10,756	112	107	51,151	54,909	107
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,556	1,399	1,536	99	110	8,554	8,539	100
Old .....	26	29	29	112	100	218	160	73
Total .....	1,582	1,428	1,565	99	110	8,772	8,699	99
Ducks .....	60	74	86	143	116	289	383	133
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	11,207	11,595	12,407	111	107	60,212	63,991	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.19	0.20	0.20	105	100	0.20	0.21	105
Mature .....	0.93	1.31	1.29	139	98	0.99	1.30	131
Light .....	0.84	0.57	0.69	82	121	0.84	0.92	110
Heavy .....	0.95	1.42	1.41	148	99	1.02	1.37	134
Total .....	0.20	0.21	0.21	105	100	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.28	0.27	0.30	107	111	0.30	0.31	103
Old .....	0.72	0.80	0.86	119	108	1.06	0.86	81
Total .....	0.28	0.27	0.30	107	111	0.30	0.32	107
Ducks .....	0.45	0.46	0.60	133	130	0.44	0.49	111
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.21	0.22	0.22	105	100	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 condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	May 2021	April 2022	May 2022	May 2022 as % of		January to May		2022 as percent of 2021
				May 2021	April 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 .....	17,919	18,161	19,190	107	106	93,363	94,844	102
Mature .....	2,168	1,512	1,624	75	107	9,537	7,612	80
Light .....	434	297	427	98	144	2,309	1,870	81
Heavy .....	1,734	1,215	1,197	69	99	7,228	5,742	79
Total .....	20,087	19,673	20,814	104	106	102,900	102,456	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	5,721	4,835	4,845	85	100	29,466	26,465	90
Old .....	110	132	149	135	113	607	707	116
Total .....	5,831	4,967	4,994	86	101	30,073	27,172	90
Ducks .....	166	208	235	142	113	917	1,179	129
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	3	3	150	100	10	13	130
Total .....	26,086	24,851	26,046	100	105	133,900	130,820	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.49	0.51	0.51	104	100	0.51	0.51	100
Mature .....	4.61	3.36	3.36	73	100	4.22	3.27	77
Light .....	7.48	6.82	7.22	97	106	7.92	7.09	90
Heavy .....	4.21	2.99	2.82	67	94	3.67	2.78	76
Total .....	0.55	0.54	0.54	98	100	0.56	0.54	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.26	1.14	1.17	93	103	1.27	1.19	94
Old .....	3.93	4.53	5.46	139	121	3.74	4.71	126
Total .....	1.28	1.17	1.20	94	103	1.29	1.22	95
Ducks .....	1.68	1.73	2.25	134	130	1.85	2.02	109
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.74	2.61	2.44	140	93	1.83	2.32	127
Total .....	0.63	0.61	0.61	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: April and May 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	457	682	101,647	102,252
Mature .....	-	-	45	64	37,940	56,482
Light .....	-	-	33	49	33,086	51,594
Heavy .....	-	-	12	15	4,854	4,888
Total .....	-	-	502	746	139,587	158,734
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	55	27	7,171	6,130
Old .....	-	-	2	10	892	983
Total .....	-	-	57	37	8,063	7,113
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	113,400	113,430	409	671	2,575	2,628
Mature .....	9,033	12,559	229	166	18,158	25,822
Light .....	3,385	6,825	94	45	12,907	22,023
Heavy .....	5,648	5,734	135	121	5,251	3,799
Total .....	122,433	125,989	638	837	20,733	28,450
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,015	945	6	49	9	7
Old .....	384	606	11	5	91	202
Total .....	1,399	1,551	17	54	100	209
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	4,301	4,419	2,407	2,088	39,572	43,093
Mature .....	1,732	2,198	221	211	20,172	28,768
Light .....	909	1,470	178	162	15,511	25,645
Heavy .....	823	728	43	49	4,661	3,123
Total .....	6,033	6,617	2,628	2,299	59,744	71,861
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	36	79	373	253	392	670
Old .....	20	12	27	41	179	143
Total .....	56	91	400	294	571	813
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,838	16,359	302,534	299,045	1,527,487	1,586,565
Mature .....	71	426	27,552	42,226	29,946	30,161
Light .....	43	52	21,413	37,093	-	-
Heavy .....	28	374	6,139	5,133	29,946	30,161
Total .....	11,909	16,785	330,086	341,271	1,557,433	1,616,726
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	91	89	3,118	2,798	38,691	40,094
Old .....	15	19	356	262	-	-
Total .....	106	108	3,474	3,060	38,691	40,094

- 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: April and May 2022

[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 .....	93,904	100,438	512,248	556,635	5.46	5.54
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	81,113	80,836	562,626	552,178	6.94	6.83
California .....	24,463	23,942	144,524	143,654	5.91	6.00
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	28,685	29,152	214,662	222,037	7.48	7.62
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	99,767	107,087	597,765	640,751	5.99	5.98
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	51	55	319	344	6.22	6.22
Indiana .....	6,071	6,222	29,462	29,710	4.85	4.77
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	18,591	20,411	120,437	134,638	6.48	6.60
Louisiana .....	13,176	13,763	91,648	96,786	6.96	7.03
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	10,439	11,822	68,079	74,781	6.52	6.33
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	54,108	58,223	342,829	370,328	6.34	6.36
Missouri .....	32,171	33,577	177,271	185,275	5.51	5.52
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	144	140	712	717	4.93	5.10
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,394	2,683	11,238	12,734	4.69	4.75
North Carolina .....	72,299	77,799	592,682	641,349	8.20	8.24
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	10,680	10,525	46,890	45,957	4.39	4.37
Oklahoma .....	10,806	11,101	76,853	73,417	7.11	6.61
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	10,140	11,753	57,415	67,314	5.66	5.73
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	22,134	24,488	167,404	187,580	7.56	7.66
South Dakota .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Tennessee .....	27,527	31,052	161,897	185,818	5.88	5.98
Texas .....	56,585	59,105	379,858	397,809	6.71	6.73
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	26,470	27,413	167,470	176,084	6.33	6.42
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 .....	738,353	780,233	4,722,786	5,005,687	6.40	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: April and May 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>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	393,805	427,155	1,870	1,945	0.47	0.45
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	424,034	416,596	1,403	1,472	0.33	0.35
California .....	107,233	107,181	1,771	1,833	1.62	1.68
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	165,075	171,507	637	645	0.38	0.37
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	451,913	483,339	2,909	3,006	0.64	0.62
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	237	255	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	21,416	21,502	79	82	0.37	0.38
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	90,621	101,314	553	577	0.61	0.57
Louisiana .....	69,699	73,685	363	329	0.52	0.44
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	50,849	55,713	377	348	0.74	0.62
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	253,360	274,927	886	885	0.35	0.32
Missouri .....	130,334	135,910	558	603	0.43	0.44
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	525	531	10	11	1.91	1.97
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,898	7,731	104	126	1.48	1.60
North Carolina .....	455,396	491,840	1,416	1,713	0.31	0.35
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	34,986	34,425	306	286	0.87	0.82
Oklahoma .....	57,564	55,003	181	170	0.31	0.31
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	40,009	46,284	644	652	1.59	1.39
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	126,324	141,345	830	945	0.65	0.66
South Dakota .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Tennessee .....	119,117	136,403	611	724	0.51	0.53
Texas .....	291,993	305,780	1,132	1,190	0.39	0.39
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	126,009	132,668	330	362	0.26	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 .....	3,564,923	3,777,571	18,161	19,190	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: April and May 2022

[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 .....	-	-	34	38	7,783	7,684
Arkansas .....	-	-	-	-	207	232
Delaware .....	-	-	36	39	10,302	12,161
Georgia .....	-	-	6	12	17,520	16,339
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
Texas .....	-	-	1	1	7,743	7,842
Virginia .....	-	-	3	2	5,259	4,571
United States .....	-	-	457	682	101,647	102,252

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	3,962	3,861	20	36	126	109
Arkansas .....	257	296	5	11	1	5
Delaware .....	5,997	6,464	34	25	55	49
Georgia .....	22,447	25,771	59	28	751	637
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	5	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	4,830	5,204	11	27	240	225
Virginia .....	4,534	4,661	3	1	104	105
United States .....	113,400	113,430	409	671	2,575	2,628

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	274	268	236	282	4,117	6,328
Arkansas .....	9	7	1	3	29	53
Delaware .....	181	201	88	112	1,046	1,158
Georgia .....	598	666	879	566	7,278	7,613
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	119	102	13	7	388	440
Virginia .....	411	378	66	54	664	663
United States .....	4,301	4,419	2,407	2,088	39,572	43,093

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	264	241	42,560	45,076	155,077	150,678
Arkansas .....	4	110	288	258	91,341	99,444
Delaware .....	257	923	1,874	1,866	12,220	10,491
Georgia .....	7,244	10,188	140,595	131,594	151,682	144,127
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	114,519	117,254
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	125,084	142,233
Texas .....	116	621	1,961	1,871	92,758	84,512
Virginia .....	121	573	5,755	8,470	55,442	74,994
United States .....	11,838	16,359	302,534	299,045	1,527,487	1,586,565

- 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: April and May 2022

[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 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	7	31.67	25.64
Indiana .....	1,769	1,916	71,203	75,692	40.26	39.51
Iowa .....	1,056	1,034	46,859	44,421	44.37	42.95
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,736	3,188	98,501	77,128	26.37	24.20
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	508	488	10,240	10,219	20.17	20.94
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	6	18	136	399	22.87	22.45
North Carolina .....	1,588	1,661	57,830	58,393	36.43	35.15
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	496	547	24,192	26,133	48.81	47.77
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	463	635	13,527	17,677	29.21	27.84
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	129	84	5,613	3,683	43.35	43.93
Tennessee .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(Z)	2	2	76	31.59	31.06
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	291	209	13,145	8,953	45.10	42.87
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	16,427	16,474	520,697	512,283	31.70	31.10

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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 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>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(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 .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	(Z)	5	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	57,461	60,797	665	761	1.14	1.24
Iowa .....	37,125	34,977	514	449	1.37	1.27
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(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 .....	79,013	61,889	999	844	1.25	1.35
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	8,468	8,438	56	72	0.65	0.85
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 .....	85	248	2	7	2.42	2.80
North Carolina .....	45,979	46,435	281	269	0.61	0.58
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,328	20,885	275	286	1.40	1.35
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	10,639	14,104	169	210	1.56	1.46
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	4,501	2,954	74	54	1.62	1.81
Tennessee .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	2	61	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	10,381	7,046	162	145	1.54	2.01
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	417,547	410,178	4,835	4,845	1.14	1.17

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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 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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