



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during July 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.30 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in July 2019. The June 2020 revised certified total at 4.33 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from June 2019. The June revision represented an increase of 11.9 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during July 2020 was 5.68 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.84 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.97 billion pounds, down 4 percent from July 2019. Mature chickens, at 71.0 million pounds, were up 16 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 633 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 9.94 million pounds, down 36 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2020 averaged 6.33 pounds per bird, up slightly from July 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.91 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2020 averaged 32.2 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from July 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2020 totaled 13.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 28.6 million pounds, were 0.66 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.73 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	July 2020 as % of		January to July		2020 as percent of 2019
				July 2019	June 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	814,443	773,413	785,128	96	102	5,332,967	5,391,010	101
Mature	9,068	9,958	10,284	113	103	66,857	69,030	103
Light	2,889	3,192	3,029	105	95	20,760	20,736	100
Heavy	6,179	6,766	7,255	117	107	46,097	48,294	105
Total	823,511	783,371	795,412	97	102	5,399,824	5,460,040	101
Turkeys								
Young	19,296	18,983	19,563	101	103	129,667	127,385	98
Old	188	127	109	58	86	926	872	94
Total	19,484	19,110	19,672	101	103	130,593	128,257	98
Ducks	2,283	1,442	1,472	64	102	15,968	13,752	86
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,147,407	5,011,992	4,966,804	96	99	33,464,411	34,408,343	103
Mature	61,151	67,065	71,022	116	106	451,019	470,569	104
Light	9,868	11,152	10,629	108	95	71,502	71,935	101
Heavy	51,283	55,913	60,393	118	108	379,517	398,634	105
Total	5,208,558	5,079,057	5,037,826	97	99	33,915,430	34,878,912	103
Turkeys								
Young	610,283	622,960	630,187	103	101	4,218,104	4,162,638	99
Old	5,668	3,963	3,225	57	81	27,561	26,502	96
Total	615,951	626,923	633,412	103	101	4,245,665	4,189,140	99
Ducks	15,561	9,908	9,936	64	100	112,142	95,691	85
Other ¹	310	262	247	80	94	1,526	1,564	102
Total	5,840,380	5,716,150	5,681,421	97	99	38,274,763	39,165,307	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.32	6.48	6.33	100	98	6.28	6.38	102
Mature	6.74	6.73	6.91	103	103	6.75	6.82	101
Light	3.42	3.49	3.51	103	101	3.44	3.47	101
Heavy	8.30	8.26	8.32	100	101	8.23	8.25	100
Total	6.32	6.48	6.33	100	98	6.28	6.39	102
Turkeys								
Young	31.63	32.82	32.21	102	98	32.53	32.68	100
Old	30.15	31.20	29.59	98	95	29.76	30.39	102
Total	31.61	32.81	32.20	102	98	32.51	32.66	100
Ducks	6.82	6.87	6.75	99	98	7.02	6.96	99

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	July 2020 as % of		January to July		2020 as percent of 2019
				July 2019	June 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,584,268	3,505,173	3,475,457	97	99	23,395,230	24,056,893	103
Mature	40,768	46,529	49,719	122	107	301,048	321,336	107
Light	4,984	5,783	5,388	108	93	36,360	36,862	101
Heavy	35,784	40,746	44,331	124	109	264,688	284,474	107
Total	3,625,036	3,551,702	3,525,176	97	99	23,696,278	24,378,229	103
Turkeys								
Young	314,081	303,025	311,084	99	103	2,113,671	2,070,696	98
Old	4,067	2,960	2,296	56	78	20,269	19,343	95
Total	318,148	305,985	313,380	99	102	2,133,940	2,090,039	98
Ducks	4,064	3,125	2,994	74	96	30,580	25,952	85
Other ¹	185	169	152	82	90	949	976	103
Total	3,947,433	3,860,981	3,841,702	97	100	25,861,747	26,495,196	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	291,050	274,825	265,258	91	97	1,808,822	1,860,266	103
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total	291,050	274,825	265,258	91	97	1,808,899	1,860,266	103
Turkeys								
Young	173,345	194,649	191,663	111	98	1,254,121	1,252,783	100
Old	73	70	62	85	89	425	480	113
Total	173,418	194,719	191,725	111	98	1,254,546	1,253,263	100
Ducks	7,273	4,130	4,330	60	105	51,268	43,935	86
Other ¹	15	14	12	80	86	72	89	124
Total	471,756	473,688	461,325	98	97	3,114,785	3,157,553	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,875,318	3,779,998	3,740,715	97	99	25,204,052	25,917,159	103
Mature	40,768	46,529	49,719	122	107	301,125	321,336	107
Light	4,984	5,783	5,388	108	93	36,360	36,862	101
Heavy	35,784	40,746	44,331	124	109	264,765	284,474	107
Total	3,916,086	3,826,527	3,790,434	97	99	25,505,177	26,238,495	103
Turkeys								
Young	487,426	497,674	502,747	103	101	3,367,792	3,323,479	99
Old	4,140	3,030	2,358	57	78	20,694	19,823	96
Total	491,566	500,704	505,105	103	101	3,388,486	3,343,302	99
Ducks	11,337	7,255	7,324	65	101	81,848	69,887	85
Other ¹	200	183	164	82	90	1,021	1,065	104
Total	4,419,189	4,334,669	4,303,027	97	99	28,976,532	29,652,749	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	July 2020 as % of		January to July		2020 as percent of 2019
				July 2019	June 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,782	10,025	10,786	92	108	74,560	69,980	94
Mature	576	627	694	120	111	4,243	4,173	98
Light	140	131	158	113	121	867	724	84
Heavy	436	496	536	123	108	3,376	3,449	102
Total	12,358	10,652	11,480	93	108	78,803	74,153	94
Turkeys								
Young	1,897	1,670	1,957	103	117	12,064	11,300	94
Old	66	31	46	70	148	277	261	94
Total	1,963	1,701	2,003	102	118	12,341	11,561	94
Ducks	86	54	61	71	113	511	439	86
Total ¹	14,408	12,407	13,544	94	109	91,660	86,153	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.20	0.22	96	110	0.22	0.20	91
Mature	0.94	0.93	0.98	104	105	0.94	0.89	95
Light	1.42	1.17	1.49	105	127	1.21	1.01	83
Heavy	0.85	0.89	0.89	105	100	0.89	0.87	98
Total	0.24	0.21	0.23	96	110	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.31	0.27	0.31	100	115	0.29	0.27	93
Old	1.16	0.78	1.43	123	183	1.01	0.98	97
Total	0.32	0.27	0.32	100	119	0.29	0.28	97
Ducks	0.55	0.55	0.61	111	111	0.46	0.46	100
Total ¹	0.25	0.22	0.24	96	109	0.24	0.22	92

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 inspected only]

Commodity	July 2019	June 2020	July 2020	July 2020 as % of		January to July		2020 as percent of 2019
				July 2019	June 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	23,323	20,785	19,462	83	94	174,367	154,458	89
Mature	1,792	1,659	2,499	139	151	11,459	11,361	99
Light	344	456	396	115	87	2,658	2,987	112
Heavy	1,448	1,203	2,103	145	175	8,801	8,374	95
Total	25,115	22,444	21,961	87	98	185,826	165,819	89
Turkeys								
Young	6,876	6,433	6,326	92	98	49,565	44,928	91
Old	184	112	109	59	97	963	965	100
Total	7,060	6,545	6,435	91	98	50,528	45,893	91
Ducks	245	209	173	71	83	2,024	1,875	93
Other ¹	3	2	2	67	100	16	15	94
Total	32,423	29,200	28,571	88	98	238,394	213,602	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.60	0.55	0.52	87	95	0.69	0.59	86
Mature	4.21	3.44	4.79	114	139	3.67	3.41	93
Light	6.46	7.31	6.85	106	94	6.81	7.50	110
Heavy	3.89	2.87	4.53	116	158	3.22	2.86	89
Total	0.64	0.58	0.58	91	100	0.72	0.63	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.39	1.28	1.24	89	97	1.45	1.33	92
Old	4.26	3.56	4.42	104	124	4.45	4.64	104
Total	1.42	1.29	1.26	89	98	1.47	1.35	92
Ducks	2.12	2.80	2.31	109	83	2.41	2.61	108
Other ¹	1.48	1.08	1.20	81	111	1.54	1.39	90
Total	0.73	0.67	0.66	90	99	0.82	0.72	88

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: June and July 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	982	899	572,797	543,825
Mature	-	-	67	34	68,846	66,870
Light	-	-	14	10	44,502	43,280
Heavy	-	-	53	24	24,344	23,590
Total	-	-	1,049	933	641,643	610,695
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	15	10	10,596	11,062
Old	-	-	3	2	616	517
Total	-	-	18	12	11,212	11,579
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	237,796	216,611	1,203	1,169	12,232	11,527
Mature	10,214	12,335	116	101	26,271	23,542
Light	6,870	7,818	80	47	11,467	9,377
Heavy	3,344	4,517	36	54	14,804	14,165
Total	248,010	228,946	1,319	1,270	38,503	35,069
Turkeys						
Young	1,529	2,126	105	161	32	87
Old	149	189	-	13	104	167
Total	1,678	2,315	105	174	136	254
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,739	6,487	36,162	35,121	111,566	108,610
Mature	1,053	1,478	278	230	23,315	25,156
Light	954	1,313	143	86	20,792	22,330
Heavy	99	165	135	144	2,523	2,826
Total	7,792	7,965	36,440	35,351	134,881	133,766
Turkeys						
Young	111	70	219	490	607	598
Old	14	12	38	25	63	28
Total	125	82	257	515	670	626
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	29,690	32,320	558,302	542,945	1,567,469	1,499,514
Mature	820	478	70,604	59,048	201,584	189,272
Light	5	16	47,488	37,425	132,315	121,702
Heavy	815	462	23,116	21,623	69,269	67,570
Total	30,510	32,798	628,906	601,993	1,769,053	1,688,786
Turkeys						
Young	91	112	8,706	9,564	22,011	24,280
Old	46	21	158	240	1,191	1,214
Total	137	133	8,864	9,804	23,202	25,494

- 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.

Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: June and July 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	96,703	98,520	530,012	529,196	5.48	5.37
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	82,037	82,950	578,877	575,211	7.06	6.93
California	23,571	24,205	139,244	143,764	5.91	5.94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	32,672	30,893	255,513	234,827	7.82	7.60
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	108,003	110,381	666,495	660,930	6.17	5.99
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,230	6,431	28,598	29,243	4.59	4.55
Iowa	873	873	5,038	4,925	5.77	5.64
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,264	22,731	158,456	148,283	6.53	6.52
Louisiana	14,409	14,150	96,040	94,831	6.67	6.70
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,422	11,127	72,334	71,686	6.33	6.44
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	57,413	57,882	368,150	357,684	6.41	6.18
Missouri	35,008	36,637	177,884	186,813	5.08	5.10
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	106	100	467	485	4.42	4.84
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,257	2,223	10,719	10,386	4.75	4.67
North Carolina	79,677	77,498	660,297	623,079	8.29	8.04
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	10,737	10,539	83,308	76,037	7.76	7.21
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,332	10,866	65,150	60,995	5.75	5.61
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,777	23,692	180,666	181,329	7.93	7.65
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	25,113	26,372	138,002	142,985	5.50	5.42
Texas	58,941	61,558	398,842	411,171	6.77	6.68
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,974	27,356	159,099	166,464	6.37	6.09
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	773,413	785,128	5,011,992	4,966,804	6.48	6.33

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 2020

[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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	403,980	404,133	1,752	1,898	0.43	0.47
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	437,689	432,865	2,337	1,813	0.53	0.42
California	104,371	108,369	995	782	0.94	0.72
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	196,846	181,372	994	752	0.50	0.41
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	502,885	497,151	3,300	3,385	0.65	0.68
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,882	21,317	137	113	0.65	0.53
Iowa	3,398	3,342	488	430	12.56	11.39
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	119,531	111,835	590	617	0.49	0.55
Louisiana	73,027	71,964	272	305	0.37	0.42
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	54,359	53,774	266	257	0.49	0.48
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	271,936	265,701	1,163	1,108	0.43	0.42
Missouri	130,638	137,115	406	442	0.31	0.32
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	348	358	4	4	1.02	1.06
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,496	6,351	106	77	1.60	1.20
North Carolina	509,587	478,475	2,038	1,840	0.40	0.38
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	62,302	56,805	260	226	0.42	0.40
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	44,624	42,026	821	771	1.81	1.80
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	136,004	136,525	770	744	0.56	0.54
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	101,621	105,552	732	591	0.72	0.56
Texas	305,637	313,068	1,811	1,811	0.59	0.58
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	116,375	122,338	395	488	0.34	0.40
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	3,779,998	3,740,715	20,785	19,462	0.55	0.52

- 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: June and July 2020

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	70	40	31,327	29,016
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	30,950	30,986
Delaware	-	-	173	83	31,359	29,335
Georgia	-	-	42	3	54,858	50,896
Mississippi	-	-	35	35	9,771	9,771
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	47,676	44,471
Texas	-	-	109	103	56,428	55,861
Virginia	-	-	62	88	21,244	20,227
United States	-	-	982	899	572,797	543,825
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	26,751	26,148	95	79	1,146	1,128
Arkansas	6,652	6,749	78	93	1,004	1,005
Delaware	15,026	12,902	37	30	272	263
Georgia	41,254	47,630	51	83	1,739	1,709
Mississippi	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina	12,966	11,711	47	47	1,099	1,055
Texas	16,483	15,531	195	214	809	753
Virginia	13,771	11,439	6	2	190	177
United States	237,796	216,611	1,203	1,169	12,232	11,527
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	553	524	3,720	2,993	13,140	11,847
Arkansas	162	165	2,794	2,795	3,257	3,278
Delaware	582	671	1,177	1,823	3,066	2,866
Georgia	788	652	9,378	8,774	48,788	49,205
Mississippi	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	787
North Carolina	413	394	5,336	4,777	2,420	2,654
Texas	358	331	292	310	3,583	3,512
Virginia	551	602	715	815	2,019	2,190
United States	6,739	6,487	36,162	35,121	111,566	108,610
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	439	399	28,728	29,700	105,969	101,874
Arkansas	1,795	1,803	81,328	81,312	128,056	128,222
Delaware	3,054	3,307	6,605	6,380	61,351	57,660
Georgia	8,122	9,070	91,630	79,979	256,650	248,001
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	29,107	29,104
North Carolina	2,020	2,985	23,615	24,918	95,660	93,080
Texas	861	767	17,487	17,408	96,605	94,790
Virginia	433	480	10,426	12,204	49,417	48,224
United States	29,690	32,320	558,302	542,945	1,567,469	1,499,514

- 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.

Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: June and July 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,758	2,984	50,226	57,798	18.21	19.37
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	1	(Z)	23	12	27.03	31.69
Indiana	2,066	2,057	84,897	83,899	41.09	40.78
Iowa	1,248	1,239	54,608	52,533	43.77	42.40
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,696	4,086	102,511	113,458	27.74	27.77
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	907	905	29,768	30,774	32.81	34.01
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,796	1,838	71,118	70,671	39.61	38.45
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	560	548	26,702	25,445	47.65	46.41
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	602	647	18,853	19,277	31.29	29.81
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	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Texas	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	33.00	32.20
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(Z)	3	5	97	32.89	32.24
Virginia	2,356	2,330	65,633	63,305	27.86	27.17
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	569	556	25,729	25,260	45.25	45.45
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,983	19,563	622,960	630,187	32.82	32.21

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(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 2020

[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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(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	41,871	48,150	360	382	0.85	0.79
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	17	9	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	68,383	67,448	838	845	1.21	1.24
Iowa	43,127	41,477	704	700	1.61	1.66
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	82,132	90,792	1,121	1,197	1.35	1.30
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,132	24,908	203	178	0.84	0.71
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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	56,125	55,516	333	345	0.59	0.62
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	21,348	20,296	319	307	1.47	1.49
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	14,959	15,063	310	246	2.03	1.61
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	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Texas	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(X)	(X)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	4	77	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	52,148	50,309	907	935	1.71	1.82
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	20,333	19,979	324	278	1.57	1.37
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	497,674	502,747	6,433	6,326	1.28	1.24

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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 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 370 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2019. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 33 States.

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