



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 1 Percent from Last Year

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November 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.98 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in November 2019. The October 2020 revised certified total at 4.43 billion pounds, was down 6 percent from October 2019. The October revision represented an increase of 6.10 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2020 was 5.24 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 5.21 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.59 billion pounds, up 1 percent from November 2019. Mature chickens, at 57.7 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 573 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 11.6 million pounds, down 23 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2020 averaged 6.40 pounds per bird, up slightly from November 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.84 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2020 averaged 30.4 pounds per bird, up slightly from November 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2020 totaled 11.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 25.3 million pounds, were 0.63 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.72 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2019	October 2020	November 2020	November 2020 as % of		January to November		2020 as percent of 2019
				November 2019	October 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	712,323	787,752	718,028	101	91	8,466,474	8,460,268	100
Mature	9,038	10,240	8,441	93	82	106,048	107,543	101
Light	2,570	2,794	2,520	98	90	31,856	31,461	99
Heavy	6,468	7,446	5,921	92	80	74,192	76,082	103
Total	721,361	797,992	726,469	101	91	8,572,522	8,567,811	100
Turkeys								
Young	19,204	20,903	18,714	97	90	209,152	203,826	97
Old	135	179	132	98	74	1,622	1,506	93
Total	19,339	21,082	18,846	97	89	210,774	205,332	97
Ducks	2,099	1,703	1,655	79	97	25,057	20,501	82
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,544,504	5,102,660	4,593,801	101	90	53,444,337	54,207,340	101
Mature	62,364	71,035	57,740	93	81	722,909	738,175	102
Light	9,084	9,689	8,695	96	90	110,526	109,105	99
Heavy	53,280	61,346	49,045	92	80	612,383	629,070	103
Total	4,606,868	5,173,695	4,651,541	101	90	54,167,246	54,945,515	101
Turkeys								
Young	583,138	647,572	569,075	98	88	6,679,123	6,557,722	98
Old	4,088	5,415	3,862	94	71	48,134	45,333	94
Total	587,226	652,987	572,937	98	88	6,727,257	6,603,055	98
Ducks	14,992	11,993	11,584	77	97	175,944	142,758	81
Other ¹	426	773	400	94	52	4,033	3,415	85
Total	5,209,512	5,839,448	5,236,462	101	90	61,074,480	61,694,743	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.38	6.48	6.40	100	99	6.31	6.41	102
Mature	6.90	6.94	6.84	99	99	6.82	6.86	101
Light	3.53	3.47	3.45	98	99	3.47	3.47	100
Heavy	8.24	8.24	8.28	100	100	8.25	8.27	100
Total	6.39	6.48	6.40	100	99	6.32	6.41	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.37	30.98	30.41	100	98	31.93	32.17	101
Old	30.28	30.25	29.26	97	97	29.68	30.10	101
Total	30.36	30.97	30.40	100	98	31.92	32.16	101
Ducks	7.14	7.04	7.00	98	99	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	November 2019	October 2020	November 2020	November 2020 as % of		January to November		2020 as percent of 2019
				November 2019	October 2020	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,196,098	3,587,770	3,234,395	101	90	37,371,794	37,964,399	102
Mature	42,475	48,916	39,603	93	81	486,607	506,442	104
Light	4,553	4,906	4,363	96	89	56,225	55,652	99
Heavy	37,922	44,010	35,240	93	80	430,382	450,790	105
Total	3,238,573	3,636,686	3,273,998	101	90	37,858,401	38,470,841	102
Turkeys								
Young	307,162	328,092	291,308	95	89	3,373,897	3,268,500	97
Old	3,102	4,115	2,798	90	68	35,035	33,447	95
Total	310,264	332,207	294,106	95	89	3,408,932	3,301,947	97
Ducks	4,665	3,390	3,116	67	92	48,772	38,807	80
Other ¹	199	157	124	62	79	1,686	1,438	85
Total	3,553,701	3,972,440	3,571,344	100	90	41,317,791	41,813,033	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	231,028	261,101	234,939	102	90	2,885,939	2,888,366	100
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total	231,028	261,101	234,939	102	90	2,886,016	2,888,366	100
Turkeys								
Young	158,929	190,546	163,711	103	86	1,960,663	1,969,991	100
Old	40	79	223	558	282	1,291	905	70
Total	158,969	190,625	163,934	103	86	1,961,954	1,970,896	100
Ducks	6,329	5,380	5,372	85	100	79,567	65,660	83
Other ¹	88	328	135	153	41	940	796	85
Total	396,414	457,434	404,380	102	88	4,928,477	4,925,718	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,427,126	3,848,871	3,469,334	101	90	40,257,733	40,852,765	101
Mature	42,475	48,916	39,603	93	81	486,684	506,442	104
Light	4,553	4,906	4,363	96	89	56,225	55,652	99
Heavy	37,922	44,010	35,240	93	80	430,459	450,790	105
Total	3,469,601	3,897,787	3,508,937	101	90	40,744,417	41,359,207	102
Turkeys								
Young	466,091	518,638	455,019	98	88	5,334,560	5,238,491	98
Old	3,142	4,194	3,021	96	72	36,326	34,352	95
Total	469,233	522,832	458,040	98	88	5,370,886	5,272,843	98
Ducks	10,994	8,770	8,488	77	97	128,339	104,467	81
Other ¹	287	485	259	90	53	2,626	2,234	85
Total	3,950,115	4,429,874	3,975,724	101	90	46,246,268	46,738,751	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2019	October 2020	November 2020	November 2020 as % of		January to November		2020 as percent of 2019
				November 2019	October 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	10,653	9,712	9,109	86	94	119,974	108,440	90
Mature	531	560	544	102	97	6,373	6,508	102
Light	102	80	81	79	101	1,280	1,114	87
Heavy	429	480	463	108	96	5,093	5,394	106
Total	11,184	10,272	9,653	86	94	126,347	114,948	91
Turkeys								
Young	1,348	1,612	1,500	111	93	18,217	17,875	98
Old	35	24	22	63	92	452	367	81
Total	1,383	1,636	1,522	110	93	18,669	18,242	98
Ducks	78	54	49	63	91	868	665	77
Total ¹	12,646	11,964	11,225	89	94	145,897	133,860	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.19	0.20	87	105	0.22	0.20	91
Mature	0.85	0.79	0.94	111	119	0.88	0.88	100
Light	1.12	0.83	0.93	83	112	1.16	1.02	88
Heavy	0.81	0.78	0.94	116	121	0.83	0.86	104
Total	0.24	0.20	0.21	88	105	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.25	0.26	113	104	0.27	0.27	100
Old	0.86	0.44	0.57	66	130	0.94	0.81	86
Total	0.24	0.25	0.27	113	108	0.28	0.28	100
Ducks	0.52	0.45	0.42	81	93	0.49	0.47	96
Total ¹	0.24	0.20	0.21	88	105	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	November 2019	October 2020	November 2020	November 2020 as % of		January to November		2020 as percent of 2019
				November 2019	October 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	20,276	20,271	17,608	87	87	262,262	233,809	89
Mature	1,682	2,230	1,649	98	74	18,245	19,338	106
Light	397	424	397	100	94	4,284	4,565	107
Heavy	1,285	1,806	1,252	97	69	13,961	14,773	106
Total	21,958	22,501	19,257	88	86	280,507	253,147	90
Turkeys								
Young	6,296	6,282	5,844	93	93	76,611	69,004	90
Old	135	124	85	63	69	1,638	1,421	87
Total	6,431	6,406	5,929	92	93	78,249	70,425	90
Ducks	272	164	148	54	90	3,265	2,522	77
Other ¹	3	10	3	100	30	35	37	106
Total	28,664	29,081	25,337	88	87	362,056	326,131	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.59	0.52	0.50	85	96	0.65	0.57	88
Mature	3.81	4.36	4.00	105	92	3.61	3.68	102
Light	8.02	7.95	8.34	104	105	7.08	7.58	107
Heavy	3.28	3.94	3.43	105	87	3.14	3.17	101
Total	0.63	0.57	0.55	87	96	0.68	0.61	90
Turkeys								
Young	1.33	1.20	1.27	95	106	1.42	1.30	92
Old	4.12	2.87	2.74	67	95	4.31	3.97	92
Total	1.35	1.21	1.28	95	106	1.44	1.32	92
Ducks	2.41	1.84	1.71	71	93	2.48	2.36	95
Other ¹	1.03	2.02	1.15	112	57	1.32	1.63	123
Total	0.72	0.65	0.63	88	97	0.78	0.69	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: October and November 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	904	800	508,784	520,842
Mature	-	-	55	27	80,020	87,815
Light	-	-	24	4	54,047	63,954
Heavy	-	-	31	23	25,973	23,861
Total	-	-	959	827	588,804	608,657
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	14	30	14,608	12,444
Old	-	-	8	8	602	438
Total	-	-	22	38	15,210	12,882
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	200,120	210,372	1,105	1,393	11,645	10,995
Mature	15,353	14,607	165	272	31,131	28,648
Light	8,742	8,427	56	81	14,622	12,167
Heavy	6,611	6,180	109	191	16,509	16,481
Total	215,473	224,979	1,270	1,665	42,776	39,643
Turkeys						
Young	2,743	2,090	240	289	33	54
Old	200	209	6	3	132	83
Total	2,943	2,299	246	292	165	137
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	6,232	5,996	34,025	33,180	115,817	109,081
Mature	1,223	1,274	227	415	31,356	29,530
Light	756	879	105	271	27,729	26,077
Heavy	467	395	122	144	3,627	3,453
Total	7,455	7,270	34,252	33,595	147,173	138,611
Turkeys						
Young	146	155	290	253	1,024	1,252
Old	10	7	23	11	25	12
Total	156	162	313	264	1,049	1,264
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	26,724	22,283	592,141	624,316	1,497,497	1,539,258
Mature	585	266	56,053	64,345	216,168	227,199
Light	8	7	34,661	42,805	140,750	154,672
Heavy	577	259	21,392	21,540	75,418	72,527
Total	27,309	22,549	648,194	688,661	1,713,665	1,766,457
Turkeys						
Young	247	128	9,463	8,267	28,808	24,962
Old	15	3	584	641	1,605	1,415
Total	262	131	10,047	8,908	30,413	26,377

- 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: October and November 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	100,980	92,700	558,790	505,287	5.53	5.45
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	85,716	77,569	607,906	553,138	7.09	7.13
California	21,703	21,032	129,405	126,826	5.96	6.03
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,422	24,479	234,459	197,517	7.97	8.07
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	108,989	99,731	679,723	590,684	6.24	5.92
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,410	5,471	29,786	24,701	4.65	4.51
Iowa	832	867	4,708	4,977	5.66	5.74
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,639	21,743	160,792	137,347	6.53	6.32
Louisiana	14,934	14,336	103,994	100,987	6.96	7.04
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,229	10,378	75,168	68,481	6.69	6.60
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	57,667	55,135	371,538	351,324	6.44	6.37
Missouri	35,380	31,292	177,331	155,495	5.01	4.97
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	129	152	641	735	4.99	4.83
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,228	2,224	11,181	10,959	5.02	4.93
North Carolina	79,513	70,681	660,860	589,649	8.31	8.34
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	10,673	10,077	74,981	68,455	7.03	6.79
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,069	10,232	62,846	58,386	5.68	5.71
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,231	22,843	197,435	177,205	7.83	7.76
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,985	23,720	148,859	129,828	5.52	5.47
Texas	61,501	55,063	406,851	366,592	6.62	6.66
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,307	24,680	167,780	149,535	6.14	6.06
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	787,752	718,028	5,102,660	4,593,801	6.48	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: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	425,999	384,957	2,038	1,609	0.48	0.42
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	457,645	415,440	1,828	1,577	0.40	0.38
California	97,536	95,230	562	658	0.57	0.69
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	180,919	153,792	856	617	0.47	0.40
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	508,654	448,172	3,559	3,151	0.69	0.70
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	21,755	18,000	68	81	0.31	0.45
Iowa	3,136	3,465	487	331	13.43	8.71
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	121,799	103,878	568	557	0.46	0.53
Louisiana	78,607	76,279	355	311	0.45	0.41
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	56,594	51,364	270	235	0.47	0.46
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	277,659	261,898	1,068	1,063	0.38	0.40
Missouri	130,184	114,361	367	314	0.28	0.27
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	473	543	6	7	1.21	1.35
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,821	6,641	75	109	1.09	1.61
North Carolina	510,316	455,248	1,912	1,650	0.37	0.36
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	56,293	51,271	244	239	0.43	0.46
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,235	40,234	944	843	2.14	2.05
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	148,393	133,338	839	719	0.56	0.54
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	109,689	96,020	613	574	0.56	0.59
Texas	311,079	280,193	2,142	1,543	0.68	0.55
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	125,099	111,384	429	328	0.34	0.29
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	3,848,871	3,469,334	20,271	17,608	0.52	0.50

- 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: October and November 2020

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	60	51	30,577	29,415
Arkansas	-	-	36	36	31,041	31,061
Delaware	-	-	112	58	20,722	13,334
Georgia	-	-	5	4	48,698	49,943
Mississippi	-	-	35	35	9,209	13,560
North Carolina	-	-	68	68	41,381	41,385
Texas	-	-	110	101	55,379	55,394
Virginia	-	-	18	21	17,539	15,526
United States	-	-	904	800	508,784	520,842
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	26,790	26,419	103	121	1,190	1,121
Arkansas	6,736	6,647	100	97	1,004	1,002
Delaware	9,888	8,768	45	22	247	177
Georgia	43,165	45,699	54	96	1,559	1,324
Mississippi	5,276	5,276	10	10	572	572
North Carolina	10,574	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas	16,266	17,648	99	100	878	878
Virginia	7,004	8,012	2	18	163	135
United States	200,120	210,372	1,105	1,393	11,645	10,995
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	523	514	3,074	3,150	12,409	11,962
Arkansas	167	173	2,798	2,795	3,356	3,305
Delaware	545	342	1,337	654	3,295	1,839
Georgia	611	621	9,020	8,573	56,209	50,931
Mississippi	433	433	1,888	1,888	790	790
North Carolina	359	359	3,190	3,640	2,123	2,123
Texas	314	306	338	315	3,567	3,662
Virginia	443	469	539	489	1,846	1,582
United States	6,232	5,996	34,025	33,180	115,817	109,081
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	426	377	38,447	30,745	113,599	103,875
Arkansas	1,871	1,790	81,379	81,317	128,488	128,223
Delaware	1,713	1,184	21,911	4,731	59,815	31,109
Georgia	6,081	4,167	94,570	157,392	259,972	318,750
Mississippi	1,015	1,015	9,317	9,317	28,545	32,896
North Carolina	1,986	1,986	19,711	19,713	80,342	80,797
Texas	662	505	18,082	18,254	95,695	97,163
Virginia	378	328	13,193	9,471	41,125	36,051
United States	26,724	22,283	592,141	624,316	1,497,497	1,539,258

- 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: October and November 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,657	3,330	73,193	64,806	20.02	19.46
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	10	50	231	1,247	24.22	25.03
Indiana	1,982	1,766	76,461	68,482	38.58	38.77
Iowa	1,222	1,124	52,624	48,594	43.07	43.24
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,911	3,859	99,678	93,694	25.49	24.28
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	955	693	32,868	24,592	34.41	35.47
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	1,980	1,761	75,937	61,254	38.35	34.79
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	576	588	27,256	25,946	47.28	44.13
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	1,035	755	25,072	20,243	24.22	26.82
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	1	1	31	43	30.60	30.42
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	8	42	254	1,042	29.95	24.71
Virginia	2,281	1,943	65,847	56,703	28.87	29.18
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	441	359	19,329	15,547	43.82	43.33
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,903	18,714	647,572	569,075	30.98	30.41

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	61,007	54,070	476	436	0.77	0.80
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	183	1,002	2	11	1.20	1.09
Indiana	61,605	55,163	799	714	1.28	1.28
Iowa	41,431	38,455	630	606	1.50	1.55
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	79,952	74,907	1,072	1,112	1.32	1.46
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,543	19,982	247	206	0.92	1.02
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	60,218	48,510	397	323	0.66	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	21,693	20,407	271	241	1.23	1.17
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	20,173	16,128	356	329	1.73	2.00
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	24	35	(Z)	(Z)	0.38	1.23
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	206	847	1	6	0.53	0.74
Virginia	52,143	44,866	896	769	1.69	1.69
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	15,288	12,266	215	196	1.39	1.57
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	518,638	455,019	6,282	5,844	1.20	1.27

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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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