



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent from Last Year

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

**November 2021** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during November 2021 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.17 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in November 2020. The October 2021 revised certified total at 4.37 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2020. The October revision represented an increase of 2.26 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during November 2021 was 5.50 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 5.26 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.86 billion pounds, up 5 percent from November 2020. Mature chickens, at 54.1 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 568 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.7 million pounds, up 27 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during November 2021 averaged 6.48 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2020. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.58 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2021 averaged 30.5 pounds per bird, up slightly from November 2020.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during November 2021 totaled 11.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent unchanged from a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 25.6 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	November 2020	October 2021	November 2021	November 2021 as % of		January to November		2021 as percent of 2020
				November 2020	October 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 .....	719,244	771,627	749,941	104	97	8,461,729	8,445,343	100
Mature .....	8,512	9,009	8,218	97	91	107,625	104,298	97
Light .....	2,520	2,868	3,018	120	105	31,461	33,081	105
Heavy .....	5,992	6,141	5,200	87	85	76,164	71,217	94
Total .....	727,756	780,636	758,159	104	97	8,569,354	8,549,641	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	18,717	19,913	18,521	99	93	203,829	197,746	97
Old .....	132	155	97	73	63	1,506	1,529	102
Total .....	18,849	20,068	18,618	99	93	205,335	199,275	97
Ducks .....	1,655	2,182	2,085	126	96	20,501	22,065	108
	(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 .....	4,613,671	5,061,250	4,860,182	105	96	54,228,920	54,585,916	101
Mature .....	58,293	61,998	54,095	93	87	738,818	708,288	96
Light .....	8,695	9,791	10,548	121	108	109,105	114,486	105
Heavy .....	49,598	52,207	43,547	88	83	629,713	593,802	94
Total .....	4,671,964	5,123,248	4,914,277	105	96	54,967,738	55,294,204	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	569,190	601,443	564,673	99	94	6,557,837	6,378,133	97
Old .....	3,862	4,834	2,963	77	61	45,333	46,432	102
Total .....	573,052	606,277	567,636	99	94	6,603,170	6,424,565	97
Ducks .....	11,584	15,439	14,669	127	95	142,758	153,638	108
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	408	728	289	71	40	3,423	3,309	97
Total .....	5,257,008	5,745,692	5,496,871	105	96	61,717,089	61,875,716	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.41	6.56	6.48	101	99	6.41	6.46	101
Mature .....	6.85	6.88	6.58	96	96	6.86	6.79	99
Light .....	3.45	3.41	3.50	101	103	3.47	3.46	100
Heavy .....	8.28	8.50	8.37	101	98	8.27	8.34	101
Total .....	6.42	6.56	6.48	101	99	6.41	6.47	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.41	30.20	30.49	100	101	32.17	32.25	100
Old .....	29.26	31.19	30.55	104	98	30.10	30.37	101
Total .....	30.40	30.21	30.49	100	101	32.16	32.24	100
Ducks .....	7.00	7.08	7.04	101	99	6.96	6.96	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	November 2020	October 2021	November 2021	November 2021 as % of		January to November		2021 as percent of 2020
				November 2020	October 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 .....	3,243,027	3,576,390	3,420,059	105	96	37,974,589	38,402,162	101
Mature .....	40,000	43,035	36,822	92	86	506,903	486,727	96
Light .....	4,363	5,181	5,528	127	107	55,652	59,252	106
Heavy .....	35,637	37,854	31,294	88	83	451,251	427,475	95
Total .....	3,283,027	3,619,425	3,456,881	105	96	38,481,492	38,888,889	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	291,380	298,366	279,366	96	94	3,268,572	3,135,649	96
Old .....	2,798	3,604	2,202	79	61	33,447	34,520	103
Total .....	294,178	301,970	281,568	96	93	3,302,019	3,170,169	96
Ducks .....	3,116	4,372	4,287	138	98	38,807	38,863	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	130	170	143	110	84	1,444	1,382	96
Total .....	3,580,451	3,925,937	3,742,879	105	95	41,823,762	42,099,303	101
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	235,086	251,443	245,742	105	98	2,888,513	2,797,146	97
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	235,086	251,443	245,742	105	98	2,888,513	2,797,146	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	163,711	183,461	171,648	105	94	1,969,991	1,960,005	99
Old .....	223	75	33	15	44	905	694	77
Total .....	163,934	183,536	171,681	105	94	1,970,896	1,960,699	99
Ducks .....	5,372	6,956	6,507	121	94	65,660	73,766	112
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	135	295	54	40	18	796	778	98
Total .....	404,527	442,230	423,984	105	96	4,925,865	4,832,389	98
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,478,113	3,827,833	3,665,801	105	96	40,863,102	41,199,308	101
Mature .....	40,000	43,035	36,822	92	86	506,903	486,727	96
Light .....	4,363	5,181	5,528	127	107	55,652	59,252	106
Heavy .....	35,637	37,854	31,294	88	83	451,251	427,475	95
Total .....	3,518,113	3,870,868	3,702,623	105	96	41,370,005	41,686,035	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	455,091	481,827	451,014	99	94	5,238,563	5,095,654	97
Old .....	3,021	3,679	2,235	74	61	34,352	35,214	103
Total .....	458,112	485,506	453,249	99	93	5,272,915	5,130,868	97
Ducks .....	8,488	11,328	10,794	127	95	104,467	112,629	108
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	265	465	197	74	42	2,240	2,160	96
Total .....	3,984,978	4,368,167	4,166,863	105	95	46,749,627	46,931,692	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2020	October 2021	November 2021	November 2021 as % of		January to November		2021 as percent of 2020
				November 2020	October 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>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	9,147	9,457	9,367	102	99	108,480	109,130	101
Mature .....	546	491	507	93	103	6,510	6,834	105
Light .....	81	56	53	65	95	1,114	956	86
Heavy .....	465	435	454	98	104	5,396	5,878	109
Total .....	9,693	9,948	9,874	102	99	114,990	115,964	101
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1,500	1,557	1,522	101	98	17,875	19,546	109
Old .....	22	26	15	68	58	367	423	115
Total .....	1,522	1,583	1,537	101	97	18,242	19,969	109
Ducks .....	49	78	65	133	83	665	825	124
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	11,265	11,610	11,476	102	99	133,902	136,761	102
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.20	0.19	0.19	95	100	0.20	0.20	100
Mature .....	0.94	0.79	0.94	100	119	0.88	0.96	109
Light .....	0.93	0.57	0.50	54	88	1.02	0.84	82
Heavy .....	0.94	0.83	1.04	111	125	0.86	0.99	115
Total .....	0.21	0.19	0.20	95	105	0.21	0.21	100
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	0.26	0.26	0.27	104	104	0.27	0.31	115
Old .....	0.57	0.54	0.51	89	94	0.81	0.91	112
Total .....	0.27	0.26	0.27	100	104	0.28	0.31	111
Ducks .....	0.42	0.51	0.44	105	86	0.47	0.54	115
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.21	0.20	0.21	100	105	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	November 2020	October 2021	November 2021	November 2021 as % of		January to November		2021 as percent of 2020
				November 2020	October 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>								
Chickens								
Young .....	17,660	17,745	17,548	99	99	233,867	203,498	87
Mature .....	1,650	2,402	1,957	119	81	19,340	23,331	121
Light .....	397	438	477	120	109	4,565	4,943	108
Heavy .....	1,253	1,964	1,480	118	75	14,775	18,388	124
Total .....	19,310	20,147	19,505	101	97	253,207	226,829	90
Turkeys								
Young .....	5,845	5,741	5,671	97	99	69,005	65,028	94
Old .....	85	211	158	186	75	1,421	1,600	113
Total .....	5,930	5,952	5,829	98	98	70,426	66,628	95
Ducks .....	148	307	232	157	76	2,522	2,354	93
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	3	6	3	100	50	37	36	97
Total .....	25,391	26,412	25,569	101	97	326,192	295,847	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.51	0.46	0.48	94	104	0.57	0.49	86
Mature .....	3.96	5.29	5.05	128	95	3.68	4.57	124
Light .....	8.34	7.79	7.94	95	102	7.58	7.70	102
Heavy .....	3.40	4.93	4.52	133	92	3.17	4.12	130
Total .....	0.55	0.52	0.52	95	100	0.61	0.54	89
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.27	1.18	1.24	98	105	1.30	1.26	97
Old .....	2.74	5.42	6.60	241	122	3.97	4.35	110
Total .....	1.28	1.21	1.27	99	105	1.32	1.28	97
Ducks .....	1.71	2.64	2.10	123	80	2.36	2.05	87
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.12	1.27	1.50	134	118	1.62	1.64	101
Total .....	0.63	0.60	0.61	97	102	0.69	0.63	91

<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: October and November 2021

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	918	1,031	498,191	499,841
Mature .....	-	-	54	68	85,281	86,487
Light .....	-	-	36	50	62,322	63,317
Heavy .....	-	-	18	18	22,959	23,170
Total .....	-	-	972	1,099	583,472	586,328
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	37	53	10,944	13,956
Old .....	-	-	5	5	766	550
Total .....	-	-	42	58	11,710	14,506
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	243,861	257,461	1,441	1,397	11,415	11,669
Mature .....	11,722	13,767	220	253	35,998	35,236
Light .....	4,089	6,167	49	125	18,439	20,282
Heavy .....	7,633	7,600	171	128	17,559	14,954
Total .....	255,583	271,228	1,661	1,650	47,413	46,905
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,107	2,299	115	306	105	111
Old .....	732	320	6	-	275	85
Total .....	3,839	2,619	121	306	380	196
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	6,503	6,642	31,563	30,669	74,976	72,583
Mature .....	2,443	2,683	180	325	27,770	25,411
Light .....	1,835	2,027	70	212	22,241	19,712
Heavy .....	608	656	110	113	5,529	5,699
Total .....	8,946	9,325	31,743	30,994	102,746	97,994
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	116	137	405	690	1,466	1,633
Old .....	7	7	40	8	152	79
Total .....	123	144	445	698	1,618	1,712
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	27,047	26,569	658,356	659,143	1,554,271	1,567,005
Mature .....	220	591	60,764	73,200	224,652	238,021
Light .....	14	18	38,772	49,421	147,867	161,331
Heavy .....	206	573	21,992	23,779	76,785	76,690
Total .....	27,267	27,160	719,120	732,343	1,778,923	1,805,026
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	60	165	8,441	10,102	24,796	29,452
Old .....	19	-	885	1,332	2,887	2,386
Total .....	79	165	9,326	11,434	27,683	31,838

- 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: October and November 2021

[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 .....	98,411	96,596	564,315	549,783	5.73	5.69
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	82,825	79,258	596,312	571,435	7.20	7.21
California .....	21,468	22,052	125,027	128,526	5.82	5.83
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	30,408	26,959	237,801	204,762	7.82	7.60
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	104,160	101,607	635,985	617,485	6.11	6.08
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,436	6,466	30,168	30,418	4.69	4.70
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	22,417	22,534	149,152	145,736	6.65	6.47
Louisiana .....	13,845	13,469	98,795	96,459	7.14	7.16
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	11,654	11,427	78,409	74,482	6.73	6.52
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	57,286	56,894	365,281	360,198	6.38	6.33
Missouri .....	33,434	33,826	176,922	177,531	5.29	5.25
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,738	2,655	13,671	13,184	4.99	4.97
North Carolina .....	76,607	74,823	649,884	622,732	8.48	8.32
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	11,167	10,841	84,378	79,236	7.56	7.31
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	11,615	11,188	68,869	65,267	5.93	5.83
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,916	24,126	192,477	187,079	7.72	7.75
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	27,363	24,329	163,101	142,757	5.96	5.87
Texas .....	59,304	56,242	403,068	377,517	6.80	6.71
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	27,327	26,503	175,059	169,819	6.41	6.41
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 .....	771,627	749,941	5,061,250	4,860,182	6.56	6.48

- 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 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>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	428,086	416,741	1,845	1,849	0.43	0.44
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	450,931	431,087	1,650	1,480	0.36	0.34
California .....	93,860	96,201	1,025	1,265	1.08	1.30
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	184,030	158,306	519	515	0.28	0.32
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	483,850	465,563	2,731	2,823	0.56	0.60
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	21,920	22,165	149	137	0.68	0.61
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	113,523	110,512	481	520	0.42	0.47
Louisiana .....	75,123	73,284	368	388	0.49	0.53
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	58,850	55,725	296	295	0.50	0.53
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	272,323	264,332	988	915	0.36	0.34
Missouri .....	130,327	131,069	375	391	0.29	0.30
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 .....	8,222	8,047	114	99	1.37	1.21
North Carolina .....	500,487	480,700	1,448	1,380	0.29	0.29
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	63,224	59,483	212	216	0.33	0.36
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	48,095	45,977	814	770	1.66	1.65
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	144,812	141,079	966	849	0.66	0.60
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	120,830	106,000	723	663	0.59	0.62
Texas .....	309,633	289,788	1,172	1,097	0.38	0.38
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	131,654	127,251	335	316	0.25	0.25
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 .....	3,827,833	3,665,801	17,745	17,548	0.46	0.48

- 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: October and November 2021

[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 .....	-	-	71	103	29,022	30,842
Arkansas .....	-	-	36	36	31,012	31,091
Delaware .....	-	-	46	40	17,847	15,468
Georgia .....	-	-	8	7	49,037	50,075
Mississippi .....	-	-	34	34	9,749	9,749
North Carolina .....	-	-	68	68	41,382	41,380
Texas .....	-	-	99	107	52,659	56,382
Virginia .....	-	-	7	11	18,250	16,317
United States .....	-	-	918	1,031	498,191	499,841
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	26,834	27,077	96	84	1,187	1,230
Arkansas .....	6,701	6,746	80	72	1,001	1,005
Delaware .....	9,859	9,766	24	21	220	197
Georgia .....	73,995	70,709	74	70	1,472	1,543
Mississippi .....	5,237	5,237	10	10	568	568
North Carolina .....	10,573	10,573	47	47	903	903
Texas .....	15,878	18,020	88	97	911	890
Virginia .....	7,355	7,684	11	14	141	141
United States .....	243,861	257,461	1,441	1,397	11,415	11,669
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	567	635	3,021	3,220	9,971	10,489
Arkansas .....	167	171	2,796	2,800	3,317	3,340
Delaware .....	387	374	716	633	2,314	1,984
Georgia .....	751	795	7,339	7,240	14,367	7,077
Mississippi .....	433	433	1,885	1,885	787	787
North Carolina .....	359	359	3,640	3,640	2,123	2,124
Texas .....	376	346	277	287	3,675	3,553
Virginia .....	479	616	506	553	1,424	1,594
United States .....	6,503	6,642	31,563	30,669	74,976	72,583
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	430	617	43,036	47,038	114,235	121,335
Arkansas .....	1,819	1,837	81,331	81,440	128,260	128,538
Delaware .....	1,178	1,317	3,574	3,402	36,165	33,202
Georgia .....	6,531	6,208	133,436	114,450	287,010	258,174
Mississippi .....	1,015	1,015	5,717	5,717	25,435	25,435
North Carolina .....	1,986	1,986	19,711	19,711	80,792	80,791
Texas .....	555	523	17,706	16,320	92,224	96,525
Virginia .....	423	1,236	11,724	11,993	40,320	40,159
United States .....	27,047	26,569	658,356	659,143	1,554,271	1,567,005

- 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: October and November 2021

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October (1,000 head)	November (1,000 head)	October (1,000 pounds)	November (1,000 pounds)	October (pounds)	November (pounds)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,832	3,242	73,997	60,594	19.31	18.69
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	11	61	282	1,506	26.23	24.69
Indiana .....	1,963	1,934	78,463	77,930	39.98	40.28
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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 .....	3,939	3,898	101,103	96,627	25.67	24.79
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	626	448	15,116	8,921	24.16	19.90
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 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	540	624	24,916	26,357	46.14	42.27
Oklahoma .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	978	812	22,930	19,723	23.45	24.28
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 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	13	44	351	1,135	27.05	25.51
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,913	18,521	601,443	564,673	30.20	30.49

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(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 .....	61,411	50,496	400	325	0.65	0.64
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	222	1,210	2	18	0.76	1.47
Indiana .....	63,195	62,764	840	855	1.31	1.34
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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 .....	80,953	77,329	983	1,038	1.20	1.32
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	12,224	7,391	87	64	0.71	0.86
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 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,867	20,631	243	236	1.21	1.13
Oklahoma .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	18,347	15,680	326	320	1.75	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 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	285	918	2	6	0.63	0.60
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 .....	481,827	451,014	5,741	5,671	1.18	1.24

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(X) Not applicable.

<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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