



Poultry Slaughter

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

November 2018 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

November 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.95 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in November 2018. The October 2019 revised certified total at 4.71 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from October 2018. The October revision represented an increase of 3.74 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2019 was 5.20 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.29 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.54 billion pounds, down 1 percent from November 2018. Mature chickens, at 61.9 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 587 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.0 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2019 averaged 6.38 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.89 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2019 averaged 30.4 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2019 totaled 12.6 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 0.72 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.83 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2018	October 2019	November 2019	November 2019 as % of		January to November		2019 as percent of 2018
				November 2018	October 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	729,068	849,010	711,665	98	84	8,344,733	8,462,801	101
Mature	10,161	10,135	8,979	88	89	117,575	105,303	90
Light	3,477	3,085	2,570	74	83	42,879	31,856	74
Heavy	6,684	7,050	6,409	96	91	74,696	73,447	98
Total	739,229	859,145	720,644	97	84	8,462,308	8,568,104	101
Turkeys								
Young	20,606	22,158	19,204	93	87	218,029	209,168	96
Old	126	238	135	107	57	1,543	1,622	105
Total	20,732	22,396	19,339	93	86	219,572	210,790	96
Ducks	2,249	2,466	2,099	93	85	25,286	25,059	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,583,164	5,439,282	4,539,951	99	83	52,253,929	53,418,489	102
Mature	67,362	69,459	61,906	92	89	760,468	716,657	94
Light	12,122	10,721	9,084	75	85	147,456	110,526	75
Heavy	55,240	58,738	52,822	96	90	613,012	606,131	99
Total	4,650,526	5,508,741	4,601,857	99	84	53,014,397	54,135,146	102
Turkeys								
Young	619,092	681,966	583,138	94	86	6,751,145	6,678,291	99
Old	3,570	7,064	4,088	115	58	45,322	48,134	106
Total	622,662	689,030	587,226	94	85	6,796,467	6,726,425	99
Ducks	15,867	17,394	14,992	94	86	176,091	175,954	100
Other ¹	354	1,194	426	120	36	3,650	4,033	110
Total	5,289,409	6,216,359	5,204,501	98	84	59,990,605	61,041,558	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.29	6.41	6.38	101	100	6.26	6.31	101
Mature	6.63	6.85	6.89	104	101	6.47	6.81	105
Light	3.49	3.48	3.53	101	101	3.44	3.47	101
Heavy	8.26	8.33	8.24	100	99	8.21	8.25	100
Total	6.29	6.41	6.39	102	100	6.26	6.32	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.04	30.78	30.37	101	99	30.96	31.93	103
Old	28.33	29.68	30.28	107	102	29.37	29.68	101
Total	30.03	30.77	30.36	101	99	30.95	31.91	103
Ducks	7.06	7.05	7.14	101	101	6.96	7.02	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	November 2018	October 2019	November 2019	November 2019 as % of		January to November		2019 as percent of 2018
				November 2018	October 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,208,691	3,798,638	3,192,702	100	84	36,483,336	37,353,830	102
Mature	44,454	46,488	42,097	95	91	502,564	481,642	96
Light	6,118	5,407	4,553	74	84	75,567	56,225	74
Heavy	38,336	41,081	37,544	98	91	426,997	425,417	100
Total	3,253,145	3,845,126	3,234,799	99	84	36,985,900	37,835,472	102
Turkeys								
Young	317,691	354,212	307,162	97	87	3,342,070	3,373,229	101
Old	2,693	5,312	3,102	115	58	33,396	35,035	105
Total	320,384	359,524	310,264	97	86	3,375,466	3,408,264	101
Ducks	5,032	4,916	4,665	93	95	49,721	48,781	98
Other ¹	139	232	199	143	86	1,461	1,686	115
Total	3,578,700	4,209,798	3,549,927	99	84	40,412,548	41,294,203	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	242,034	301,508	231,028	95	77	2,888,661	2,884,623	100
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	242,034	301,508	231,028	95	77	2,888,671	2,884,700	100
Turkeys								
Young	176,997	191,724	158,929	90	83	2,053,710	1,960,663	95
Old	43	80	40	93	50	822	1,291	157
Total	177,040	191,804	158,969	90	83	2,054,532	1,961,954	95
Ducks	6,607	7,736	6,329	96	82	78,790	79,567	101
Other ¹	93	520	88	95	17	950	940	99
Total	425,774	501,568	396,414	93	79	5,022,943	4,927,161	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,450,725	4,100,146	3,423,730	99	84	39,371,997	40,238,453	102
Mature	44,454	46,488	42,097	95	91	502,574	481,719	96
Light	6,118	5,407	4,553	74	84	75,577	56,225	74
Heavy	38,336	41,081	37,544	98	91	426,997	425,494	100
Total	3,495,179	4,146,634	3,465,827	99	84	39,874,571	40,720,172	102
Turkeys								
Young	494,688	545,936	466,091	94	85	5,395,780	5,333,892	99
Old	2,736	5,392	3,142	115	58	34,218	36,326	106
Total	497,424	551,328	469,233	94	85	5,429,998	5,370,218	99
Ducks	11,639	12,652	10,994	94	87	128,511	128,348	100
Other ¹	232	752	287	124	38	2,411	2,626	109
Total	4,004,474	4,711,366	3,946,341	99	84	45,435,491	46,221,364	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2018	October 2019	November 2019	November 2019 as % of		January to November		2019 as percent of 2018
				November 2018	October 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,114	11,757	10,637	96	90	120,481	119,917	100
Mature	608	480	528	87	110	7,630	6,352	83
Light	137	82	102	74	124	2,326	1,280	55
Heavy	471	398	426	90	107	5,304	5,072	96
Total	11,722	12,237	11,165	95	91	128,111	126,269	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,508	1,522	1,348	89	89	17,542	18,213	104
Old	38	53	35	92	66	459	452	98
Total	1,546	1,575	1,383	89	88	18,001	18,665	104
Ducks	74	95	78	105	82	726	868	120
Total ¹	13,342	13,911	12,627	95	91	146,843	145,815	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.24	0.22	0.23	96	105	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	0.90	0.69	0.85	94	123	1.00	0.89	89
Light	1.13	0.76	1.12	99	147	1.58	1.16	73
Heavy	0.85	0.68	0.81	95	119	0.87	0.84	97
Total	0.25	0.22	0.24	96	109	0.24	0.23	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.22	0.23	96	105	0.26	0.27	104
Old	1.06	0.75	0.86	81	115	1.01	0.94	93
Total	0.25	0.23	0.24	96	104	0.26	0.28	108
Ducks	0.47	0.55	0.52	111	95	0.41	0.49	120
Total ¹	0.25	0.22	0.24	96	109	0.24	0.24	100

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 2018	October 2019	November 2019	November 2019 as % of		January to November		2019 as percent of 2018
				November 2018	October 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	24,938	23,458	20,216	81	86	299,964	262,064	87
Mature	1,661	1,679	1,679	101	100	19,382	18,208	94
Light	419	472	397	95	84	4,735	4,284	90
Heavy	1,242	1,207	1,282	103	106	14,647	13,924	95
Total	26,599	25,137	21,895	82	87	319,346	280,272	88
Turkeys								
Young	6,517	7,281	6,296	97	86	75,949	76,601	101
Old	116	225	135	116	60	1,803	1,638	91
Total	6,633	7,506	6,431	97	86	77,752	78,239	101
Ducks	280	327	272	97	83	3,388	3,265	96
Other ¹	3	8	3	100	38	34	35	103
Total	33,515	32,978	28,601	85	87	400,520	361,811	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.72	0.57	0.59	82	104	0.76	0.65	86
Mature	3.60	3.49	3.84	107	110	3.71	3.64	98
Light	6.41	8.03	8.02	125	100	5.90	7.08	120
Heavy	3.14	2.85	3.30	105	116	3.32	3.17	95
Total	0.76	0.60	0.63	83	105	0.79	0.68	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.30	1.32	1.33	102	101	1.39	1.42	102
Old	4.07	4.01	4.12	101	103	5.01	4.31	86
Total	1.32	1.34	1.35	102	101	1.41	1.44	102
Ducks	2.35	2.52	2.41	103	96	2.57	2.48	96
Other ¹	1.28	1.05	1.03	80	98	1.39	1.32	95
Total	0.83	0.70	0.72	87	103	0.87	0.78	90

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 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,490	1,784	614,132	566,574
Mature	-	-	154	103	84,010	77,851
Light	-	-	110	77	57,863	54,537
Heavy	-	-	44	26	26,147	23,314
Total	-	-	1,644	1,887	698,142	644,425
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	20	41	23,852	20,365
Old	-	-	3	3	1,347	921
Total	-	-	23	44	25,199	21,286
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	271,314	263,394	1,940	1,506	16,602	16,142
Mature	10,325	7,650	172	103	31,231	27,860
Light	5,230	3,596	128	33	15,914	12,091
Heavy	5,095	4,054	44	70	15,317	15,769
Total	281,639	271,044	2,112	1,609	47,833	44,002
Turkeys						
Young	3,554	3,096	349	493	101	86
Old	605	414	1	-	263	253
Total	4,159	3,510	350	493	364	339
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	9,165	7,907	44,340	40,299	100,577	93,920
Mature	1,976	1,424	408	486	21,443	20,532
Light	1,774	1,217	237	351	18,327	17,659
Heavy	202	207	171	135	3,116	2,873
Total	11,141	9,331	44,748	40,785	122,020	114,452
Turkeys						
Young	126	196	825	527	1,171	1,183
Old	10	11	32	23	51	27
Total	136	207	857	550	1,222	1,210
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	36,512	28,206	619,103	576,999	1,715,175	1,596,731
Mature	652	865	65,823	54,930	216,194	191,804
Light	40	49	37,384	29,389	137,007	118,999
Heavy	612	816	28,439	25,541	79,187	72,805
Total	37,164	29,071	684,926	631,929	1,931,369	1,788,535
Turkeys						
Young	375	391	11,881	11,658	42,254	38,036
Old	10	4	1,034	722	3,356	2,378
Total	385	395	12,915	12,380	45,610	40,414

- 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 2019

[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	107,979	92,364	599,586	505,080	5.55	5.47
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	95,159	75,893	644,921	534,636	6.78	7.04
California	22,472	17,931	142,498	113,189	6.34	6.31
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	35,929	29,603	263,775	210,085	7.34	7.10
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	116,342	99,905	717,856	614,898	6.17	6.15
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,764	5,751	31,135	26,192	4.60	4.55
Iowa	693	708	3,870	3,980	5.58	5.62
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,693	21,292	176,339	137,779	6.61	6.47
Louisiana	17,504	14,781	113,672	94,438	6.49	6.39
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,153	10,363	76,979	60,922	6.33	5.88
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	66,547	55,454	425,421	349,750	6.39	6.31
Missouri	40,333	34,104	205,714	172,407	5.10	5.06
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	135	96	631	418	4.65	4.36
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,275	2,211	10,875	10,498	4.78	4.75
North Carolina	81,405	70,012	665,859	569,766	8.18	8.14
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	13,627	11,326	101,686	82,505	7.46	7.28
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,852	9,000	60,287	50,781	5.56	5.64
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,494	22,327	201,675	173,505	7.61	7.77
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	27,963	23,206	151,779	123,475	5.43	5.32
Texas	65,076	54,005	433,725	358,662	6.66	6.64
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	29,468	23,482	185,131	147,740	6.28	6.29
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	849,010	711,665	5,439,282	4,539,951	6.41	6.38

- 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 2019

[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	457,423	385,467	2,373	2,058	0.52	0.53
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	486,191	402,252	1,973	1,583	0.40	0.39
California	106,927	85,119	938	810	0.87	0.94
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	203,770	162,228	1,277	1,032	0.62	0.63
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	538,865	463,246	3,103	2,816	0.57	0.60
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	22,750	19,134	106	102	0.47	0.53
Iowa	2,729	2,713	215	275	7.29	9.21
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	133,434	104,173	931	653	0.69	0.62
Louisiana	85,806	71,291	353	273	0.41	0.38
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	57,399	45,140	321	308	0.56	0.68
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	320,210	267,610	1,874	1,610	0.58	0.60
Missouri	151,546	125,999	599	462	0.39	0.37
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	453	295	5	2	1.08	0.57
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,648	6,478	172	158	2.52	2.38
North Carolina	512,226	438,839	2,255	1,919	0.44	0.44
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	76,299	61,933	293	241	0.38	0.39
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	41,397	34,659	1,011	870	2.39	2.45
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	151,845	130,785	992	833	0.65	0.63
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	111,840	90,917	820	622	0.73	0.68
Texas	330,584	270,529	2,293	2,133	0.69	0.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	133,909	106,887	470	408	0.35	0.38
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	4,100,146	3,423,730	23,458	20,216	0.57	0.59

- Represents zero.

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(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 2019

[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	-	-	141	180	43,774	36,676
Arkansas	-	-	45	35	49,132	30,956
Delaware	-	-	391	313	44,130	40,926
Georgia	-	-	20	17	58,154	55,075
Mississippi	-	-	49	116	15,449	13,934
North Carolina	-	-	71	124	48,314	47,845
Texas	-	-	108	100	54,745	54,661
Virginia	-	-	16	126	17,805	15,113
United States	-	-	1,490	1,784	614,132	566,574
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	30,933	28,982	177	188	1,388	1,310
Arkansas	20,010	7,825	107	73	1,142	983
Delaware	23,377	27,914	207	26	625	623
Georgia	63,769	54,038	77	153	2,027	1,976
Mississippi	7,390	7,564	74	89	716	709
North Carolina	13,392	14,430	40	42	1,227	1,221
Texas	17,910	22,214	112	158	1,003	1,070
Virginia	13,335	12,234	16	6	394	345
United States	271,314	263,394	1,940	1,506	16,602	16,142
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	641	525	4,395	3,972	15,718	13,455
Arkansas	210	157	2,416	2,561	6,469	4,513
Delaware	758	666	2,284	1,893	5,064	5,163
Georgia	687	594	9,838	9,871	25,778	25,835
Mississippi	1,058	856	3,958	3,178	2,193	1,827
North Carolina	446	466	5,034	4,484	2,554	2,769
Texas	505	398	296	277	4,030	3,801
Virginia	548	384	711	578	1,973	1,713
United States	9,165	7,907	44,340	40,299	100,577	93,920
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	1,934	429	27,144	26,885	126,245	112,602
Arkansas	1,860	1,797	115,625	94,555	197,016	143,455
Delaware	4,944	3,556	15,868	12,285	97,648	93,365
Georgia	3,008	2,834	64,898	58,570	228,256	208,963
Mississippi	757	599	10,718	10,189	42,362	39,061
North Carolina	2,010	2,147	30,806	41,055	103,894	114,583
Texas	269	485	16,006	17,696	94,984	100,860
Virginia	424	357	14,691	13,565	49,913	44,421
United States	36,512	28,206	619,103	576,999	1,715,175	1,596,731

- 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 2019

[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	3,439	3,155	67,260	57,511	19.56	18.23
California	1,300	986	34,592	25,244	26.61	25.60
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2,121	1,720	81,267	68,409	38.32	39.78
Iowa	1,236	1,073	51,500	44,953	41.65	41.89
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)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,737	3,886	101,287	100,022	27.10	25.74
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,015	738	34,474	27,381	33.98	37.09
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	2,089	1,751	78,187	61,100	37.43	34.90
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	613	574	28,299	24,674	46.15	43.00
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	372	80	5,350	1,218	14.40	15.29
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	8	44	247	1,149	31.67	25.82
Virginia	2,434	2,026	65,666	56,323	26.98	27.81
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	597	515	24,969	22,065	41.82	42.83
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	22,158	19,204	681,966	583,138	30.78	30.37

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 2019

[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	56,080	47,868	440	372	0.78	0.77
California	27,880	20,190	212	185	0.75	0.91
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	65,732	55,181	1,065	870	1.59	1.55
Iowa	40,591	35,376	640	604	1.55	1.68
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)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	81,303	80,484	1,178	971	1.43	1.19
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	27,839	22,083	188	182	0.67	0.82
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	61,564	48,115	404	287	0.65	0.59
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,652	19,691	298	240	1.30	1.20
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	4,511	1,027	44	9	0.97	0.91
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	200	931	1	9	0.56	0.91
Virginia	52,015	44,594	862	847	1.63	1.86
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	19,751	17,443	301	284	1.50	1.60
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	545,936	466,091	7,281	6,296	1.32	1.33

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(X) Not applicable.

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 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2017. Young chickens were slaughtered in 40 States, young turkeys in 33 States.

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