



Poultry Slaughter

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Poultry certified wholesome during January 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.52 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in January 2019. The December 2019 revised certified total at 4.15 billion pounds, was up 11 percent from December 2018. The December revision represented an increase of 12.5 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2020 was 5.98 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 5.66 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.25 billion pounds, up 6 percent from January 2019. Mature chickens, at 66.1 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 646 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.8 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2020 averaged 6.41 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from January 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.73 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2020 averaged 33.4 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from January 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2020 totaled 13.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.1 million pounds, were 0.75 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.86 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2019	December 2019	January 2020	January 2020 as % of		January to January		2020 as percent of 2019
				January 2019	December 2019	2019	2020	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	788,098	757,769	818,904	104	108	788,098	818,904	104
Mature	10,360	8,958	9,822	95	110	10,360	9,822	95
Light	3,392	2,730	3,126	92	115	3,392	3,126	92
Heavy	6,968	6,228	6,696	96	108	6,968	6,696	96
Total	798,458	766,727	828,726	104	108	798,458	828,726	104
Turkeys								
Young	19,401	16,763	19,178	99	114	19,401	19,178	99
Old	116	123	147	127	120	116	147	127
Total	19,517	16,886	19,325	99	114	19,517	19,325	99
Ducks	2,445	2,487	2,528	103	102	2,445	2,528	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,929,047	4,842,657	5,246,678	106	108	4,929,047	5,246,678	106
Mature	69,023	60,755	66,138	96	109	69,023	66,138	96
Light	11,882	9,156	10,879	92	119	11,882	10,879	92
Heavy	57,141	51,599	55,259	97	107	57,141	55,259	97
Total	4,998,070	4,903,412	5,312,816	106	108	4,998,070	5,312,816	106
Turkeys								
Young	637,240	557,236	641,353	101	115	637,240	641,353	101
Old	3,555	3,833	4,482	126	117	3,555	4,482	126
Total	640,795	561,069	645,835	101	115	640,795	645,835	101
Ducks	17,376	17,624	17,830	103	101	17,376	17,830	103
Other ¹	201	220	238	118	108	201	238	118
Total	5,656,442	5,482,325	5,976,719	106	109	5,656,442	5,976,719	106
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.25	6.39	6.41	103	100	6.25	6.41	103
Mature	6.66	6.78	6.73	101	99	6.66	6.73	101
Light	3.50	3.35	3.48	99	104	3.50	3.48	99
Heavy	8.20	8.29	8.25	101	100	8.20	8.25	101
Total	6.26	6.40	6.41	102	100	6.26	6.41	102
Turkeys								
Young	32.85	33.24	33.44	102	101	32.85	33.44	102
Old	30.65	31.16	30.49	99	98	30.65	30.49	99
Total	32.83	33.23	33.42	102	101	32.83	33.42	102
Ducks	7.11	7.09	7.05	99	99	7.11	7.05	99

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2019	December 2019	January 2020	January 2020 as % of		January to January		2020 as percent of 2019
				January 2019	December 2019	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,449,866	3,382,091	3,674,817	107	109	3,449,866	3,674,817	107
Mature	45,672	41,835	44,897	98	107	45,672	44,897	98
Light	5,955	4,785	5,463	92	114	5,955	5,463	92
Heavy	39,717	37,050	39,434	99	106	39,717	39,434	99
Total	3,495,538	3,423,926	3,719,714	106	109	3,495,538	3,719,714	106
Turkeys								
Young	315,919	291,901	313,454	99	107	315,919	313,454	99
Old	2,585	2,816	3,295	127	117	2,585	3,295	127
Total	318,504	294,717	316,749	99	107	318,504	316,749	99
Ducks	5,400	5,385	5,002	93	93	5,400	5,002	93
Other ¹	126	139	146	116	105	126	146	116
Total	3,819,568	3,724,167	4,041,611	106	109	3,819,568	4,041,611	106
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	261,391	265,259	276,819	106	104	261,391	276,819	106
Mature	77	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	77	-	-	(X)	(X)	77	-	(X)
Total	261,468	265,259	276,819	106	104	261,468	276,819	106
Turkeys								
Young	191,949	151,873	198,108	103	130	191,949	198,108	103
Old	68	89	84	124	94	68	84	124
Total	192,017	151,962	198,192	103	130	192,017	198,192	103
Ducks	7,408	7,480	8,016	108	107	7,408	8,016	108
Other ¹	10	13	11	110	85	10	11	110
Total	460,903	424,714	483,038	105	114	460,903	483,038	105
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,711,257	3,647,350	3,951,636	106	108	3,711,257	3,951,636	106
Mature	45,749	41,835	44,897	98	107	45,749	44,897	98
Light	5,955	4,785	5,463	92	114	5,955	5,463	92
Heavy	39,794	37,050	39,434	99	106	39,794	39,434	99
Total	3,757,006	3,689,185	3,996,533	106	108	3,757,006	3,996,533	106
Turkeys								
Young	507,868	443,774	511,562	101	115	507,868	511,562	101
Old	2,653	2,905	3,379	127	116	2,653	3,379	127
Total	510,521	446,679	514,941	101	115	510,521	514,941	101
Ducks	12,808	12,865	13,018	102	101	12,808	13,018	102
Other ¹	136	152	157	115	103	136	157	115
Total	4,280,471	4,148,881	4,524,649	106	109	4,280,471	4,524,649	106

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2019	December 2019	January 2020	January 2020 as % of		January to January		2020 as percent of 2019
				January 2019	December 2019	2019	2020	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,864	11,029	11,110	94	101	11,864	11,110	94
Mature	678	546	577	85	106	678	577	85
Light	179	110	104	58	95	179	104	58
Heavy	499	436	473	95	108	499	473	95
Total	12,542	11,575	11,687	93	101	12,542	11,687	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,943	1,495	1,874	96	125	1,943	1,874	96
Old	47	29	58	123	200	47	58	123
Total	1,990	1,524	1,932	97	127	1,990	1,932	97
Ducks	86	95	84	98	88	86	84	98
Total ¹	14,619	13,194	13,703	94	104	14,619	13,703	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.24	0.23	0.21	88	91	0.24	0.21	88
Mature	0.98	0.90	0.87	89	97	0.98	0.87	89
Light	1.51	1.20	0.96	64	80	1.51	0.96	64
Heavy	0.87	0.84	0.86	99	102	0.87	0.86	99
Total	0.25	0.24	0.22	88	92	0.25	0.22	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.30	0.27	0.29	97	107	0.30	0.29	97
Old	1.32	0.76	1.29	98	170	1.32	1.29	98
Total	0.31	0.27	0.30	97	111	0.31	0.30	97
Ducks	0.49	0.54	0.47	96	87	0.49	0.47	96
Total ¹	0.26	0.24	0.23	88	96	0.26	0.23	88

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	January 2019	December 2019	January 2020	January 2020 as % of		January to January		2020 as percent of 2019
				January 2019	December 2019	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	27,527	23,003	24,965	91	109	27,527	24,965	91
Mature	1,610	1,296	1,398	87	108	1,610	1,398	87
Light	445	426	480	108	113	445	480	108
Heavy	1,165	870	918	79	106	1,165	918	79
Total	29,137	24,299	26,363	90	108	29,137	26,363	90
Turkeys								
Young	7,413	6,411	7,238	98	113	7,413	7,238	98
Old	131	124	174	133	140	131	174	133
Total	7,544	6,535	7,412	98	113	7,544	7,412	98
Ducks	302	330	367	122	111	302	367	122
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	2	2	100
Total	36,985	31,166	34,144	92	110	36,985	34,144	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.74	0.63	0.63	85	100	0.74	0.63	85
Mature	3.40	3.00	3.02	89	101	3.40	3.02	89
Light	6.95	8.18	8.08	116	99	6.95	8.08	116
Heavy	2.84	2.29	2.27	80	99	2.84	2.27	80
Total	0.77	0.65	0.66	86	102	0.77	0.66	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.44	1.42	1.40	97	99	1.44	1.40	97
Old	4.71	4.09	4.90	104	120	4.71	4.90	104
Total	1.46	1.44	1.42	97	99	1.46	1.42	97
Ducks	2.30	2.50	2.74	119	110	2.30	2.74	119
Other ¹	1.45	1.30	1.26	87	97	1.45	1.26	87
Total	0.86	0.75	0.75	87	100	0.86	0.75	87

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: December and January 2020

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,702	1,718	611,754	635,595
Mature	-	-	105	94	82,431	87,898
Light	-	-	60	63	58,214	62,630
Heavy	-	-	45	31	24,217	25,268
Total	-	-	1,807	1,812	694,185	723,493
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	13	14	15,520	16,346
Old	-	-	10	8	998	899
Total	-	-	23	22	16,518	17,245
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	332,897	418,712	1,400	1,624	16,861	17,805
Mature	10,632	10,379	274	156	34,497	29,339
Light	5,615	5,424	200	104	15,538	12,343
Heavy	5,017	4,955	74	52	18,959	16,996
Total	343,529	429,091	1,674	1,780	51,358	47,144
Turkeys						
Young	1,915	2,307	314	99	94	94
Old	394	638	-	7	115	199
Total	2,309	2,945	314	106	209	293
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	8,718	9,211	40,598	42,863	106,473	115,822
Mature	1,470	1,621	423	498	28,977	26,627
Light	1,288	1,407	271	328	26,000	23,894
Heavy	182	214	152	170	2,977	2,733
Total	10,188	10,832	41,021	43,361	135,450	142,449
Turkeys						
Young	82	120	625	816	603	623
Old	12	11	11	24	41	40
Total	94	131	636	840	644	663
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	34,327	35,902	597,883	648,729	1,752,613	1,927,981
Mature	1,028	274	72,578	66,200	232,415	223,086
Light	23	28	46,794	41,074	154,003	147,295
Heavy	1,005	246	25,784	25,126	78,412	75,791
Total	35,355	36,176	670,461	714,929	1,985,028	2,151,067
Turkeys						
Young	99	94	10,148	9,713	29,413	30,226
Old	10	7	438	449	2,029	2,282
Total	109	101	10,586	10,162	31,442	32,508

- 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: December and January 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	96,971	102,800	531,929	563,734	5.49	5.48
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	80,917	87,399	571,847	618,377	7.07	7.08
California	21,548	24,201	137,702	149,402	6.39	6.17
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	31,507	34,367	230,257	250,953	7.31	7.30
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	105,948	112,208	655,144	677,464	6.18	6.04
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,839	6,825	25,606	31,416	4.39	4.60
Iowa	943	873	5,122	4,595	5.43	5.26
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,244	24,838	149,905	161,023	6.45	6.48
Louisiana	16,071	16,795	104,076	110,602	6.48	6.59
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,524	12,194	65,724	80,707	6.25	6.62
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	57,081	62,941	356,509	401,165	6.25	6.37
Missouri	36,807	37,851	187,874	191,619	5.10	5.06
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	134	147	646	703	4.82	4.79
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,443	2,514	11,851	12,595	4.85	5.01
North Carolina	73,339	81,893	601,966	667,493	8.21	8.15
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	11,449	12,684	82,703	92,597	7.22	7.30
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,290	11,592	57,019	65,796	5.54	5.68
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,209	26,013	188,179	204,314	7.77	7.85
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	24,527	27,663	132,044	150,999	5.38	5.46
Texas	56,764	62,670	366,760	415,349	6.46	6.63
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,974	27,579	169,963	172,478	6.30	6.25
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	757,769	818,904	4,842,657	5,246,678	6.39	6.41

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December and January 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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	406,288	428,955	2,045	2,192	0.50	0.51
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	431,895	462,578	2,594	2,070	0.60	0.45
California	103,248	111,989	1,102	1,404	1.06	1.24
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	177,014	193,564	1,200	1,259	0.67	0.65
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	492,390	510,733	3,309	3,784	0.67	0.74
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	18,665	22,927	126	108	0.67	0.47
Iowa	3,579	3,217	304	354	7.82	9.91
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	113,057	121,019	669	598	0.59	0.49
Louisiana	78,123	83,544	302	314	0.38	0.37
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	49,002	60,440	316	422	0.64	0.69
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	266,530	302,385	1,790	1,891	0.67	0.62
Missouri	138,179	141,146	489	519	0.35	0.37
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	465	507	7	7	1.51	1.42
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,278	7,737	170	167	2.28	2.11
North Carolina	463,896	513,745	2,025	2,443	0.43	0.47
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	62,027	69,186	232	182	0.37	0.26
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	38,746	44,675	1,060	1,287	2.66	2.80
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	141,877	153,903	892	1,080	0.62	0.70
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	97,312	111,438	629	760	0.64	0.68
Texas	278,926	316,871	2,195	2,365	0.78	0.74
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	122,915	124,857	476	593	0.39	0.47
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	3,647,350	3,951,636	23,003	24,965	0.63	0.63

- 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: December and January 2020

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	127	168	42,582	40,189
Arkansas	-	-	35	35	32,081	31,773
Delaware	-	-	452	480	46,467	47,999
Georgia	-	-	12	8	58,541	62,017
Mississippi	-	-	52	49	16,719	18,839
North Carolina	-	-	72	153	48,211	54,852
Texas	-	-	107	109	58,313	59,678
Virginia	-	-	59	25	19,227	19,141
United States	-	-	1,702	1,718	611,754	635,595
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	37,366	39,814	134	145	1,387	1,295
Arkansas	7,647	7,920	78	83	988	988
Delaware	36,581	45,083	83	58	645	705
Georgia	72,142	94,613	105	183	2,122	2,133
Mississippi	10,742	12,870	113	75	822	870
North Carolina	14,306	18,953	36	39	984	1,239
Texas	24,182	22,878	115	145	1,077	1,175
Virginia	16,341	20,987	2	10	370	392
United States	332,897	418,712	1,400	1,624	16,861	17,805
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	650	802	4,053	4,627	14,975	15,789
Arkansas	163	157	2,795	2,404	4,535	4,569
Delaware	733	798	1,563	1,607	4,658	5,210
Georgia	575	588	10,478	9,906	35,912	39,512
Mississippi	800	792	3,210	4,429	1,798	1,950
North Carolina	394	430	5,157	5,874	2,544	2,816
Texas	388	406	379	365	4,023	4,668
Virginia	385	451	629	579	1,751	1,876
United States	8,718	9,211	40,598	42,863	106,473	115,822
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	874	534	31,432	27,842	133,580	131,205
Arkansas	1,790	1,791	89,819	89,492	139,931	139,212
Delaware	4,586	2,518	11,248	12,378	107,016	116,836
Georgia	3,063	3,352	87,737	100,657	270,687	312,969
Mississippi	626	706	12,829	14,678	47,711	55,258
North Carolina	2,548	2,177	29,560	40,555	103,812	127,088
Texas	531	682	17,468	17,911	106,583	108,017
Virginia	369	549	12,646	17,881	51,779	61,891
United States	34,327	35,902	597,883	648,729	1,752,613	1,927,981

- 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: December and January 2020

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,564	2,888	45,728	54,272	17.84	18.79
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	14	-	350	6	25.36	31.74
Indiana	1,745	2,073	72,551	87,566	41.57	42.24
Iowa	996	1,238	43,367	54,412	43.53	43.97
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,204	3,618	93,620	102,923	29.22	28.44
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	785	927	29,630	31,961	37.76	34.47
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,645	1,894	61,570	72,425	37.42	38.24
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	512	555	24,412	27,106	47.67	48.86
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	528	473	14,726	13,536	27.88	28.62
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	5	5	33.33	33.55
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	5	1	169	32	32.37	33.54
Virginia	1,910	2,361	55,100	66,568	28.86	28.20
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	559	611	25,156	27,200	45.00	44.53
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	16,763	19,178	557,236	641,353	33.24	33.44

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December and January 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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	38,033	45,203	352	398	0.92	0.87
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	282	4	15	-	4.97	(X)
Indiana	58,585	70,596	894	1,017	1.50	1.42
Iowa	34,117	42,953	543	727	1.57	1.66
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	74,819	82,448	1,075	1,112	1.42	1.33
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	23,869	25,686	201	204	0.83	0.79
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	48,344	57,277	354	382	0.73	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,476	21,676	252	299	1.28	1.36
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	11,431	10,570	477	405	4.01	3.69
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	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	4	4	-	-	0.12	(X)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	134	25	-	-	0.07	(X)
Virginia	43,577	52,632	753	996	1.70	1.86
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	19,873	21,514	333	319	1.65	1.46
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	443,774	511,562	6,411	7,238	1.42	1.40

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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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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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