



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down Slightly from Last Year

April 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

April 2023 contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2023 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.03 billion pounds, down slightly from the amount certified in April 2022. The March 2023 revised certified total at 4.54 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from March 2022. The March revision represented an increase of 5.43 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2023 was 5.31 billion pounds, down slightly from 5.32 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.70 billion pounds, down 1 percent from April 2022. Mature chickens, at 62.6 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 531 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2023 averaged 6.49 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2022. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.85 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2023 averaged 32.4 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from April 2022.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2023 totaled 11.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 24.2 million pounds, were 0.60 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.61 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of		January to April		2023 as percent of 2022
				April 2022	March 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	738,353	816,086	723,907	98	89	3,033,147	3,075,090	101
Mature	8,586	10,510	9,147	107	87	36,576	38,286	105
Light	2,148	3,037	2,864	133	94	10,386	11,361	109
Heavy	6,438	7,473	6,283	98	84	26,190	26,925	103
Total	746,939	826,596	733,054	98	89	3,069,723	3,113,376	101
Turkeys								
Young	16,427	18,764	16,203	99	86	67,970	67,674	100
Old	120	150	164	137	109	497	650	131
Total	16,547	18,914	16,367	99	87	68,467	68,324	100
Ducks	2,292	2,304	2,173	95	94	9,138	8,996	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,722,786	5,289,408	4,696,432	99	89	19,520,794	19,990,799	102
Mature	61,081	73,509	62,626	103	85	253,053	266,031	105
Light	7,553	10,345	10,033	133	97	36,050	39,438	109
Heavy	53,528	63,164	52,593	98	83	217,003	226,593	104
Total	4,783,867	5,362,917	4,759,058	99	89	19,773,847	20,256,830	102
Turkeys								
Young	520,697	600,366	525,990	101	88	2,227,709	2,198,482	99
Old	3,617	4,593	4,909	136	107	15,310	19,640	128
Total	524,314	604,959	530,899	101	88	2,243,019	2,218,122	99
Ducks	16,098	16,338	15,546	97	95	64,107	64,346	100
Other ¹	162	182	149	92	82	620	665	107
Total	5,324,441	5,984,396	5,305,652	100	89	22,081,593	22,539,963	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.40	6.48	6.49	101	100	6.44	6.50	101
Mature	7.11	6.99	6.85	96	98	6.92	6.95	100
Light	3.52	3.41	3.50	99	103	3.47	3.47	100
Heavy	8.31	8.45	8.37	101	99	8.29	8.42	102
Total	6.40	6.49	6.49	101	100	6.44	6.51	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.70	32.00	32.46	102	101	32.77	32.49	99
Old	30.14	30.62	29.93	99	98	30.80	30.22	98
Total	31.69	31.98	32.44	102	101	32.76	32.46	99
Ducks	7.02	7.09	7.15	102	101	7.02	7.15	102

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of		January to April		2023 as percent of 2022
				April 2022	March 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,340,461	3,728,170	3,301,601	99	89	13,784,553	14,094,497	102
Mature	43,501	51,870	43,748	101	84	178,270	185,956	104
Light	4,057	5,419	5,149	127	95	19,023	20,719	109
Heavy	39,444	46,451	38,599	98	83	159,247	165,237	104
Total	3,383,962	3,780,040	3,345,349	99	89	13,962,823	14,280,453	102
Turkeys								
Young	251,384	307,984	270,292	108	88	1,105,386	1,103,954	100
Old	2,649	2,461	2,702	102	110	9,919	12,290	124
Total	254,033	310,445	272,994	107	88	1,115,305	1,116,244	100
Ducks	4,455	3,924	3,425	77	87	17,044	15,329	90
Other ¹	101	110	90	89	82	394	419	106
Total	3,642,551	4,094,519	3,621,858	99	88	15,095,566	15,412,445	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	224,462	264,023	242,637	108	92	950,162	998,794	105
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	224,462	264,023	242,637	108	92	950,162	998,794	105
Turkeys								
Young	166,163	172,410	152,004	91	88	676,823	655,323	97
Old	133	1,076	1,082	814	101	1,792	2,828	158
Total	166,296	173,486	153,086	92	88	678,615	658,151	97
Ducks	7,358	7,936	7,848	107	99	29,939	31,278	104
Other ¹	11	18	15	136	83	34	49	144
Total	398,127	445,463	403,586	101	91	1,658,750	1,688,272	102
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,564,923	3,992,193	3,544,238	99	89	14,734,715	15,093,291	102
Mature	43,501	51,870	43,748	101	84	178,270	185,956	104
Light	4,057	5,419	5,149	127	95	19,023	20,719	109
Heavy	39,444	46,451	38,599	98	83	159,247	165,237	104
Total	3,608,424	4,044,063	3,587,986	99	89	14,912,985	15,279,247	102
Turkeys								
Young	417,547	480,394	422,296	101	88	1,782,209	1,759,277	99
Old	2,782	3,537	3,784	136	107	11,711	15,118	129
Total	420,329	483,931	426,080	101	88	1,793,920	1,774,395	99
Ducks	11,813	11,860	11,273	95	95	46,983	46,607	99
Other ¹	112	128	105	94	82	428	468	109
Total	4,040,678	4,539,982	4,025,444	100	89	16,754,316	17,100,717	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of		January to April		2023 as percent of 2022
				April 2022	March 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,290	10,201	8,814	95	86	40,849	39,554	97
Mature	803	949	708	88	75	3,304	3,336	101
Light	43	85	87	202	102	356	403	113
Heavy	760	864	621	82	72	2,948	2,933	99
Total	10,093	11,150	9,522	94	85	44,153	42,890	97
Turkeys								
Young	1,399	1,639	1,483	106	90	7,003	6,380	91
Old	29	26	19	66	73	131	128	98
Total	1,428	1,665	1,502	105	90	7,134	6,508	91
Ducks	74	81	74	100	91	297	304	102
Total ¹	11,595	12,896	11,098	96	86	51,584	49,702	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.19	0.19	95	100	0.21	0.20	95
Mature	1.31	1.29	1.13	86	88	1.31	1.25	95
Light	0.57	0.82	0.87	153	106	0.99	1.02	103
Heavy	1.42	1.37	1.18	83	86	1.36	1.29	95
Total	0.21	0.21	0.20	95	95	0.22	0.21	95
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.27	0.28	104	104	0.31	0.29	94
Old	0.80	0.57	0.39	49	68	0.86	0.65	76
Total	0.27	0.28	0.28	104	100	0.32	0.29	91
Ducks	0.46	0.50	0.48	104	96	0.46	0.47	102
Total ¹	0.22	0.22	0.21	95	95	0.23	0.22	96

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 condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of		January to April		2023 as percent of 2022
				April 2022	March 2023	2022	2023	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	18,161	20,291	17,249	95	85	75,654	77,156	102
Mature	1,512	1,883	1,708	113	91	5,988	7,128	119
Light	297	403	435	146	108	1,443	1,661	115
Heavy	1,215	1,480	1,273	105	86	4,545	5,467	120
Total	19,673	22,174	18,957	96	85	81,642	84,284	103
Turkeys								
Young	4,835	5,512	4,852	100	88	21,620	20,395	94
Old	132	176	190	144	108	558	761	136
Total	4,967	5,688	5,042	102	89	22,178	21,156	95
Ducks	208	236	188	90	80	944	879	93
Other ¹	3	2	2	67	100	10	9	90
Total	24,851	28,100	24,189	97	86	104,774	106,328	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.51	0.51	0.48	94	94	0.51	0.51	100
Mature	3.36	3.50	3.76	112	107	3.25	3.69	114
Light	6.82	6.92	7.79	114	113	7.05	7.42	105
Heavy	2.99	3.09	3.19	107	103	2.77	3.20	116
Total	0.54	0.55	0.53	98	96	0.54	0.55	102
Turkeys								
Young	1.14	1.13	1.14	100	101	1.20	1.15	96
Old	4.53	4.74	4.78	106	101	4.55	4.79	105
Total	1.17	1.16	1.17	100	101	1.22	1.18	97
Ducks	1.73	1.95	1.64	95	84	1.97	1.85	94
Other ¹	2.61	1.54	1.87	72	121	2.28	1.89	83
Total	0.61	0.62	0.60	98	97	0.62	0.62	100

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: March and April 2023

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	358	306	107,624	86,933
Mature	-	-	22	32	49,326	51,035
Light	-	-	14	28	42,950	45,227
Heavy	-	-	8	4	6,376	5,808
Total	-	-	380	338	156,950	137,968
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	41	38	4,321	3,629
Old	-	-	4	10	872	831
Total	-	-	45	48	5,193	4,460
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	175,701	127,470	716	670	3,782	2,790
Mature	13,068	13,383	190	186	32,883	31,484
Light	3,789	4,288	75	102	28,949	27,237
Heavy	9,279	9,095	115	84	3,934	4,247
Total	188,769	140,853	906	856	36,665	34,274
Turkeys						
Young	1,390	1,524	14	9	91	90
Old	472	532	1	1	271	259
Total	1,862	2,056	15	10	362	349
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	4,927	3,892	2,172	1,557	52,580	44,424
Mature	2,892	3,174	364	406	18,770	16,332
Light	1,810	2,127	344	396	17,909	15,391
Heavy	1,082	1,047	20	10	861	941
Total	7,819	7,066	2,536	1,963	71,350	60,756
Turkeys						
Young	64	133	360	242	496	546
Old	7	2	-	10	102	165
Total	71	135	360	252	598	711
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	12,762	13,591	156,709	113,081	1,906,747	1,707,752
Mature	91	161	42,403	38,338	27,176	30,932
Light	54	82	35,100	30,579	-	-
Heavy	37	79	7,303	7,759	27,176	30,932
Total	12,853	13,752	199,112	151,419	1,933,923	1,738,684
Turkeys						
Young	77	44	1,985	2,032	45,437	41,508
Old	1	8	63	81	172	305
Total	78	52	2,048	2,113	45,609	41,813

- 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.

² Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: March and April 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	104,647	93,579	570,886	509,091	5.46	5.44
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	84,588	75,087	610,921	541,223	7.22	7.21
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	33,476	27,390	257,027	205,727	7.68	7.51
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	109,981	97,829	667,815	594,366	6.07	6.08
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	41	39	259	248	6.27	6.32
Indiana	6,596	5,646	31,385	26,904	4.76	4.76
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,356	22,306	158,052	146,671	6.49	6.58
Louisiana	14,274	13,754	92,985	92,491	6.51	6.72
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,450	10,368	76,540	65,967	6.15	6.36
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	60,205	55,260	403,954	366,488	6.71	6.63
Missouri	36,344	32,504	205,497	185,804	5.65	5.72
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	10,403	9,048	64,411	56,712	6.19	6.27
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	236	195	1,207	1,008	5.11	5.16
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,884	2,189	14,204	10,820	4.93	4.94
North Carolina	79,409	69,729	660,287	587,158	8.32	8.42
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	11,019	9,605	48,871	43,017	4.43	4.48
Oklahoma	11,263	10,105	81,307	71,226	7.22	7.05
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	12,430	10,679	70,440	62,316	5.67	5.84
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,185	23,618	194,360	173,537	7.42	7.35
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	33,088	29,665	197,076	176,144	5.96	5.94
Texas	59,031	52,742	403,692	359,251	6.84	6.81
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	29,012	24,526	184,382	157,210	6.36	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	816,086	723,907	5,289,408	4,696,432	6.48	6.49

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2023

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	438,963	389,106	1,902	1,832	0.43	0.47
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	458,473	407,349	1,797	1,674	0.39	0.41
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	198,081	158,180	705	533	0.35	0.34
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	504,752	447,290	2,810	2,475	0.55	0.55
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	192	184	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	22,812	19,546	143	120	0.62	0.61
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	119,251	110,920	614	562	0.51	0.50
Louisiana	70,863	69,444	341	304	0.48	0.44
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	57,052	49,317	629	450	1.09	0.90
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	297,302	273,621	1,478	1,191	0.49	0.43
Missouri	150,634	136,339	489	502	0.32	0.37
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	49,014	43,092	758	538	1.52	1.23
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	884	738	14	9	1.56	1.26
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	8,644	6,622	153	115	1.74	1.71
North Carolina	509,667	451,986	1,626	1,485	0.32	0.33
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	36,510	31,988	239	168	0.65	0.52
Oklahoma	60,941	53,403	203	183	0.33	0.34
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	47,990	42,758	970	651	1.98	1.50
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	146,399	130,895	1,032	800	0.70	0.61
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	145,793	130,215	576	432	0.39	0.33
Texas	310,825	277,222	1,094	986	0.35	0.35
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	138,393	118,177	344	270	0.25	0.23
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	3,992,193	3,544,238	20,291	17,249	0.51	0.48

- 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: March and April 2023

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	41	4	7,997	7,137
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	137	196
Delaware	-	-	37	27	16,298	13,327
Georgia	-	-	-	-	14,974	12,739
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	1	-	-	1
Texas	-	-	-	-	6,847	6,482
Virginia	-	-	5	5	5,052	3,774
United States	-	-	358	306	107,624	86,933

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	5,991	3,735	48	67	175	131
Arkansas	243	274	2	4	-	-
Delaware	10,405	6,447	19	17	74	56
Georgia	28,550	21,600	21	60	496	507
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	6,684	5,150	15	38	761	495
Virginia	6,299	3,878	1	1	96	82
United States	175,701	127,470	716	670	3,782	2,790

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	361	500	333	320	3,502	3,953
Arkansas	9	3	-	-	30	43
Delaware	401	305	72	30	3,977	3,215
Georgia	1,069	1,128	513	364	7,274	7,561
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	61	68	7	6	407	402
Virginia	469	400	34	38	960	611
United States	4,927	3,892	2,172	1,557	52,580	44,424

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	489	345	12,696	11,441	164,731	140,256
Arkansas	-	1	147	223	141,236	177,456
Delaware	1,374	1,195	5,277	3,462	11,141	4,995
Georgia	6,702	8,878	30,630	29,328	180,008	161,820
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	219,255	162,070
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	133,474	117,890
Texas	891	498	4,315	2,735	101,383	84,293
Virginia	65	6	7,248	5,933	107,786	116,361
United States	12,762	13,591	156,709	113,081	1,906,747	1,707,752

- 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.

² Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: March and April 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	1	1	20	12	28.86	20.83
Indiana	2,050	1,687	87,815	72,492	42.84	42.96
Iowa	1,147	1,109	51,204	50,041	44.64	45.12
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	516	300	21,419	12,372	41.51	41.26
Minnesota	3,607	3,314	101,380	94,618	28.11	28.55
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	1,774	1,575	64,290	59,164	36.23	37.56
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	594	503	28,034	24,252	47.20	48.24
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	614	569	17,222	17,329	28.03	30.48
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	230	307	10,391	12,862	45.08	41.94
Tennessee	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	292	264	13,400	12,389	45.95	46.84
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,764	16,203	600,366	525,990	32.00	32.46

- Represents zero.

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

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2023

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	15	8	-	-	(X)	-
Indiana	70,780	58,490	898	752	1.25	1.27
Iowa	40,545	39,673	561	594	1.36	1.48
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	16,600	9,588	252	146	1.50	1.50
Minnesota	81,450	75,847	1,031	997	1.25	1.30
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	51,260	47,320	374	301	0.73	0.63
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,402	19,375	283	260	1.25	1.33
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	13,619	13,812	224	163	1.62	1.17
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	8,371	10,326	103	146	1.21	1.40
Tennessee	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	10,587	9,791	165	141	1.54	1.42
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	480,394	422,296	5,512	4,852	1.13	1.14

- 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.

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Ante-Mortem Condemnations: Birds federally condemned prior to entry into the slaughter plant which includes Dead-On-Arrival (DOA) and condemned for other causes.

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 of birds condemned includes federally inspected and establishment sorted 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 347 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2022. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 32 States.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current and previous year’s published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year’s data after publication of the annual summary in February.

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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