



Poultry Slaughter

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Poultry certified wholesome during October 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.71 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in October 2018. The September 2019 revised certified total at 4.20 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from September 2018. The September revision represented an increase of 1.76 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2019 was 6.21 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 6.00 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.43 billion pounds, up 5 percent from October 2018. Mature chickens, at 69.5 million pounds, were down 10 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 689 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.4 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2019 averaged 6.40 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.85 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2019 averaged 30.7 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from October 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2019 totaled 13.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 33.0 million pounds, were 0.70 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	October 2018	September 2019	October 2019	October 2019 as % of		January to October		2019 as percent of 2018
				October 2018	September 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	819,956	766,832	848,535	103	111	7,615,665	7,750,661	102
Mature	11,711	9,814	10,134	87	103	107,414	96,323	90
Light	4,183	2,641	3,084	74	117	39,402	29,285	74
Heavy	7,528	7,173	7,050	94	98	68,012	67,038	99
Total	831,667	776,646	858,669	103	111	7,723,079	7,846,984	102
Turkeys								
Young	23,682	17,999	22,192	94	123	197,423	189,998	96
Old	194	131	238	123	182	1,417	1,487	105
Total	23,876	18,130	22,430	94	124	198,840	191,485	96
Ducks	2,600	2,220	2,466	95	111	23,037	22,960	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,184,403	4,888,978	5,434,750	105	111	47,670,765	48,874,006	103
Mature	76,883	68,894	69,453	90	101	693,106	654,745	94
Light	14,251	9,375	10,715	75	114	135,334	101,436	75
Heavy	62,632	59,519	58,738	94	99	557,772	553,309	99
Total	5,261,286	4,957,872	5,504,203	105	111	48,363,871	49,528,751	102
Turkeys								
Young	713,325	573,499	681,966	96	119	6,132,053	6,095,153	99
Old	5,577	4,017	7,064	127	176	41,752	44,046	105
Total	718,902	577,516	689,030	96	119	6,173,805	6,139,199	99
Ducks	18,165	15,562	17,394	96	112	160,224	160,962	100
Other ¹	1,040	633	1,194	115	189	3,296	3,607	109
Total	5,999,393	5,551,583	6,211,821	104	112	54,701,196	55,832,519	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.32	6.38	6.40	101	100	6.26	6.31	101
Mature	6.57	7.02	6.85	104	98	6.45	6.80	105
Light	3.41	3.55	3.47	102	98	3.43	3.46	101
Heavy	8.32	8.30	8.33	100	100	8.20	8.25	101
Total	6.33	6.38	6.41	101	100	6.26	6.31	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.12	31.86	30.73	102	96	31.06	32.08	103
Old	28.75	30.66	29.68	103	97	29.47	29.62	101
Total	30.11	31.85	30.72	102	96	31.05	32.06	103
Ducks	6.99	7.01	7.05	101	101	6.96	7.01	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2018	September 2019	October 2019	October 2019 as % of		January to October		2019 as percent of 2018
				October 2018	September 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,619,859	3,417,055	3,794,762	105	111	33,274,645	34,157,252	103
Mature	50,893	47,427	46,485	91	98	458,110	439,542	96
Light	7,304	4,779	5,404	74	113	69,449	51,669	74
Heavy	43,589	42,648	41,081	94	96	388,661	387,873	100
Total	3,670,752	3,464,482	3,841,247	105	111	33,732,755	34,596,794	103
Turkeys								
Young	365,491	291,252	354,212	97	122	3,024,379	3,066,067	101
Old	4,183	2,701	5,312	127	197	30,703	31,933	104
Total	369,674	293,953	359,524	97	122	3,055,082	3,098,000	101
Ducks	5,368	4,444	4,916	92	111	44,689	44,116	99
Other ¹	197	147	232	118	158	1,322	1,487	112
Total	4,045,991	3,763,026	4,205,919	104	112	36,833,848	37,740,397	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	289,157	263,476	301,648	104	114	2,646,627	2,653,735	100
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	289,157	263,476	301,648	104	114	2,646,637	2,653,812	100
Turkeys								
Young	203,178	166,515	191,724	94	115	1,876,713	1,801,734	96
Old	90	349	80	89	23	779	1,251	161
Total	203,268	166,864	191,804	94	115	1,877,492	1,802,985	96
Ducks	7,953	6,910	7,736	97	112	72,183	73,238	101
Other ¹	456	248	520	114	210	857	852	99
Total	500,834	437,498	501,708	100	115	4,597,169	4,530,887	99
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,909,016	3,680,531	4,096,410	105	111	35,921,272	36,810,987	102
Mature	50,893	47,427	46,485	91	98	458,120	439,619	96
Light	7,304	4,779	5,404	74	113	69,459	51,669	74
Heavy	43,589	42,648	41,081	94	96	388,661	387,950	100
Total	3,959,909	3,727,958	4,142,895	105	111	36,379,392	37,250,606	102
Turkeys								
Young	568,669	457,767	545,936	96	119	4,901,092	4,867,801	99
Old	4,273	3,050	5,392	126	177	31,482	33,184	105
Total	572,942	460,817	551,328	96	120	4,932,574	4,900,985	99
Ducks	13,321	11,354	12,652	95	111	116,872	117,354	100
Other ¹	653	395	752	115	190	2,179	2,339	107
Total	4,546,825	4,200,524	4,707,627	104	112	41,431,017	42,271,284	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2018	September 2019	October 2019	October 2019 as % of		January to October		2019 as percent of 2018
				October 2018	September 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	11,690	11,350	11,746	100	103	109,367	109,269	100
Mature	613	572	480	78	84	7,022	5,824	83
Light	186	117	82	44	70	2,189	1,178	54
Heavy	427	455	398	93	87	4,833	4,646	96
Total	12,303	11,922	12,226	99	103	116,389	115,093	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,655	1,588	1,522	92	96	16,034	16,865	105
Old	46	47	53	115	113	421	417	99
Total	1,701	1,635	1,575	93	96	16,455	17,282	105
Ducks	72	91	95	132	104	652	790	121
Total ¹	14,078	13,651	13,900	99	102	133,501	133,177	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	0.80	0.83	0.69	86	83	1.01	0.89	88
Light	1.31	1.25	0.77	59	62	1.62	1.16	72
Heavy	0.68	0.76	0.68	100	89	0.87	0.84	97
Total	0.23	0.24	0.22	96	92	0.24	0.23	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.28	0.22	96	79	0.26	0.28	108
Old	0.82	1.17	0.75	91	64	1.01	0.95	94
Total	0.24	0.28	0.23	96	82	0.27	0.28	104
Ducks	0.40	0.58	0.55	138	95	0.41	0.49	120
Total ¹	0.23	0.25	0.22	96	88	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	October 2018	September 2019	October 2019	October 2019 as % of		January to October		2019 as percent of 2018
				October 2018	September 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	28,036	21,533	23,448	84	109	275,026	241,838	88
Mature	1,855	1,632	1,679	91	103	17,721	16,529	93
Light	434	382	472	109	124	4,316	3,887	90
Heavy	1,421	1,250	1,207	85	97	13,405	12,642	94
Total	29,891	23,165	25,127	84	108	292,747	258,367	88
Turkeys								
Young	7,474	6,386	7,281	97	114	69,432	70,305	101
Old	159	152	225	142	148	1,687	1,503	89
Total	7,633	6,538	7,506	98	115	71,119	71,808	101
Ducks	330	315	327	99	104	3,108	2,993	96
Other ¹	8	5	8	100	160	31	32	103
Total	37,862	30,023	32,968	87	110	367,005	333,200	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.71	0.58	0.57	80	98	0.76	0.65	86
Mature	3.52	3.33	3.49	99	105	3.72	3.62	97
Light	5.61	7.40	8.03	143	109	5.85	7.00	120
Heavy	3.16	2.85	2.85	90	100	3.33	3.16	95
Total	0.75	0.62	0.60	80	97	0.80	0.69	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.30	1.38	1.32	102	96	1.40	1.42	101
Old	3.59	4.75	4.01	112	84	5.09	4.33	85
Total	1.31	1.40	1.34	102	96	1.42	1.44	101
Ducks	2.42	2.70	2.52	104	93	2.59	2.49	96
Other ¹	1.21	1.25	1.05	87	84	1.40	1.35	96
Total	0.83	0.71	0.70	84	99	0.88	0.78	89

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: September and October 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,489	1,490	596,865	614,132
Mature	-	-	129	154	62,248	84,010
Light	-	-	71	110	38,177	57,863
Heavy	-	-	58	44	24,071	26,147
Total	-	-	1,618	1,644	659,113	698,142
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	16	20	12,658	23,852
Old	-	-	9	3	899	1,347
Total	-	-	25	23	13,557	25,199
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	271,354	271,314	1,559	1,940	15,383	16,602
Mature	10,200	10,325	121	172	31,826	31,231
Light	5,345	5,230	58	128	16,964	15,914
Heavy	4,855	5,095	63	44	14,862	15,317
Total	281,554	281,639	1,680	2,112	47,209	47,833
Turkeys						
Young	2,762	3,554	165	349	83	101
Old	612	605	2	1	152	263
Total	3,374	4,159	167	350	235	364
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	7,975	9,165	42,702	44,340	92,950	100,577
Mature	1,152	1,976	296	408	16,064	21,443
Light	961	1,774	163	237	13,823	18,327
Heavy	191	202	133	171	2,241	3,116
Total	9,127	11,141	42,998	44,748	109,014	122,020
Turkeys						
Young	97	126	445	825	688	1,171
Old	10	10	13	32	79	51
Total	107	136	458	857	767	1,222
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	31,623	36,512	588,324	619,103	1,650,224	1,715,175
Mature	1,207	652	69,584	65,812	192,827	216,183
Light	11	40	32,968	37,373	108,541	136,996
Heavy	1,196	612	36,616	28,439	84,286	79,187
Total	32,830	37,164	657,908	684,915	1,843,051	1,931,358
Turkeys						
Young	211	375	10,257	11,881	27,382	42,254
Old	4	10	1,000	1,034	2,780	3,356
Total	215	385	11,257	12,915	30,162	45,610

- 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: September and October 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	96,394	107,957	534,650	599,586	5.55	5.55
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	84,188	94,683	569,767	639,870	6.77	6.76
California	20,440	22,472	127,779	142,498	6.25	6.34
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	31,400	35,929	231,215	263,775	7.36	7.34
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	107,074	116,342	661,715	717,856	6.18	6.17
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,167	6,764	28,188	31,135	4.57	4.60
Iowa	965	693	5,459	3,870	5.65	5.58
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,117	26,693	159,727	176,339	6.62	6.61
Louisiana	15,541	17,504	100,235	113,672	6.45	6.49
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,302	12,153	70,974	76,979	6.28	6.33
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	60,294	66,547	382,380	425,421	6.34	6.39
Missouri	37,136	40,268	187,863	205,400	5.06	5.10
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	121	135	571	631	4.73	4.65
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,370	2,275	11,615	10,875	4.90	4.78
North Carolina	73,860	81,405	600,919	665,859	8.14	8.18
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	12,011	13,627	87,470	101,686	7.28	7.46
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,195	10,852	57,919	60,287	5.68	5.56
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,785	26,494	185,247	201,675	7.47	7.61
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee	25,302	27,963	138,066	151,779	5.46	5.43
Texas	58,316	65,193	385,090	434,558	6.60	6.67
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,042	29,468	162,658	185,131	6.25	6.28
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	766,832	848,535	4,888,978	5,434,750	6.38	6.40

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	407,841	457,423	2,036	2,372	0.50	0.52
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	429,245	482,001	1,830	1,966	0.42	0.41
California	95,833	106,927	869	938	0.90	0.87
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	178,616	203,770	1,162	1,277	0.65	0.62
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	496,394	538,865	3,041	3,103	0.61	0.57
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,570	22,750	64	106	0.31	0.47
Iowa	3,800	2,729	312	215	7.59	7.29
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	121,229	133,434	787	931	0.65	0.69
Louisiana	75,604	85,806	305	353	0.40	0.41
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	52,953	57,399	305	321	0.57	0.56
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	288,938	320,210	1,734	1,874	0.60	0.58
Missouri	137,933	151,308	628	597	0.45	0.39
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	406	453	6	5	1.47	1.08
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,086	6,648	186	172	2.55	2.52
North Carolina	461,994	512,226	2,224	2,255	0.48	0.44
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	65,667	76,299	258	293	0.39	0.38
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	39,337	41,397	1,058	1,011	2.62	2.39
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	139,614	151,845	901	992	0.64	0.65
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	101,792	111,840	689	820	0.67	0.73
Texas	290,489	331,276	1,843	2,293	0.63	0.69
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	117,317	133,909	427	470	0.36	0.35
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	3,680,531	4,096,410	21,533	23,448	0.58	0.57

- 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: September and October 2019

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	225	141	40,415	43,774
Arkansas	-	-	45	45	48,594	49,132
Delaware	-	-	415	391	41,247	44,130
Georgia	-	-	27	20	57,855	58,154
Mississippi	-	-	76	49	13,372	15,449
North Carolina	-	-	96	71	48,028	48,314
Texas	-	-	99	108	55,340	54,745
Virginia	-	-	22	16	15,913	17,805
United States	-	-	1,489	1,490	596,865	614,132
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	30,097	30,933	106	177	1,326	1,388
Arkansas	19,062	20,010	103	107	1,083	1,142
Delaware	20,122	23,377	73	207	570	625
Georgia	82,327	63,769	80	77	2,112	2,027
Mississippi	7,104	7,390	138	74	803	716
North Carolina	12,752	13,392	59	40	1,201	1,227
Texas	16,223	17,910	180	112	1,010	1,003
Virginia	9,979	13,335	10	16	340	394
United States	271,354	271,314	1,559	1,940	15,383	16,602
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	563	641	3,332	4,395	13,423	15,718
Arkansas	212	210	3,216	2,416	5,176	6,469
Delaware	715	758	2,129	2,284	5,095	5,064
Georgia	550	687	11,218	9,838	25,325	25,778
Mississippi	779	1,058	3,361	3,958	2,014	2,193
North Carolina	452	446	4,786	5,034	2,798	2,554
Texas	493	505	291	296	3,858	4,030
Virginia	470	548	623	711	1,920	1,973
United States	7,975	9,165	42,702	44,340	92,950	100,577
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	635	1,934	26,287	27,144	116,409	126,245
Arkansas	1,907	1,860	99,952	115,625	179,350	197,016
Delaware	3,741	4,944	12,222	15,868	86,329	97,648
Georgia	3,221	3,008	75,468	64,898	258,183	228,256
Mississippi	779	757	9,676	10,718	38,102	42,362
North Carolina	2,683	2,010	32,346	30,806	105,201	103,894
Texas	661	269	16,147	16,006	94,302	94,984
Virginia	701	424	9,172	14,691	39,150	49,913
United States	31,623	36,512	588,324	619,103	1,650,224	1,715,175

- 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: September and October 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,195	3,454	42,553	67,260	19.39	19.48
California	682	1,300	20,996	34,592	30.79	26.61
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,891	2,121	74,109	81,267	39.19	38.32
Iowa	1,077	1,236	45,494	51,500	42.25	41.65
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	3,415	3,737	91,692	101,287	26.85	27.10
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	915	1,015	30,948	34,474	33.84	33.98
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	1,808	2,089	68,672	78,187	37.98	37.43
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	525	613	23,631	28,299	45.02	46.15
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	332	372	4,631	5,350	13.95	14.40
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	8	14	247	31.88	31.67
Virginia	2,105	2,434	56,884	65,666	27.02	26.98
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	505	597	21,217	24,969	41.99	41.82
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,999	22,192	573,499	681,966	31.86	30.73

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(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	35,418	56,080	322	440	0.90	0.78
California	16,774	27,880	210	212	1.24	0.75
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(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	60,013	65,732	933	1,065	1.53	1.59
Iowa	35,838	40,591	541	640	1.49	1.55
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	73,568	81,303	986	1,178	1.32	1.43
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,019	27,839	184	188	0.73	0.67
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	53,901	61,564	427	404	0.79	0.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	18,897	22,652	271	298	1.41	1.30
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
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	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	3,890	4,511	35	44	0.90	0.97
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	11	200	-	1	(X)	0.56
Virginia	45,098	52,015	860	862	1.87	1.63
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	16,806	19,751	241	301	1.42	1.50
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	457,767	545,936	6,386	7,281	1.38	1.32

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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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