



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Special Note

Beginning with this publication, the “Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type” tables on pages 6 and 9 will include a new category “Unknown”. This change aligns the NASS report with the Food Safety and Inspection Service’s (FSIS) poultry systems. Previous month’s data is published in the same format for comparability purposes. The “Total” category will no longer be published. Data may be added to derive the cause totals.

## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

**January 2021** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**January 2022** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during January 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.19 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in January 2021. The December 2021 revised certified total at 4.18 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2020. The December revision represented an increase of 9.52 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during January 2022 was 5.52 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.89 billion pounds, up 2 percent from January 2021. Mature chickens, at 61.5 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 554 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.9 million pounds, up 19 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during January 2022 averaged 6.47 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.65 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2022 averaged 33.2 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from January 2021.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during January 2022 totaled 13.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 26.6 million pounds, were 0.63 percent of quantities inspected, unchanged from a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2021	December 2021	January 2022	January 2022 as % of		January to January		2022 as percent of 2021
				January 2021	December 2021	2021	2022	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	745,333	764,863	755,589	101	99	745,333	755,589	101
Mature .....	8,876	9,511	9,242	104	97	8,876	9,242	104
Light .....	2,831	3,223	2,937	104	91	2,831	2,937	104
Heavy .....	6,045	6,288	6,305	104	100	6,045	6,305	104
Total .....	754,209	774,374	764,831	101	99	754,209	764,831	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	16,611	16,190	16,562	100	102	16,611	16,562	100
Old .....	130	197	149	115	76	130	149	115
Total .....	16,741	16,387	16,711	100	102	16,741	16,711	100
Ducks .....	1,914	2,234	2,282	119	102	1,914	2,282	119
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,790,027	4,900,080	4,890,928	102	100	4,790,027	4,890,928	102
Mature .....	59,946	63,989	61,460	103	96	59,946	61,460	103
Light .....	9,938	10,917	10,086	101	92	9,938	10,086	101
Heavy .....	50,008	53,072	51,374	103	97	50,008	51,374	103
Total .....	4,849,973	4,964,069	4,952,388	102	100	4,849,973	4,952,388	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	556,649	530,470	549,577	99	104	556,649	549,577	99
Old .....	3,893	5,871	4,681	120	80	3,893	4,681	120
Total .....	560,542	536,341	554,258	99	103	560,542	554,258	99
Ducks .....	13,385	15,582	15,875	119	102	13,385	15,875	119
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	149	167	152	102	91	149	152	102
Total .....	5,424,049	5,516,159	5,522,673	102	100	5,424,049	5,522,673	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.43	6.41	6.47	101	101	6.43	6.47	101
Mature .....	6.75	6.73	6.65	99	99	6.75	6.65	99
Light .....	3.51	3.39	3.43	98	101	3.51	3.43	98
Heavy .....	8.27	8.44	8.15	99	97	8.27	8.15	99
Total .....	6.43	6.41	6.48	101	101	6.43	6.48	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	33.51	32.77	33.18	99	101	33.51	33.18	99
Old .....	29.95	29.80	31.42	105	105	29.95	31.42	105
Total .....	33.48	32.73	33.17	99	101	33.48	33.17	99
Ducks .....	6.99	6.97	6.96	100	100	6.99	6.96	100

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

## Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2021	December 2021	January 2022	January 2022 as % of		January to January		2022 as percent of 2021
				January 2021	December 2021	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,371,757	3,455,943	3,443,882	102	100	3,371,757	3,443,882	102
Mature .....	40,759	44,718	42,594	105	95	40,759	42,594	105
Light .....	5,092	5,662	5,214	102	92	5,092	5,214	102
Heavy .....	35,667	39,056	37,380	105	96	35,667	37,380	105
Total .....	3,412,516	3,500,661	3,486,476	102	100	3,412,516	3,486,476	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	289,770	260,906	275,431	95	106	289,770	275,431	95
Old .....	2,936	4,434	2,840	97	64	2,936	2,840	97
Total .....	292,706	265,340	278,271	95	105	292,706	278,271	95
Ducks .....	3,305	4,507	4,167	126	92	3,305	4,167	126
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	96	104	97	101	93	96	97	101
Total .....	3,708,623	3,770,612	3,769,011	102	100	3,708,623	3,769,011	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	241,256	244,131	244,505	101	100	241,256	244,505	101
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	241,256	244,131	244,505	101	100	241,256	244,505	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	154,341	162,185	163,333	106	101	154,341	163,333	106
Old .....	65	71	755	1,162	1,063	65	755	1,162
Total .....	154,406	162,256	164,088	106	101	154,406	164,088	106
Ducks .....	6,584	6,891	7,468	113	108	6,584	7,468	113
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	6	12	6	100	50	6	6	100
Total .....	402,252	413,290	416,067	103	101	402,252	416,067	103
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,613,013	3,700,074	3,688,387	102	100	3,613,013	3,688,387	102
Mature .....	40,759	44,718	42,594	105	95	40,759	42,594	105
Light .....	5,092	5,662	5,214	102	92	5,092	5,214	102
Heavy .....	35,667	39,056	37,380	105	96	35,667	37,380	105
Total .....	3,653,772	3,744,792	3,730,981	102	100	3,653,772	3,730,981	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	444,111	423,091	438,764	99	104	444,111	438,764	99
Old .....	3,001	4,505	3,595	120	80	3,001	3,595	120
Total .....	447,112	427,596	442,359	99	103	447,112	442,359	99
Ducks .....	9,889	11,398	11,635	118	102	9,889	11,635	118
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	102	116	103	101	89	102	103	101
Total .....	4,110,875	4,183,902	4,185,078	102	100	4,110,875	4,185,078	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2021	December 2021	January 2022	January 2022 as % of		January to January		2022 as percent of 2021
				January 2021	December 2021	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,010	9,846	10,879	109	110	10,010	10,879	109
Mature .....	571	744	795	139	107	571	795	139
Light .....	85	104	132	155	127	85	132	155
Heavy .....	486	640	663	136	104	486	663	136
Total .....	10,581	10,590	11,674	110	110	10,581	11,674	110
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,754	1,556	1,940	111	125	1,754	1,940	111
Old .....	42	26	47	112	181	42	47	112
Total .....	1,796	1,582	1,987	111	126	1,796	1,987	111
Ducks .....	59	63	77	131	122	59	77	131
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	12,436	12,235	13,738	110	112	12,436	13,738	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.21	0.20	0.22	105	110	0.21	0.22	105
Mature .....	0.95	1.16	1.29	136	111	0.95	1.29	136
Light .....	0.86	0.95	1.31	152	138	0.86	1.31	152
Heavy .....	0.97	1.21	1.29	133	107	0.97	1.29	133
Total .....	0.22	0.21	0.24	109	114	0.22	0.24	109
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.32	0.29	0.35	109	121	0.32	0.35	109
Old .....	1.08	0.44	1.00	93	227	1.08	1.00	93
Total .....	0.32	0.29	0.36	113	124	0.32	0.36	113
Ducks .....	0.44	0.40	0.49	111	123	0.44	0.49	111
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.23	0.22	0.25	109	114	0.23	0.25	109

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	January 2021	December 2021	January 2022	January 2022 as % of		January to January		2022 as percent of 2021
				January 2021	December 2021	2021	2022	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	18,057	17,996	19,119	106	106	18,057	19,119	106
Mature .....	1,873	1,880	1,473	79	78	1,873	1,473	79
Light .....	430	492	434	101	88	430	434	101
Heavy .....	1,443	1,388	1,039	72	75	1,443	1,039	72
Total .....	19,930	19,876	20,592	103	104	19,930	20,592	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	5,972	5,126	5,593	94	109	5,972	5,593	94
Old .....	116	210	156	134	74	116	156	134
Total .....	6,088	5,336	5,749	94	108	6,088	5,749	94
Ducks .....	187	252	274	147	109	187	274	147
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	2	100	100	2	2	100
Total .....	26,207	25,466	26,617	102	105	26,207	26,617	102
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.50	0.48	0.52	104	108	0.50	0.52	104
Mature .....	4.39	4.03	3.34	76	83	4.39	3.34	76
Light .....	7.79	7.99	7.68	99	96	7.79	7.68	99
Heavy .....	3.89	3.43	2.70	69	79	3.89	2.70	69
Total .....	0.54	0.53	0.55	102	104	0.54	0.55	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.33	1.20	1.26	95	105	1.33	1.26	95
Old .....	3.72	4.45	4.16	112	93	3.72	4.16	112
Total .....	1.34	1.23	1.28	96	104	1.34	1.28	96
Ducks .....	1.86	2.16	2.30	124	106	1.86	2.30	124
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.92	1.69	1.90	99	112	1.92	1.90	99
Total .....	0.63	0.60	0.63	100	105	0.63	0.63	100

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: December 2021 and January 2022

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	386	579	131,178	124,619
Mature .....	-	-	39	19	71,232	71,251
Light .....	-	-	21	14	67,224	67,011
Heavy .....	-	-	18	5	4,008	4,240
Total .....	-	-	425	598	202,410	195,870
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	34	33	8,289	10,760
Old .....	-	-	6	19	1,085	945
Total .....	-	-	40	52	9,374	11,705
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	135,205	133,452	789	552	3,151	2,722
Mature .....	14,584	12,584	218	144	28,571	24,869
Light .....	6,463	6,344	75	75	22,161	18,955
Heavy .....	8,121	6,240	143	69	6,410	5,914
Total .....	149,789	146,036	1,007	696	31,722	27,591
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	955	1,469	107	19	37	86
Old .....	624	587	-	4	291	139
Total .....	1,579	2,056	107	23	328	225
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	3,440	3,513	5,488	4,035	39,453	38,632
Mature .....	2,793	2,444	281	362	26,776	21,738
Light .....	2,284	2,032	234	334	22,909	18,256
Heavy .....	509	412	47	28	3,867	3,482
Total .....	6,233	5,957	5,769	4,397	66,229	60,370
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	80	108	216	723	825	984
Old .....	14	9	41	11	157	159
Total .....	94	117	257	734	982	1,143
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	18,783	12,048	347,863	353,795	1,475,655	1,607,279
Mature .....	63	52	57,662	55,492	45,113	23,456
Light .....	59	41	50,772	50,009	-	-
Heavy .....	4	11	6,890	5,483	45,113	23,456
Total .....	18,846	12,100	405,525	409,287	1,520,768	1,630,735
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	58	138	7,381	9,123	42,604	44,460
Old .....	20	1	1,324	112	-	46
Total .....	78	139	8,705	9,235	42,604	44,506

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

<sup>2</sup> 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: December 2021 and January 2022

[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 .....	95,780	95,462	539,126	528,168	5.63	5.53
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	80,675	81,751	559,058	582,100	6.93	7.12
California .....	22,971	23,829	131,993	145,434	5.75	6.10
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	28,598	28,808	224,501	225,200	7.85	7.82
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	102,547	102,842	614,761	616,392	5.99	5.99
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	56	56	348	355	6.24	6.35
Indiana .....	6,321	6,326	29,233	29,682	4.62	4.69
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	22,698	21,066	143,249	140,157	6.31	6.65
Louisiana .....	13,701	13,634	97,022	96,084	7.08	7.05
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	11,939	11,018	77,191	71,446	6.47	6.48
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	58,081	55,658	359,139	353,041	6.18	6.34
Missouri .....	33,801	33,481	176,388	176,760	5.22	5.28
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	169	124	823	602	4.88	4.86
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,634	2,648	12,545	12,726	4.76	4.81
North Carolina .....	75,998	72,762	625,724	608,635	8.23	8.36
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	10,300	9,986	45,092	44,694	4.38	4.48
Oklahoma .....	11,061	11,219	79,412	78,998	7.18	7.04
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	10,665	12,070	63,317	70,971	5.94	5.88
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,370	23,489	189,401	183,000	7.77	7.79
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	27,038	27,675	155,788	167,522	5.76	6.05
Texas .....	59,141	58,093	390,881	388,181	6.61	6.68
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	27,319	25,348	174,505	163,541	6.39	6.45
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 .....	764,863	755,589	4,900,080	4,890,928	6.41	6.47

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2021 and January 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	410,750	403,607	1,760	1,788	0.43	0.44
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	421,163	436,758	1,472	1,531	0.35	0.35
California .....	98,668	108,988	1,430	1,487	1.43	1.35
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	173,790	174,371	519	606	0.30	0.35
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	468,444	464,176	3,024	3,166	0.64	0.68
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	259	264	-	-	0.01	(X)
Indiana .....	21,229	21,497	121	133	0.57	0.62
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	108,195	105,665	604	627	0.56	0.59
Louisiana .....	73,836	73,183	331	352	0.45	0.48
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	57,893	53,362	344	389	0.59	0.72
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	264,937	261,208	956	977	0.36	0.37
Missouri .....	129,712	129,814	393	456	0.30	0.35
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	604	444	13	10	2.15	2.10
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,666	7,824	99	100	1.27	1.27
North Carolina .....	480,801	468,189	1,494	1,598	0.31	0.34
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	33,492	33,079	171	183	0.51	0.55
Oklahoma .....	59,611	59,227	200	180	0.33	0.30
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	44,567	49,212	611	845	1.35	1.69
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	142,735	137,989	853	877	0.59	0.63
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	114,923	123,130	662	724	0.57	0.58
Texas .....	298,955	298,714	1,061	1,146	0.35	0.38
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	131,397	123,015	388	374	0.29	0.30
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 .....	3,700,074	3,688,387	17,996	19,119	0.48	0.52

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: December 2021 and January 2022

[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 .....	-	-	79	69	9,529	8,855
Arkansas .....	-	-	-	-	36	168
Delaware .....	-	-	9	25	5,814	9,909
Georgia .....	-	-	8	9	19,188	19,434
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	1
Texas .....	-	-	3	1	11,628	12,991
Virginia .....	-	-	21	4	10,205	8,546
United States .....	-	-	386	579	131,178	124,619
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	2,441	2,471	11	5	104	87
Arkansas .....	47	151	-	7	1	-
Delaware .....	1,959	3,597	4	9	65	57
Georgia .....	49,850	40,801	82	63	653	682
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	6,638	7,740	28	76	259	349
Virginia .....	4,220	3,996	10	10	135	86
United States .....	135,205	133,452	789	552	3,151	2,722
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	170	163	722	637	3,595	4,625
Arkansas .....	5	8	2	-	64	64
Delaware .....	93	146	54	150	595	579
Georgia .....	486	463	1,424	1,596	6,072	5,486
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	123	150	35	44	415	735
Virginia .....	546	382	102	85	967	1,036
United States .....	3,440	3,513	5,488	4,035	39,453	38,632
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	127	63	25,108	39,782	156,648	158,260
Arkansas .....	28	-	130	293	99,536	109,901
Delaware .....	250	712	794	901	4,356	3,583
Georgia .....	10,397	6,841	128,045	138,036	154,266	161,195
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	143,815	146,494
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	122,870	133,824
Texas .....	214	505	1,014	1,287	91,720	83,728
Virginia .....	514	207	6,340	6,010	117,800	135,849
United States .....	18,783	12,048	347,863	353,795	1,475,655	1,607,279

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

<sup>2</sup> 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: December 2021 and January 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December (1,000 head)	January (1,000 head)	December (1,000 pounds)	January (1,000 pounds)	December (pounds)	January (pounds)
Alabama .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois .....	14	(Z)	361	3	25.35	29.90
Indiana .....	1,953	1,906	80,261	80,031	41.10	41.99
Iowa .....	1,016	1,054	45,339	47,542	44.61	45.13
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	2,889	3,362	78,190	94,936	27.07	28.24
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	480	504	9,507	10,161	19.81	20.18
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	16	21	294	389	18.63	18.30
North Carolina .....	1,708	1,656	67,660	67,483	39.61	40.76
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	523	535	25,077	26,439	47.96	49.41
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	543	526	16,274	15,521	29.98	29.52
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	313	268	14,082	12,811	44.96	47.82
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	2	3	70	106	32.68	33.28
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	351	359	15,590	16,153	44.41	45.03
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	16,190	16,562	530,470	549,577	32.77	33.18

- Represents zero.

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

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2021 and January 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	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 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	291	2	6	-	1.99	1.24
Indiana .....	64,403	64,250	803	805	1.23	1.24
Iowa .....	35,710	37,434	513	594	1.42	1.56
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	62,493	76,232	695	1,071	1.10	1.39
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	7,801	8,334	103	112	1.31	1.33
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 .....	184	244	6	9	2.95	3.37
North Carolina .....	53,175	52,545	367	340	0.69	0.64
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	20,010	21,178	235	259	1.16	1.21
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	12,834	12,365	291	219	2.21	1.74
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	11,333	10,253	162	163	1.41	1.56
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	56	84	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	12,285	12,728	226	246	1.80	1.90
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	423,091	438,764	5,126	5,593	1.20	1.26

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations:** Birds 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 349 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2021. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 31 States.

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