



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down Slightly from Last Year

December 2016 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

December 2017 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.83 billion pounds, down slightly from the amount certified in December 2016. The November 2017 revised certified total at 4.01 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from November 2016. The November revision represented an increase of 2.68 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during December 2017 was 5.07 billion pounds, down slightly from 5.08 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.41 billion pounds, up slightly from December 2016. Mature chickens, at 63.3 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 576 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.0 million pounds, down 14 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2017 averaged 6.27 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.15 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2017 averaged 31.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2016.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2017 totaled 12.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.0 million pounds, were 0.93 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.97 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2016	November 2017	December 2017	December 2017 as % of		January to December		2017 as percent of 2016
				December 2016	November 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	709,319	728,303	704,024	99	97	8,768,427	8,915,383	102
Mature	10,886	11,163	10,300	95	92	140,587	134,591	96
Light	4,858	4,490	4,252	88	95	61,501	57,589	94
Heavy	6,028	6,673	6,048	100	91	79,086	77,002	97
Total	720,205	739,466	714,324	99	97	8,909,014	9,049,974	102
Turkeys								
Young	18,742	21,805	17,939	96	82	241,418	239,977	99
Old	152	120	112	74	93	1,837	1,666	91
Total	18,894	21,925	18,051	96	82	243,255	241,643	99
Ducks	2,516	2,337	2,131	85	91	27,268	26,628	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,395,633	4,568,136	4,414,533	100	97	54,037,067	55,309,576	102
Mature	65,321	69,531	63,347	97	91	848,287	822,376	97
Light	16,304	15,336	14,581	89	95	204,073	194,389	95
Heavy	49,017	54,195	48,766	99	90	644,214	627,987	97
Total	4,460,954	4,637,667	4,477,880	100	97	54,885,354	56,131,952	102
Turkeys								
Young	593,508	642,370	573,097	97	89	7,412,043	7,418,971	100
Old	4,357	3,545	3,371	77	95	51,966	48,973	94
Total	597,865	645,915	576,468	96	89	7,464,009	7,467,944	100
Ducks	17,364	16,369	14,997	86	92	186,715	184,338	99
Other ¹	200	415	233	117	56	4,054	4,211	104
Total	5,076,383	5,300,366	5,069,578	100	96	62,540,132	63,788,445	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.20	6.27	6.27	101	100	6.16	6.20	101
Mature	6.00	6.23	6.15	103	99	6.03	6.11	101
Light	3.36	3.42	3.43	102	100	3.32	3.38	102
Heavy	8.13	8.12	8.06	99	99	8.15	8.16	100
Total	6.19	6.27	6.27	101	100	6.16	6.20	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.67	29.46	31.95	101	108	30.70	30.92	101
Old	28.66	29.54	30.10	105	102	28.29	29.40	104
Total	31.64	29.46	31.94	101	108	30.68	30.90	101
Ducks	6.90	7.00	7.04	102	101	6.85	6.92	101

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	December 2016	November 2017	December 2017	December 2017 as % of		January to December		2017 as percent of 2016
				December 2016	November 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,061,504	3,165,727	3,061,556	100	97	37,672,236	38,404,766	102
Mature	42,411	45,411	41,035	97	90	548,518	535,110	98
Light	8,542	7,871	7,442	87	95	106,521	99,914	94
Heavy	33,869	37,540	33,593	99	89	441,997	435,196	98
Total	3,103,915	3,211,138	3,102,591	100	97	38,220,754	38,939,876	102
Turkeys								
Young	290,589	337,993	287,647	99	85	3,496,467	3,509,252	100
Old	3,004	2,580	2,475	82	96	35,808	35,946	100
Total	293,593	340,573	290,122	99	85	3,532,275	3,545,198	100
Ducks	5,405	5,079	5,028	93	99	53,640	52,780	98
Other ¹	130	123	158	122	128	1,702	1,700	100
Total	3,403,043	3,556,913	3,397,899	100	96	41,808,371	42,539,554	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	249,959	271,560	260,252	104	96	3,023,996	3,253,530	108
Mature	-	3	-	(X)	(X)	49	32	65
Light	-	3	-	(X)	(X)	18	30	167
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	31	2	6
Total	249,959	271,563	260,252	104	96	3,024,045	3,253,562	108
Turkeys								
Young	184,964	176,592	170,785	92	97	2,445,597	2,433,665	100
Old	229	50	55	24	110	3,217	804	25
Total	185,193	176,642	170,840	92	97	2,448,814	2,434,469	99
Ducks	7,263	6,853	5,970	82	87	82,181	81,533	99
Other ¹	6	142	8	133	6	953	1,027	108
Total	442,421	455,200	437,070	99	96	5,555,993	5,770,591	104
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,311,463	3,437,287	3,321,808	100	97	40,696,232	41,658,296	102
Mature	42,411	45,414	41,035	97	90	548,567	535,142	98
Light	8,542	7,874	7,442	87	95	106,539	99,944	94
Heavy	33,869	37,540	33,593	99	89	442,028	435,198	98
Total	3,353,874	3,482,701	3,362,843	100	97	41,244,799	42,193,438	102
Turkeys								
Young	475,553	514,585	458,432	96	89	5,942,064	5,942,917	100
Old	3,233	2,630	2,530	78	96	39,025	36,750	94
Total	478,786	517,215	460,962	96	89	5,981,089	5,979,667	100
Ducks	12,668	11,932	10,998	87	92	135,821	134,313	99
Other ¹	136	265	166	122	63	2,655	2,727	103
Total	3,845,464	4,012,113	3,834,969	100	96	47,364,364	48,310,145	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2016	November 2017	December 2017	December 2017 as % of		January to December		2017 as percent of 2016
				December 2016	November 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,402	10,241	10,536	101	103	124,995	124,230	99
Mature	816	767	740	91	96	10,156	9,563	94
Light	282	223	218	77	98	3,511	3,201	91
Heavy	534	544	522	98	96	6,645	6,362	96
Total	11,218	11,008	11,276	101	102	135,151	133,793	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,659	1,482	1,441	87	97	18,680	18,795	101
Old	55	28	33	60	118	662	543	82
Total	1,714	1,510	1,474	86	98	19,342	19,338	100
Ducks	50	65	56	112	86	528	592	112
Total ¹	12,982	12,584	12,807	99	102	155,025	153,728	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.24	0.22	0.24	100	109	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	1.25	1.10	1.17	94	106	1.20	1.16	97
Light	1.73	1.45	1.50	87	103	1.72	1.65	96
Heavy	1.09	1.00	1.07	98	107	1.03	1.01	98
Total	0.25	0.24	0.25	100	104	0.25	0.24	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.23	0.25	89	109	0.25	0.25	100
Old	1.26	0.79	0.98	78	124	1.27	1.11	87
Total	0.29	0.23	0.26	90	113	0.26	0.26	100
Ducks	0.29	0.40	0.37	128	93	0.28	0.32	114
Total ¹	0.26	0.24	0.25	96	104	0.25	0.24	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 inspected only]

Commodity	December 2016	November 2017	December 2017	December 2017 as % of		January to December		2017 as percent of 2016
				December 2016	November 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	27,784	27,596	27,182	98	98	356,806	342,121	96
Mature	2,393	1,993	1,869	78	94	30,365	25,916	85
Light	699	543	509	73	94	8,081	7,534	93
Heavy	1,694	1,450	1,360	80	94	22,284	18,382	82
Total	30,177	29,589	29,051	96	98	387,171	368,037	95
Turkeys								
Young	7,099	7,132	6,537	92	92	86,939	84,707	97
Old	188	146	143	76	98	1,900	2,025	107
Total	7,287	7,278	6,680	92	92	88,839	86,732	98
Ducks	327	320	276	84	86	3,633	3,531	97
Other ¹	2	4	2	100	50	28	40	143
Total	37,793	37,191	36,009	95	97	479,671	458,340	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.83	0.80	0.81	98	101	0.87	0.81	93
Mature	5.34	4.20	4.36	82	104	5.25	4.62	88
Light	7.56	6.45	6.40	85	99	7.05	7.01	99
Heavy	4.76	3.72	3.89	82	105	4.80	4.05	84
Total	0.89	0.84	0.86	97	102	0.93	0.86	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.47	1.37	1.41	96	103	1.44	1.41	98
Old	5.50	5.26	5.35	97	102	4.64	5.22	113
Total	1.50	1.39	1.43	95	103	1.46	1.43	98
Ducks	2.52	2.61	2.45	97	94	2.61	2.56	98
Other ¹	1.45	1.49	1.19	82	80	1.04	1.45	139
Total	0.97	0.92	0.93	96	101	1.00	0.94	94

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: November and December 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,319	4,039	723,040	727,128
Mature	-	-	185	189	125,800	125,341
Light	-	-	101	98	83,931	80,654
Heavy	-	-	84	91	41,869	44,687
Total	-	-	4,504	4,228	848,840	852,469
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	72	74	26,328	21,469
Old	-	-	21	12	893	877
Total	-	-	93	86	27,221	22,346
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	443,725	513,498	2,639	2,510	16,398	17,392
Mature	19,949	19,373	1,455	1,043	38,704	40,235
Light	6,784	6,584	1,229	859	19,076	21,510
Heavy	13,165	12,789	226	184	19,628	18,725
Total	463,674	532,871	4,094	3,553	55,102	57,627
Turkeys						
Young	5,073	3,761	670	456	73	52
Old	543	616	16	21	167	218
Total	5,616	4,377	686	477	240	270
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,460	10,683	52,145	54,415	109,409	111,290
Mature	6,647	5,669	1,181	1,232	52,789	48,800
Light	5,928	4,989	461	610	45,550	41,882
Heavy	719	680	720	622	7,239	6,918
Total	18,107	16,352	53,326	55,647	162,198	160,090
Turkeys						
Young	127	79	441	397	1,689	1,184
Old	21	39	55	87	160	179
Total	148	118	496	484	1,849	1,363
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	28,896	23,135	779,926	770,195	2,171,957	2,234,285
Mature	947	1,042	76,803	76,830	324,460	319,754
Light	212	151	28,471	32,006	191,743	189,343
Heavy	735	891	48,332	44,824	132,717	130,411
Total	29,843	24,177	856,729	847,025	2,496,417	2,554,039
Turkeys						
Young	375	303	12,999	11,957	47,847	39,732
Old	61	72	370	416	2,307	2,537
Total	436	375	13,369	12,373	50,154	42,269

- 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, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: November and December 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	88,337	86,371	496,006	483,501	5.61	5.60
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	80,066	76,808	540,699	516,648	6.75	6.73
California	20,129	19,845	121,892	118,391	6.06	5.97
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	31,183	31,368	227,859	225,478	7.31	7.19
Florida	5,052	5,577	29,447	31,794	5.83	5.70
Georgia	104,744	97,059	623,307	576,189	5.95	5.94
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,205	5,285	22,489	22,826	4.32	4.32
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,955	23,249	149,053	154,180	6.49	6.63
Louisiana	15,254	14,289	99,564	91,808	6.53	6.43
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,162	10,186	69,234	59,947	6.20	5.89
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,525	3,899	27,965	23,262	6.18	5.97
Mississippi	58,417	57,491	375,650	368,607	6.43	6.41
Missouri	35,447	34,182	176,743	169,062	4.99	4.95
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	92	98	433	470	4.70	4.78
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,215	2,028	10,989	10,032	4.96	4.95
North Carolina	64,550	62,553	508,094	494,587	7.87	7.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	9,091	8,626	47,127	45,147	5.18	5.23
Oklahoma	12,691	11,917	85,557	79,754	6.74	6.69
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,576	9,222	54,018	52,153	5.64	5.66
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,021	23,647	179,646	178,773	7.48	7.56
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,265	22,780	122,303	120,573	5.26	5.29
Texas	53,375	51,661	350,608	340,396	6.57	6.59
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,379	26,943	150,175	159,046	5.69	5.90
Washington	3,851	3,759	24,543	24,161	6.37	6.43
West Virginia	8,967	7,942	34,355	30,041	3.83	3.78
Wisconsin	4,099	3,679	17,253	15,428	4.21	4.19
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	728,303	704,024	4,568,136	4,414,533	6.27	6.27

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2017

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	376,609	366,358	2,883	2,677	0.76	0.73
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	404,663	386,300	3,108	3,055	0.76	0.78
California	90,953	88,128	1,268	1,428	1.38	1.59
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	170,163	169,539	1,323	1,486	0.77	0.87
Florida	22,085	23,842	112	138	0.51	0.58
Georgia	469,004	434,668	3,952	3,882	0.84	0.89
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,421	16,656	94	94	0.57	0.56
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	112,792	116,598	1,258	1,200	1.10	1.02
Louisiana	75,151	69,562	468	418	0.62	0.60
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	51,298	44,092	463	414	0.90	0.93
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	22,462	18,563	141	120	0.62	0.64
Mississippi	289,638	284,325	2,127	2,087	0.73	0.73
Missouri	130,383	124,653	951	857	0.72	0.68
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	312	336	5	6	1.70	1.71
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,858	6,304	211	194	2.98	2.98
North Carolina	393,343	382,310	2,567	2,480	0.65	0.64
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	35,008	33,640	360	327	1.02	0.96
Oklahoma	64,394	60,002	362	344	0.56	0.57
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	36,501	35,343	1,047	953	2.79	2.63
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	135,124	134,697	765	753	0.56	0.56
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	89,847	88,582	480	599	0.53	0.67
Texas	264,859	257,059	2,116	2,035	0.79	0.79
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	107,009	113,139	637	770	0.59	0.68
Washington	18,336	18,024	92	86	0.50	0.48
West Virginia	24,671	21,584	73	71	0.29	0.33
Wisconsin	12,751	11,420	86	74	0.67	0.64
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,437,287	3,321,808	27,596	27,182	0.80	0.81

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: November and December 2017

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	361	324	56,378	56,691
Arkansas	-	-	158	129	68,074	66,449
Delaware	-	-	581	496	50,660	54,851
Georgia	-	-	28	15	63,136	63,385
Mississippi	-	-	80	71	18,502	17,384
Missouri	-	-	19	17	29,107	27,105
North Carolina	-	-	126	87	77,858	77,121
Texas	-	-	147	294	68,875	70,389
Virginia	-	-	56	43	15,086	17,661
United States	-	-	4,319	4,039	723,040	727,128

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	35,987	37,974	335	382	2,276	2,418
Arkansas	25,186	29,063	214	170	1,151	1,083
Delaware	44,620	59,999	88	109	829	880
Georgia	99,464	114,424	158	120	2,219	2,247
Mississippi	8,487	7,759	148	154	783	797
Missouri	4,758	5,151	14	9	489	514
North Carolina	30,689	36,786	186	150	1,581	1,609
Texas	20,599	23,570	613	491	702	786
Virginia	15,358	20,639	9	9	377	423
United States	443,725	513,498	2,639	2,510	16,398	17,392

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	987	825	4,871	4,771	16,007	16,417
Arkansas	374	385	3,555	4,075	5,203	5,070
Delaware	760	707	2,787	2,553	3,498	3,683
Georgia	678	625	13,007	13,115	33,011	34,112
Mississippi	695	667	2,246	2,256	1,719	1,605
Missouri	100	98	386	349	1,445	1,518
North Carolina	629	574	7,613	6,497	4,208	4,041
Texas	571	492	527	531	5,086	4,724
Virginia	568	637	764	853	2,359	2,027
United States	11,460	10,683	52,145	54,415	109,409	111,290

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,020	901	45,333	47,616	163,555	168,319
Arkansas	3,842	2,925	167,924	174,317	275,681	283,666
Delaware	1,919	1,848	8,961	9,032	114,703	134,158
Georgia	4,363	3,142	75,921	71,701	291,985	302,886
Mississippi	211	238	15,967	15,625	48,838	46,556
Missouri	93	67	22,079	19,573	58,490	54,401
North Carolina	2,361	2,201	53,132	56,332	178,383	185,398
Texas	2,080	1,773	21,682	20,869	120,882	123,919
Virginia	1,144	912	10,809	11,927	46,530	55,131
United States	28,896	23,135	779,926	770,195	2,171,957	2,234,285

- 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, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: November and December 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,294	2,772	63,540	54,133	19.29	19.53
California	1,708	898	40,878	26,733	23.94	29.77
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,873	1,841	73,809	74,697	39.41	40.58
Iowa	1,209	1,095	48,958	45,728	40.49	41.76
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,966	2,736	99,173	75,613	25.01	27.64
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	875	791	29,948	27,873	34.23	35.25
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	1,842	1,747	64,605	65,890	35.07	37.72
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	581	473	24,565	21,739	42.28	45.94
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	947	721	24,313	21,278	25.67	29.51
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	596	477	9,723	7,760	16.30	16.26
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,332	2,038	62,384	56,633	26.75	27.79
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,805	17,939	642,370	573,097	29.46	31.95

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2017

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(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	52,998	45,068	376	329	0.70	0.72
California	32,743	21,402	368	268	1.11	1.24
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	59,684	60,530	1,117	1,034	1.84	1.68
Iowa	38,548	36,010	562	507	1.44	1.39
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	78,966	60,072	1,226	853	1.53	1.40
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,269	22,555	142	144	0.58	0.63
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	50,835	51,610	391	390	0.76	0.75
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,624	17,362	366	378	1.83	2.13
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	19,433	16,969	355	349	1.80	2.02
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	8,187	6,518	51	45	0.62	0.68
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	50,557	45,733	633	704	1.24	1.52
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	514,585	458,432	7,132	6,537	1.37	1.41

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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 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2015. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 30 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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