



Poultry Slaughter

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Poultry certified wholesome during February 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.77 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in February 2017. The January 2018 revised certified total at 4.20 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from January 2017. The January revision represented an increase of 2.38 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2018 was 4.97 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 4.83 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.32 billion pounds, up 3 percent from February 2017. Mature chickens, at 59.3 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 576 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.2 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2018 averaged 6.23 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.30 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2018 averaged 31.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2017.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2018 totaled 12.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.4 million pounds, were 0.96 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.00 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	February 2018 as % of		January to February		2018 as percent of 2017
				February 2017	January 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	679,684	772,266	693,730	102	90	1,428,986	1,465,996	103
Mature	10,537	10,188	9,414	89	92	21,617	19,602	91
Light	4,910	3,601	3,631	74	101	9,903	7,232	73
Heavy	5,627	6,587	5,783	103	88	11,714	12,370	106
Total	690,221	782,454	703,144	102	90	1,450,603	1,485,598	102
Turkeys								
Young	17,983	19,741	17,965	100	91	37,416	37,706	101
Old	145	112	144	99	129	283	256	90
Total	18,128	19,853	18,109	100	91	37,699	37,962	101
Ducks	2,123	2,510	2,163	102	86	4,615	4,673	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,185,729	4,832,536	4,322,521	103	89	8,829,959	9,155,057	104
Mature	61,976	65,783	59,317	96	90	127,897	125,100	98
Light	16,280	12,532	12,560	77	100	33,003	25,092	76
Heavy	45,696	53,251	46,757	102	88	94,894	100,008	105
Total	4,247,705	4,898,319	4,381,838	103	89	8,957,856	9,280,157	104
Turkeys								
Young	568,111	633,654	571,596	101	90	1,186,906	1,205,250	102
Old	4,197	3,270	4,170	99	128	8,270	7,440	90
Total	572,308	636,924	575,766	101	90	1,195,176	1,212,690	101
Ducks	14,620	17,730	15,202	104	86	31,810	32,932	104
Other ¹	158	212	150	95	71	325	362	111
Total	4,834,791	5,553,185	4,972,956	103	90	10,185,167	10,526,141	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.16	6.26	6.23	101	100	6.18	6.24	101
Mature	5.88	6.46	6.30	107	98	5.92	6.38	108
Light	3.32	3.48	3.46	104	99	3.33	3.47	104
Heavy	8.12	8.08	8.09	100	100	8.10	8.08	100
Total	6.15	6.26	6.23	101	100	6.18	6.25	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.59	32.10	31.82	101	99	31.72	31.96	101
Old	28.94	29.20	28.96	100	99	29.22	29.06	99
Total	31.57	32.08	31.79	101	99	31.70	31.94	101
Ducks	6.89	7.06	7.03	102	100	6.89	7.05	102

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	February 2018 as % of		January to February		2018 as percent of 2017
				February 2017	January 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,909,382	3,356,759	3,006,958	103	90	6,141,797	6,363,717	104
Mature	40,156	42,917	38,791	97	90	82,917	81,708	99
Light	8,392	6,384	6,455	77	101	17,110	12,839	75
Heavy	31,764	36,533	32,336	102	89	65,807	68,869	105
Total	2,949,538	3,399,676	3,045,749	103	90	6,224,714	6,445,425	104
Turkeys								
Young	262,148	308,129	279,367	107	91	548,171	587,496	107
Old	3,062	2,356	3,128	102	133	6,072	5,484	90
Total	265,210	310,485	282,495	107	91	554,243	592,980	107
Ducks	4,023	5,150	4,504	112	87	9,107	9,654	106
Other ¹	100	139	96	96	69	209	235	112
Total	3,218,871	3,715,450	3,332,844	104	90	6,788,273	7,048,294	104
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	244,424	282,212	249,599	102	88	508,926	531,811	104
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	244,424	282,212	249,599	102	88	508,926	531,811	104
Turkeys								
Young	193,159	198,954	177,756	92	89	402,899	376,710	93
Old	70	54	49	70	91	143	103	72
Total	193,229	199,008	177,805	92	89	403,042	376,813	93
Ducks	6,616	7,848	6,641	100	85	14,095	14,489	103
Other ¹	6	11	9	150	82	12	20	167
Total	444,275	489,079	434,054	98	89	926,075	923,133	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,153,806	3,638,971	3,256,557	103	89	6,650,723	6,895,528	104
Mature	40,156	42,917	38,791	97	90	82,917	81,708	99
Light	8,392	6,384	6,455	77	101	17,110	12,839	75
Heavy	31,764	36,533	32,336	102	89	65,807	68,869	105
Total	3,193,962	3,681,888	3,295,348	103	90	6,733,640	6,977,236	104
Turkeys								
Young	455,307	507,083	457,123	100	90	951,070	964,206	101
Old	3,132	2,410	3,177	101	132	6,215	5,587	90
Total	458,439	509,493	460,300	100	90	957,285	969,793	101
Ducks	10,639	12,998	11,145	105	86	23,202	24,143	104
Other ¹	106	150	105	99	70	221	255	115
Total	3,663,146	4,204,529	3,766,898	103	90	7,714,348	7,971,427	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	February 2018 as % of		January to February		2018 as percent of 2017
				February 2017	January 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,744	12,375	10,222	105	83	20,698	22,597	109
Mature	762	826	723	95	88	1,628	1,549	95
Light	276	202	223	81	110	571	425	74
Heavy	486	624	500	103	80	1,057	1,124	106
Total	10,506	13,201	10,945	104	83	22,326	24,146	108
Turkeys								
Young	1,594	1,785	1,637	103	92	3,375	3,422	101
Old	53	37	42	79	114	114	79	69
Total	1,647	1,822	1,679	102	92	3,489	3,501	100
Ducks	37	70	56	151	80	81	126	156
Total ¹	12,190	15,093	12,680	104	84	25,896	27,773	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.26	0.24	104	92	0.23	0.25	109
Mature	1.23	1.26	1.22	99	97	1.27	1.24	98
Light	1.70	1.61	1.78	105	111	1.73	1.69	98
Heavy	1.06	1.17	1.07	101	91	1.11	1.12	101
Total	0.25	0.27	0.25	100	93	0.25	0.26	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.28	0.29	104	104	0.28	0.28	100
Old	1.26	1.13	1.01	80	89	1.38	1.06	77
Total	0.29	0.29	0.29	100	100	0.29	0.29	100
Ducks	0.25	0.39	0.37	148	95	0.25	0.38	152
Total ¹	0.25	0.27	0.25	100	93	0.25	0.26	104

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	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	February 2018 as % of		January to February		2018 as percent of 2017
				February 2017	January 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	27,559	30,937	27,721	101	90	57,520	58,658	102
Mature	2,054	1,814	1,640	80	90	4,303	3,454	80
Light	652	434	407	62	94	1,340	841	63
Heavy	1,402	1,380	1,233	88	89	2,963	2,613	88
Total	29,613	32,751	29,361	99	90	61,823	62,112	100
Turkeys								
Young	6,867	7,183	6,588	96	92	14,406	13,771	96
Old	188	146	152	81	104	363	298	82
Total	7,055	7,329	6,740	96	92	14,769	14,069	95
Ducks	285	313	283	99	90	598	596	100
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	4	4	100
Total	36,955	40,395	36,386	98	90	77,194	76,781	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.87	0.84	0.84	97	100	0.86	0.84	98
Mature	4.87	4.06	4.06	83	100	4.93	4.06	82
Light	7.21	6.37	5.93	82	93	7.26	6.15	85
Heavy	4.23	3.64	3.67	87	101	4.31	3.66	85
Total	0.92	0.88	0.88	96	100	0.91	0.88	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.49	1.40	1.42	95	101	1.49	1.41	95
Old	5.66	5.71	4.57	81	80	5.52	5.06	92
Total	1.52	1.42	1.44	95	101	1.52	1.43	94
Ducks	2.61	2.35	2.48	95	106	2.51	2.41	96
Other ¹	1.85	1.32	1.87	101	142	1.78	1.54	87
Total	1.00	0.95	0.96	96	101	0.99	0.95	96

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: January and February 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,298	4,537	793,817	741,294
Mature	-	-	171	169	106,255	102,328
Light	-	-	70	99	60,062	53,827
Heavy	-	-	101	70	46,193	48,501
Total	-	-	4,469	4,706	900,072	843,622
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	62	58	23,476	21,107
Old	-	-	16	18	1,174	1,082
Total	-	-	78	76	24,650	22,189
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	596,668	633,521	2,814	2,462	19,552	19,353
Mature	17,728	16,462	761	649	35,554	36,184
Light	4,488	3,753	595	510	18,274	18,655
Heavy	13,240	12,709	166	139	17,280	17,529
Total	614,396	649,983	3,575	3,111	55,106	55,537
Turkeys						
Young	4,122	4,157	309	283	76	61
Old	721	589	27	21	176	192
Total	4,843	4,746	336	304	252	253
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,838	10,958	58,606	53,377	120,424	119,372
Mature	4,552	3,692	1,216	1,129	38,075	34,396
Light	3,952	3,152	476	548	32,046	28,662
Heavy	600	540	740	581	6,029	5,734
Total	16,390	14,650	59,822	54,506	158,499	153,768
Turkeys						
Young	76	88	517	443	1,129	963
Old	58	41	108	87	152	145
Total	134	129	625	530	1,281	1,108
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	26,091	25,573	813,933	779,851	2,448,041	2,390,298
Mature	1,103	899	69,623	70,031	275,038	265,939
Light	121	132	26,714	27,946	146,798	137,284
Heavy	982	767	42,909	42,085	128,240	128,655
Total	27,194	26,472	883,556	849,882	2,723,079	2,656,237
Turkeys						
Young	408	344	12,245	10,399	42,420	37,903
Old	57	47	377	389	2,866	2,611
Total	465	391	12,622	10,788	45,286	40,514

- 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: January and February 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	91,404	84,569	512,135	466,444	5.60	5.52
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	85,403	75,701	565,384	502,386	6.62	6.64
California	24,695	20,750	151,782	125,792	6.15	6.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	33,085	29,560	241,603	212,179	7.30	7.18
Florida	5,984	5,322	34,596	31,148	5.78	5.85
Georgia	109,190	97,024	647,916	571,634	5.93	5.89
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,112	4,952	27,062	21,603	4.43	4.36
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,946	22,330	161,314	145,761	6.47	6.53
Louisiana	16,540	14,422	104,094	92,290	6.29	6.40
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,345	9,596	67,905	55,511	5.99	5.78
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,213	4,209	25,124	26,013	5.96	6.18
Mississippi	61,809	57,490	394,790	370,074	6.39	6.44
Missouri	37,167	32,848	182,282	162,541	4.90	4.95
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	108	86	504	399	4.66	4.62
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,235	2,111	11,202	10,566	5.01	5.00
North Carolina	67,182	62,800	535,702	491,683	7.97	7.83
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	8,998	8,111	47,933	42,186	5.33	5.20
Oklahoma	13,189	11,580	87,917	78,957	6.67	6.82
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,952	9,364	61,906	52,714	5.65	5.63
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,952	22,360	198,743	169,475	7.66	7.58
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,619	23,446	135,004	123,054	5.27	5.25
Texas	56,823	49,763	368,880	326,877	6.49	6.57
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,999	26,794	166,321	156,023	5.94	5.82
Washington	4,564	3,707	28,912	23,209	6.33	6.26
West Virginia	8,957	8,067	34,086	30,690	3.81	3.80
Wisconsin	4,329	3,945	17,857	16,434	4.13	4.17
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	772,266	693,730	4,832,536	4,322,521	6.26	6.23

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 2018

[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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	388,672	354,555	2,912	2,602	0.74	0.73
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	423,322	375,994	3,449	3,011	0.81	0.79
California	113,255	93,986	1,547	1,203	1.35	1.26
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	182,328	160,490	1,746	1,581	0.95	0.98
Florida	25,947	23,361	161	143	0.62	0.61
Georgia	487,281	429,989	4,457	4,264	0.91	0.98
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	19,736	15,751	107	94	0.54	0.59
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	122,241	110,703	1,356	1,082	1.10	0.97
Louisiana	79,021	70,124	453	394	0.57	0.56
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	50,011	40,876	587	476	1.16	1.15
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,061	20,805	117	123	0.58	0.59
Mississippi	306,535	286,426	2,326	2,110	0.75	0.73
Missouri	134,258	119,772	975	904	0.72	0.75
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	363	287	6	5	1.55	1.62
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,937	6,644	230	211	3.20	3.08
North Carolina	414,697	380,342	3,001	2,874	0.72	0.75
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	35,779	31,400	334	323	0.93	1.02
Oklahoma	66,120	59,333	397	365	0.60	0.61
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	41,962	35,982	1,082	900	2.51	2.44
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	149,697	127,639	910	777	0.60	0.60
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	98,914	90,222	735	686	0.74	0.75
Texas	278,880	247,489	2,244	1,944	0.80	0.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	118,214	110,758	939	900	0.79	0.81
Washington	21,578	17,339	90	76	0.42	0.43
West Virginia	24,427	22,020	91	117	0.37	0.53
Wisconsin	13,247	12,209	94	76	0.70	0.62
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,638,971	3,256,557	30,937	27,721	0.84	0.84

- 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: January and February 2018

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	408	311	59,576	52,204
Arkansas	-	-	114	151	72,660	65,979
Delaware	-	-	739	692	61,616	58,993
Georgia	-	-	30	13	67,982	65,574
Mississippi	-	-	98	102	21,409	19,028
Missouri	-	-	33	10	31,683	28,522
North Carolina	-	-	82	113	85,128	74,952
Texas	-	-	222	131	69,745	61,475
Virginia	-	-	47	78	19,299	20,377
United States	-	-	4,298	4,537	793,817	741,294

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	40,921	42,043	448	366	2,474	2,298
Arkansas	33,048	33,469	149	158	1,351	1,393
Delaware	68,952	77,653	117	88	971	894
Georgia	133,190	170,638	165	196	2,418	2,475
Mississippi	10,874	11,206	135	101	997	1,046
Missouri	6,909	5,099	27	22	603	491
North Carolina	44,114	51,714	202	220	1,872	1,863
Texas	27,098	23,198	459	342	846	794
Virginia	24,094	26,198	13	9	465	501
United States	596,668	633,521	2,814	2,462	19,552	19,353

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	824	777	6,080	5,251	17,423	15,809
Arkansas	403	351	4,595	3,952	6,073	5,869
Delaware	906	762	2,821	2,745	4,166	4,106
Georgia	596	535	14,218	12,598	34,717	38,438
Mississippi	723	772	2,586	2,519	1,838	1,903
Missouri	95	103	467	421	1,843	1,912
North Carolina	680	628	6,449	5,771	4,605	4,050
Texas	470	471	510	439	5,021	4,782
Virginia	781	781	1,089	1,145	2,365	1,704
United States	11,838	10,958	58,606	53,377	120,424	119,372

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,038	1,337	50,412	46,812	179,604	167,208
Arkansas	3,174	2,429	163,416	153,998	284,983	267,749
Delaware	2,067	2,132	10,890	12,389	153,245	160,454
Georgia	3,734	4,078	84,268	89,404	341,318	383,949
Mississippi	275	300	18,678	19,345	57,613	56,322
Missouri	86	70	18,848	17,744	60,594	54,394
North Carolina	2,343	2,258	59,780	63,943	205,255	205,512
Texas	1,630	1,290	21,245	18,535	127,246	111,457
Virginia	796	660	14,155	15,696	63,104	67,149
United States	26,091	25,573	813,933	779,851	2,448,041	2,390,298

- 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: January and February 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,966	2,788	58,101	53,654	19.59	19.24
California	762	650	24,038	21,040	31.56	32.34
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,924	1,823	79,389	73,736	41.26	40.45
Iowa	1,296	1,190	55,537	51,164	42.85	43.00
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,486	2,987	95,639	79,047	27.43	26.46
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	966	682	33,437	24,225	34.61	35.51
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,760	1,860	69,028	71,880	39.23	38.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	515	460	24,641	21,840	47.89	47.52
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	749	663	22,077	19,162	29.46	28.92
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	588	497	9,093	6,838	15.46	13.77
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	2,409	2,108	67,614	58,412	28.07	27.71
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,741	17,965	633,654	571,596	32.10	31.82

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 2018

[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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	48,397	44,690	395	383	0.81	0.85
California	19,269	16,882	253	183	1.30	1.07
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	64,265	59,672	1,134	1,031	1.73	1.70
Iowa	43,717	40,286	607	536	1.37	1.31
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	76,121	62,950	1,028	951	1.33	1.49
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	27,065	19,582	167	119	0.61	0.60
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	54,345	56,672	415	375	0.76	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,684	17,451	428	383	2.13	2.15
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	17,502	15,253	354	266	1.98	1.71
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	7,478	5,607	54	35	0.72	0.62
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia	54,558	47,069	780	658	1.41	1.38
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	507,083	457,123	7,183	6,588	1.40	1.42

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Ante-Mortem Condemnations: Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Certified Ready-to-Cook: The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

Ducks: Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

Mature Chickens: Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Old Turkeys: Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

Post-Mortem Condemnations: Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens: Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

Young Turkeys: Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2017. Young chickens were slaughtered in 40 States, young turkeys in 33 States.

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

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

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