



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 4 Percent from Last Year

March 2017 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

March 2018 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.02 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in March 2017. The February 2018 revised certified total at 3.77 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from February 2017. The February revision represented an increase of 181 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2018 was 5.31 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 5.51 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.63 billion pounds, down 3 percent from March 2017. Mature chickens, at 65.0 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 602 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.5 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2018 averaged 6.24 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.24 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2018 averaged 31.6 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2017.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2018 totaled 13.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.9 million pounds, were 0.93 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.98 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	March 2018 as % of		January to March		2018 as percent of 2017
				March 2017	February 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	771,634	693,759	742,168	96	107	2,200,620	2,208,193	100
Mature	12,027	9,414	10,411	87	111	33,644	30,013	89
Light	5,719	3,631	4,201	73	116	15,622	11,433	73
Heavy	6,308	5,783	6,210	98	107	18,022	18,580	103
Total	783,661	703,173	752,579	96	107	2,234,264	2,238,206	100
Turkeys								
Young	20,871	17,965	18,907	91	105	58,287	56,613	97
Old	162	144	142	88	99	445	398	89
Total	21,033	18,109	19,049	91	105	58,732	57,011	97
Ducks	2,342	2,164	2,352	100	109	6,957	7,026	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,756,928	4,322,759	4,629,004	97	107	13,586,887	13,784,299	101
Mature	70,406	59,317	64,981	92	110	198,303	190,081	96
Light	19,156	12,560	14,472	76	115	52,159	39,564	76
Heavy	51,250	46,757	50,509	99	108	146,144	150,517	103
Total	4,827,334	4,382,076	4,693,985	97	107	13,785,190	13,974,380	101
Turkeys								
Young	657,177	571,596	598,037	91	105	1,844,083	1,803,287	98
Old	4,782	4,170	4,199	88	101	13,052	11,639	89
Total	661,959	575,766	602,236	91	105	1,857,135	1,814,926	98
Ducks	16,311	15,214	16,492	101	108	48,121	49,436	103
Other ¹	171	150	192	112	128	496	554	112
Total	5,505,775	4,973,206	5,312,905	96	107	15,690,942	15,839,296	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.16	6.23	6.24	101	100	6.17	6.24	101
Mature	5.85	6.30	6.24	107	99	5.89	6.33	107
Light	3.35	3.46	3.44	103	99	3.34	3.46	104
Heavy	8.12	8.09	8.13	100	100	8.11	8.10	100
Total	6.16	6.23	6.24	101	100	6.17	6.24	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.49	31.82	31.63	100	99	31.64	31.85	101
Old	29.52	28.96	29.57	100	102	29.33	29.24	100
Total	31.47	31.79	31.62	100	99	31.62	31.83	101
Ducks	6.96	7.03	7.01	101	100	6.92	7.04	102

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	March 2018 as % of		January to March		2018 as percent of 2017
				March 2017	February 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,311,937	3,007,130	3,226,602	97	107	9,453,734	9,590,491	101
Mature	45,161	38,791	42,780	95	110	128,078	124,488	97
Light	9,929	6,455	7,567	76	117	27,039	20,406	75
Heavy	35,232	32,336	35,213	100	109	101,039	104,082	103
Total	3,357,098	3,045,921	3,269,382	97	107	9,581,812	9,714,979	101
Turkeys								
Young	298,429	279,367	292,821	98	105	846,600	880,317	104
Old	3,576	3,128	3,101	87	99	9,648	8,585	89
Total	302,005	282,495	295,922	98	105	856,248	888,902	104
Ducks	4,425	4,513	4,619	104	102	13,532	14,282	106
Other ¹	109	96	122	112	127	318	357	112
Total	3,663,637	3,333,025	3,570,045	97	107	10,451,910	10,618,520	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	270,257	249,599	258,099	96	103	779,183	789,910	101
Mature	-	-	10	(X)	(X)	-	10	(X)
Light	-	-	10	(X)	(X)	-	10	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	270,257	249,599	258,109	96	103	779,183	789,920	101
Turkeys								
Young	228,493	177,756	185,735	81	104	631,392	562,445	89
Old	71	49	77	108	157	214	180	84
Total	228,564	177,805	185,812	81	105	631,606	562,625	89
Ducks	7,477	6,641	7,434	99	112	21,572	21,923	102
Other ¹	9	9	11	122	122	21	31	148
Total	506,307	434,054	451,366	89	104	1,432,382	1,374,499	96
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,582,194	3,256,729	3,484,701	97	107	10,232,917	10,380,401	101
Mature	45,161	38,791	42,790	95	110	128,078	124,498	97
Light	9,929	6,455	7,577	76	117	27,039	20,416	76
Heavy	35,232	32,336	35,213	100	109	101,039	104,082	103
Total	3,627,355	3,295,520	3,527,491	97	107	10,360,995	10,504,899	101
Turkeys								
Young	526,922	457,123	478,556	91	105	1,477,992	1,442,762	98
Old	3,647	3,177	3,178	87	100	9,862	8,765	89
Total	530,569	460,300	481,734	91	105	1,487,854	1,451,527	98
Ducks	11,902	11,154	12,053	101	108	35,104	36,205	103
Other ¹	118	105	133	113	127	339	388	114
Total	4,169,944	3,767,079	4,021,411	96	107	11,884,292	11,993,019	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	March 2018 as % of		January to March		2018 as percent of 2017
				March 2017	February 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	10,667	10,223	10,798	101	106	31,365	33,396	106
Mature	893	723	727	81	101	2,521	2,276	90
Light	327	223	203	62	91	898	628	70
Heavy	566	500	524	93	105	1,623	1,648	102
Total	11,560	10,946	11,525	100	105	33,886	35,672	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,712	1,637	1,530	89	93	5,087	4,952	97
Old	55	42	51	93	121	169	130	77
Total	1,767	1,679	1,581	89	94	5,256	5,082	97
Ducks	37	56	53	143	95	118	179	152
Total ¹	13,364	12,681	13,159	98	104	39,260	40,933	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.24	0.23	105	96	0.23	0.24	104
Mature	1.27	1.22	1.12	88	92	1.27	1.20	94
Light	1.71	1.78	1.40	82	79	1.72	1.59	92
Heavy	1.10	1.07	1.04	95	97	1.11	1.09	98
Total	0.24	0.25	0.25	104	100	0.25	0.26	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.29	0.26	100	90	0.28	0.27	96
Old	1.15	1.01	1.21	105	120	1.29	1.12	87
Total	0.27	0.29	0.26	96	90	0.28	0.28	100
Ducks	0.23	0.37	0.32	139	86	0.25	0.36	144
Total ¹	0.24	0.25	0.25	104	100	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	March 2017	February 2018	March 2018	March 2018 as % of		January to March		2018 as percent of 2017
				March 2017	February 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	30,783	27,723	28,953	94	104	88,303	87,613	99
Mature	2,347	1,640	1,802	77	110	6,650	5,256	79
Light	749	407	455	61	112	2,089	1,296	62
Heavy	1,598	1,233	1,347	84	109	4,561	3,960	87
Total	33,130	29,363	30,755	93	105	94,953	92,869	98
Turkeys								
Young	7,557	6,588	6,606	87	100	21,963	20,377	93
Old	187	152	188	101	124	550	486	88
Total	7,744	6,740	6,794	88	101	22,513	20,863	93
Ducks	325	284	324	100	114	923	921	100
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	6	6	100
Total	41,201	36,389	37,875	92	104	118,395	114,659	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.85	0.84	0.82	96	98	0.86	0.84	98
Mature	4.94	4.06	4.04	82	100	4.94	4.05	82
Light	7.01	5.93	5.66	81	95	7.17	5.97	83
Heavy	4.34	3.67	3.68	85	100	4.32	3.67	85
Total	0.91	0.88	0.86	95	98	0.91	0.88	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.41	1.42	1.36	96	96	1.46	1.39	95
Old	4.88	4.57	5.59	115	122	5.28	5.25	99
Total	1.44	1.44	1.39	97	97	1.49	1.42	95
Ducks	2.66	2.48	2.62	98	106	2.56	2.48	97
Other ¹	1.67	1.87	1.48	89	79	1.74	1.52	87
Total	0.98	0.96	0.93	95	97	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: February and March 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,537	3,791	741,298	773,502
Mature	-	-	169	174	102,328	100,965
Light	-	-	99	95	53,827	50,229
Heavy	-	-	70	79	48,501	50,736
Total	-	-	4,706	3,965	843,626	874,467
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	58	44	21,107	20,434
Old	-	-	18	12	1,082	1,099
Total	-	-	76	56	22,189	21,533
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	633,521	624,682	2,462	2,470	19,353	19,665
Mature	16,462	17,567	649	1,137	36,184	33,550
Light	3,753	3,868	510	902	18,655	14,388
Heavy	12,709	13,699	139	235	17,529	19,162
Total	649,983	642,249	3,111	3,607	55,537	53,215
Turkeys						
Young	4,157	3,428	283	284	61	57
Old	589	565	21	19	192	190
Total	4,746	3,993	304	303	253	247
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,958	11,143	53,377	55,503	119,372	121,303
Mature	3,692	4,258	1,129	1,036	34,396	34,360
Light	3,152	3,825	548	341	28,662	29,041
Heavy	540	433	581	695	5,734	5,319
Total	14,650	15,401	54,506	56,539	153,768	155,663
Turkeys						
Young	88	85	443	394	963	1,016
Old	41	51	87	96	145	189
Total	129	136	530	490	1,108	1,205
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	25,573	24,929	779,851	770,382	2,390,302	2,407,370
Mature	899	1,129	70,031	72,739	265,939	266,915
Light	132	99	27,946	31,795	137,284	134,583
Heavy	767	1,030	42,085	40,944	128,655	132,332
Total	26,472	26,058	849,882	843,121	2,656,241	2,674,285
Turkeys						
Young	344	337	10,399	9,806	37,903	35,885
Old	47	67	389	393	2,611	2,681
Total	391	404	10,788	10,199	40,514	38,566

- 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: February and March 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	84,569	90,280	466,444	498,972	5.52	5.53
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,701	79,472	502,386	539,770	6.64	6.79
California	20,750	20,920	125,792	126,733	6.06	6.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,560	33,292	212,179	242,496	7.18	7.28
Florida	5,322	5,703	31,148	34,141	5.85	5.99
Georgia	97,024	105,902	571,634	628,548	5.89	5.94
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,952	5,291	21,603	23,343	4.36	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,330	23,988	145,761	155,588	6.53	6.49
Louisiana	14,422	15,094	92,290	95,043	6.40	6.30
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	9,596	10,139	55,511	61,977	5.78	6.11
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,209	4,937	26,013	30,852	6.18	6.25
Mississippi	57,490	61,242	370,074	388,915	6.44	6.35
Missouri	32,848	35,704	162,541	176,487	4.95	4.94
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	86	96	399	449	4.62	4.69
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,111	2,225	10,566	11,043	5.00	4.96
North Carolina	62,800	66,353	491,683	517,752	7.83	7.80
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	8,111	9,067	42,186	46,502	5.20	5.13
Oklahoma	11,580	12,245	78,957	82,661	6.82	6.75
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,364	10,139	52,714	57,236	5.63	5.65
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,382	24,057	169,685	180,741	7.58	7.51
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,446	25,054	123,054	129,914	5.25	5.19
Texas	49,766	52,570	326,877	341,806	6.57	6.50
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,794	27,844	156,023	159,727	5.82	5.74
Washington	3,707	4,066	23,209	26,285	6.26	6.46
West Virginia	8,067	8,742	30,690	33,822	3.80	3.87
Wisconsin	3,945	4,460	16,434	18,409	4.17	4.13
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	693,759	742,168	4,322,759	4,629,004	6.23	6.24

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	354,555	378,716	2,602	2,689	0.73	0.71
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	375,994	403,726	3,011	3,307	0.79	0.81
California	93,986	94,470	1,203	1,156	1.26	1.21
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	160,490	183,883	1,581	1,619	0.98	0.87
Florida	23,361	25,605	143	181	0.61	0.70
Georgia	429,989	471,875	4,264	4,849	0.98	1.02
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,751	16,996	94	88	0.59	0.52
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	110,703	118,393	1,082	1,147	0.97	0.96
Louisiana	70,124	71,844	394	377	0.56	0.52
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	40,876	46,042	476	437	1.15	0.94
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,805	24,811	123	112	0.59	0.45
Mississippi	286,426	300,094	2,110	2,127	0.73	0.70
Missouri	119,772	130,044	904	1,128	0.75	0.86
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	287	328	5	5	1.62	1.55
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,644	6,886	211	238	3.08	3.33
North Carolina	380,342	400,502	2,874	2,816	0.75	0.70
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	31,400	34,509	323	322	1.02	0.92
Oklahoma	59,333	62,128	365	410	0.61	0.66
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	35,982	39,083	900	914	2.44	2.28
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	127,791	135,980	779	829	0.61	0.61
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	90,222	95,388	686	639	0.75	0.67
Texas	247,489	258,365	1,944	1,986	0.78	0.76
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	110,758	113,291	900	780	0.81	0.68
Washington	17,339	19,634	76	79	0.43	0.40
West Virginia	22,020	24,215	117	158	0.53	0.65
Wisconsin	12,209	13,717	76	71	0.62	0.51
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,256,729	3,484,701	27,723	28,953	0.84	0.82

- 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 Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: February and March 2018

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	311	393	52,204	54,470
Arkansas	-	-	151	96	65,979	69,630
Delaware	-	-	692	823	58,993	59,295
Georgia	-	-	13	10	65,574	71,224
Mississippi	-	-	102	147	19,028	19,699
Missouri	-	-	10	20	28,522	29,323
North Carolina	-	-	113	148	74,952	75,324
Texas	-	-	131	112	61,475	63,023
Virginia	-	-	78	46	20,377	20,258
United States	-	-	4,537	3,791	741,298	773,502

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	42,043	44,231	366	345	2,298	2,297
Arkansas	33,469	35,340	158	269	1,393	1,514
Delaware	77,653	78,978	88	100	894	1,007
Georgia	170,638	174,649	196	121	2,475	2,445
Mississippi	11,206	9,431	101	124	1,046	895
Missouri	5,099	5,564	22	20	491	540
North Carolina	51,714	51,277	220	219	1,863	2,000
Texas	23,198	21,493	342	213	794	766
Virginia	26,198	28,386	9	16	501	514
United States	633,521	624,682	2,462	2,470	19,353	19,665

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	777	782	5,251	5,266	15,809	19,218
Arkansas	351	335	3,952	3,687	5,869	5,415
Delaware	762	806	2,745	3,054	4,106	4,029
Georgia	535	651	12,598	14,241	38,438	34,010
Mississippi	772	835	2,519	2,482	1,903	1,691
Missouri	103	81	421	420	1,912	1,919
North Carolina	628	551	5,771	5,166	4,050	3,645
Texas	471	472	439	421	4,782	4,730
Virginia	781	716	1,145	988	1,704	2,324
United States	10,958	11,143	53,377	55,503	119,372	121,303

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,337	928	46,812	51,573	167,208	179,503
Arkansas	2,429	2,304	153,998	142,405	267,749	260,995
Delaware	2,132	2,214	12,389	13,426	160,454	163,732
Georgia	4,078	3,773	89,404	93,762	383,949	394,886
Mississippi	300	344	19,345	17,508	56,322	53,156
Missouri	70	95	17,744	16,938	54,394	54,920
North Carolina	2,258	2,906	63,943	71,975	205,512	213,211
Texas	1,290	1,107	18,535	18,881	111,457	111,218
Virginia	660	1,272	15,696	18,489	67,149	73,009
United States	25,573	24,929	779,851	770,382	2,390,302	2,407,370

- 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: February and March 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,788	2,965	53,654	55,916	19.24	18.86
California	650	707	21,040	21,381	32.34	30.23
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	1,823	1,940	73,736	77,277	40.45	39.84
Iowa	1,190	1,129	51,164	47,916	43.00	42.43
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	2,987	3,170	79,047	86,203	26.46	27.19
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	682	975	24,225	33,409	35.51	34.28
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,860	1,776	71,880	66,210	38.65	37.27
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	460	485	21,840	23,300	47.52	48.09
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	663	670	19,162	19,969	28.92	29.81
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	497	430	6,838	6,250	13.77	14.53
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,108	2,180	58,412	61,005	27.71	27.98
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,965	18,907	571,596	598,037	31.82	31.63

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	44,690	46,643	383	346	0.85	0.74
California	16,882	17,139	183	192	1.07	1.11
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	59,672	62,575	1,031	989	1.70	1.56
Iowa	40,286	37,765	536	520	1.31	1.36
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(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	62,950	68,766	951	934	1.49	1.34
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	19,582	27,074	119	163	0.60	0.60
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	56,672	52,048	375	352	0.66	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	17,451	18,628	383	351	2.15	1.85
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,253	15,805	266	333	1.71	2.06
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	5,607	5,119	35	36	0.62	0.70
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	47,069	49,127	658	666	1.38	1.34
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	457,123	478,556	6,588	6,606	1.42	1.36

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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.

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