



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent from Last Year

October 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

October 2017 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.32 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in October 2016. The September 2017 revised certified total at 3.95 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from September 2016. The September revision represented an increase of 451 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2017 was 5.70 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 5.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.92 billion pounds, up 8 percent from October 2016. Mature chickens, at 72.9 million pounds, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 692 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.8 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2017 averaged a record 6.28 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was a record 6.42 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2017 averaged 30.1 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2016.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2017 totaled 13.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 39.3 million pounds, were 0.90 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.94 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2016	September 2017	October 2017	October 2017 as % of		January to October		2017 as percent of 2016
				October 2016	September 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	731,963	728,356	782,829	107	107	7,346,328	7,483,016	102
Mature	10,787	10,531	11,358	105	108	118,491	113,128	95
Light	4,197	4,139	4,089	97	99	51,942	48,847	94
Heavy	6,590	6,392	7,269	110	114	66,549	64,281	97
Total	742,750	738,887	794,187	107	107	7,464,819	7,596,144	102
Turkeys								
Young	21,541	18,908	22,825	106	121	201,078	200,233	100
Old	132	115	183	139	159	1,556	1,434	92
Total	21,673	19,023	23,008	106	121	202,634	201,667	100
Ducks	2,184	2,130	2,274	104	107	22,468	22,160	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,535,961	4,554,748	4,920,001	108	108	45,212,361	46,325,971	102
Mature	68,063	66,643	72,896	107	109	714,027	689,498	97
Light	14,127	14,210	13,886	98	98	171,799	164,472	96
Heavy	53,936	52,433	59,010	109	113	542,228	525,026	97
Total	4,604,024	4,621,391	4,992,897	108	108	45,926,388	47,015,469	102
Turkeys								
Young	641,103	581,261	686,143	107	118	6,180,433	6,203,504	100
Old	3,905	3,434	5,436	139	158	43,878	42,057	96
Total	645,008	584,695	691,579	107	118	6,224,311	6,245,561	100
Ducks	15,010	14,616	15,788	105	108	153,636	152,972	100
Other ¹	1,123	660	1,239	110	188	3,150	3,563	113
Total	5,265,165	5,221,362	5,701,503	108	109	52,307,485	53,417,565	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.20	6.25	6.28	101	100	6.15	6.19	101
Mature	6.31	6.33	6.42	102	101	6.03	6.09	101
Light	3.37	3.43	3.40	101	99	3.31	3.37	102
Heavy	8.18	8.20	8.12	99	99	8.15	8.17	100
Total	6.20	6.25	6.29	101	101	6.15	6.19	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.76	30.74	30.06	101	98	30.74	30.98	101
Old	29.58	29.86	29.70	100	99	28.20	29.33	104
Total	29.76	30.74	30.06	101	98	30.72	30.97	101
Ducks	6.87	6.86	6.94	101	101	6.84	6.90	101

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2016	September 2017	October 2017	October 2017 as % of		January to October		2017 as percent of 2016
				October 2016	September 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,162,913	3,158,548	3,412,287	108	108	31,523,603	32,176,745	102
Mature	44,620	43,694	48,259	108	110	461,169	448,664	97
Light	7,310	7,226	7,113	97	98	89,613	84,601	94
Heavy	37,310	36,468	41,146	110	113	371,556	364,063	98
Total	3,207,533	3,202,242	3,460,546	108	108	31,984,772	32,625,409	102
Turkeys								
Young	331,210	265,307	366,741	111	138	2,885,521	2,883,612	100
Old	2,815	2,515	3,979	141	158	30,240	30,891	102
Total	334,025	267,822	370,720	111	138	2,915,761	2,914,503	100
Ducks	4,517	4,026	4,605	102	114	43,134	42,673	99
Other ¹	209	135	247	118	183	1,381	1,419	103
Total	3,546,284	3,474,225	3,836,118	108	110	34,945,048	35,584,004	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	254,207	271,374	295,968	116	109	2,524,267	2,721,718	108
Mature	4	3	5	125	167	43	29	67
Light	4	3	5	125	167	12	27	225
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	31	2	6
Total	254,211	271,377	295,973	116	109	2,524,310	2,721,747	108
Turkeys								
Young	183,718	200,036	183,377	100	92	2,069,093	2,086,288	101
Old	123	65	85	69	131	2,730	699	26
Total	183,841	200,101	183,462	100	92	2,071,823	2,086,987	101
Ducks	6,346	6,612	6,870	108	104	68,570	68,710	100
Other ¹	498	273	531	107	195	683	877	128
Total	444,896	478,363	486,836	109	102	4,665,386	4,878,321	105
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,417,120	3,429,922	3,708,255	109	108	34,047,870	34,898,463	102
Mature	44,624	43,697	48,264	108	110	461,212	448,693	97
Light	7,314	7,229	7,118	97	98	89,625	84,628	94
Heavy	37,310	36,468	41,146	110	113	371,587	364,065	98
Total	3,461,744	3,473,619	3,756,519	109	108	34,509,082	35,347,156	102
Turkeys								
Young	514,928	465,343	550,118	107	118	4,954,614	4,969,900	100
Old	2,938	2,580	4,064	138	158	32,970	31,590	96
Total	517,866	467,923	554,182	107	118	4,987,584	5,001,490	100
Ducks	10,863	10,638	11,475	106	108	111,704	111,383	100
Other ¹	707	408	778	110	191	2,064	2,296	111
Total	3,991,180	3,952,588	4,322,954	108	109	39,610,434	40,462,325	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2016	September 2017	October 2017	October 2017 as % of		January to October		2017 as percent of 2016
				October 2016	September 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	10,065	10,365	10,829	108	104	104,675	103,452	99
Mature	768	718	743	97	103	8,568	8,056	94
Light	251	240	216	86	90	2,940	2,760	94
Heavy	517	478	527	102	110	5,628	5,296	94
Total	10,833	11,083	11,572	107	104	113,243	111,508	98
Turkeys								
Young	1,443	1,439	1,556	108	108	15,567	15,872	102
Old	54	30	46	85	153	564	482	85
Total	1,497	1,469	1,602	107	109	16,131	16,354	101
Ducks	48	61	60	125	98	439	471	107
Total ¹	12,379	12,614	13,236	107	105	129,815	128,336	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.23	0.22	100	96	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	1.13	1.08	1.02	90	94	1.20	1.17	98
Light	1.78	1.69	1.56	88	92	1.71	1.68	98
Heavy	0.96	0.91	0.89	93	98	1.04	1.01	97
Total	0.24	0.24	0.23	96	96	0.25	0.24	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.25	0.23	100	92	0.25	0.26	104
Old	1.38	0.87	0.85	62	98	1.29	1.15	89
Total	0.23	0.25	0.23	100	92	0.26	0.26	100
Ducks	0.32	0.42	0.38	119	90	0.29	0.31	107
Total ¹	0.24	0.24	0.23	96	96	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	October 2016	September 2017	October 2017	October 2017 as % of		January to October		2017 as percent of 2016
				October 2016	September 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	27,949	27,065	29,206	104	108	300,959	287,339	95
Mature	2,375	1,980	2,095	88	106	25,605	22,054	86
Light	595	502	515	87	103	6,703	6,482	97
Heavy	1,780	1,478	1,580	89	107	18,902	15,572	82
Total	30,324	29,045	31,301	103	108	326,564	309,393	95
Turkeys								
Young	7,074	6,521	7,454	105	114	72,646	71,038	98
Old	158	140	207	131	148	1,566	1,736	111
Total	7,232	6,661	7,661	106	115	74,212	72,774	98
Ducks	311	280	319	103	114	2,987	2,935	98
Other ¹	6	6	8	133	133	22	34	155
Total	37,873	35,992	39,289	104	109	403,785	385,136	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.81	0.78	0.78	96	100	0.88	0.82	93
Mature	5.05	4.33	4.16	82	96	5.26	4.68	89
Light	7.52	6.49	6.75	90	104	6.96	7.11	102
Heavy	4.55	3.90	3.70	81	95	4.84	4.10	85
Total	0.87	0.83	0.83	95	100	0.94	0.87	93
Turkeys								
Young	1.36	1.38	1.34	99	97	1.45	1.41	97
Old	5.10	5.15	4.85	95	94	4.53	5.21	115
Total	1.38	1.40	1.36	99	97	1.47	1.43	97
Ducks	2.78	2.56	2.70	97	105	2.60	2.57	99
Other ¹	0.84	1.45	1.02	121	70	1.05	1.46	139
Total	0.94	0.90	0.90	96	100	1.01	0.94	93

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: September and October 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,269	4,347	721,166	760,520
Mature	-	-	154	150	114,596	114,313
Light	-	-	98	88	78,829	74,327
Heavy	-	-	56	62	35,767	39,986
Total	-	-	4,423	4,497	835,762	874,833
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	79	106	20,547	22,435
Old	-	-	24	31	1,051	1,050
Total	-	-	103	137	21,598	23,485
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	390,562	411,507	3,412	3,145	14,285	15,384
Mature	21,354	20,700	1,049	1,289	31,735	36,281
Light	7,951	7,089	816	1,096	15,242	17,832
Heavy	13,403	13,611	233	193	16,493	18,449
Total	411,916	432,207	4,461	4,434	46,020	51,665
Turkeys						
Young	4,683	4,886	471	584	62	69
Old	655	689	24	22	270	262
Total	5,338	5,575	495	606	332	331
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,074	11,461	52,034	55,398	109,488	109,150
Mature	8,408	6,956	1,097	1,261	54,956	50,621
Light	7,715	6,213	600	526	48,518	43,509
Heavy	693	743	497	735	6,438	7,112
Total	19,482	18,417	53,131	56,659	164,444	159,771
Turkeys						
Young	96	121	382	429	1,535	1,749
Old	39	32	50	59	148	187
Total	135	153	432	488	1,683	1,936
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	32,559	31,250	755,539	782,370	2,094,388	2,184,532
Mature	1,206	982	84,574	80,720	319,129	313,273
Light	228	185	35,175	29,539	195,172	180,404
Heavy	978	797	49,399	51,181	123,957	132,869
Total	33,765	32,232	840,113	863,090	2,413,517	2,497,805
Turkeys						
Young	409	462	11,139	12,667	39,403	43,508
Old	55	64	261	325	2,577	2,721
Total	464	526	11,400	12,992	41,980	46,229

- 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: September and October 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	86,555	93,590	487,633	528,580	5.63	5.65
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	78,602	88,678	531,036	599,103	6.76	6.76
California	20,801	23,243	125,781	141,861	6.05	6.10
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	32,145	33,312	233,827	243,301	7.27	7.30
Florida	5,128	5,616	30,522	32,803	5.95	5.84
Georgia	101,077	112,102	599,183	668,787	5.93	5.97
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,379	5,552	24,045	24,176	4.47	4.35
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,603	25,428	152,683	166,202	6.47	6.54
Louisiana	15,556	14,767	98,414	96,140	6.33	6.51
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,547	10,978	63,946	65,969	6.06	6.01
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,310	4,922	24,907	29,890	5.78	6.07
Mississippi	58,630	62,954	374,977	405,719	6.40	6.44
Missouri	35,784	38,013	176,561	189,274	4.93	4.98
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	117	112	593	541	5.06	4.83
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,222	2,028	11,197	10,242	5.04	5.05
North Carolina	65,327	68,429	514,758	537,367	7.88	7.85
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	9,107	9,065	47,861	47,764	5.26	5.27
Oklahoma	12,480	13,449	83,033	90,358	6.65	6.72
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,870	10,508	56,819	59,464	5.76	5.66
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,869	25,799	177,682	192,499	7.44	7.46
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee	24,601	25,627	132,319	137,557	5.38	5.37
Texas	54,084	57,847	345,861	377,459	6.39	6.53
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,064	29,435	163,810	172,882	5.84	5.87
Washington	3,714	3,971	23,615	25,073	6.36	6.31
West Virginia	9,124	9,324	34,929	35,717	3.83	3.83
Wisconsin	3,991	4,445	16,500	18,723	4.13	4.21
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	728,356	782,829	4,554,748	4,920,001	6.25	6.28

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	370,854	402,306	2,883	3,081	0.77	0.76
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	397,948	449,917	3,069	3,225	0.77	0.71
California	93,744	105,564	1,341	1,627	1.41	1.52
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	173,956	181,399	1,373	1,432	0.78	0.78
Florida	22,892	24,602	110	129	0.48	0.52
Georgia	450,220	503,379	3,579	4,128	0.79	0.81
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,551	17,662	121	101	0.68	0.57
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	115,762	126,135	1,079	1,279	0.92	1.00
Louisiana	74,424	73,150	441	471	0.59	0.64
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	47,206	48,699	466	436	0.98	0.89
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,269	24,151	143	158	0.70	0.65
Mississippi	288,901	314,063	2,078	2,259	0.71	0.71
Missouri	130,307	139,803	972	1,094	0.74	0.78
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	426	386	7	7	1.71	1.79
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,924	6,375	245	207	3.42	3.14
North Carolina	400,188	416,812	2,683	2,646	0.67	0.63
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	35,779	35,496	421	389	1.16	1.08
Oklahoma	62,509	67,986	350	382	0.56	0.56
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	38,311	40,213	1,001	1,042	2.55	2.53
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	133,923	145,254	717	855	0.53	0.58
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	97,376	101,218	534	526	0.55	0.52
Texas	262,522	285,868	2,010	2,165	0.76	0.75
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	117,116	123,433	616	675	0.52	0.54
Washington	17,664	18,710	109	102	0.61	0.54
West Virginia	25,028	25,646	75	73	0.30	0.28
Wisconsin	12,155	13,830	93	97	0.76	0.70
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,429,922	3,708,255	27,065	29,206	0.78	0.78

- 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: September and October 2017

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	271	307	61,842	63,191
Arkansas	-	-	248	203	70,978	76,432
Delaware	-	-	1,028	734	52,782	55,362
Georgia	-	-	22	34	59,006	65,917
Mississippi	-	-	97	88	18,317	20,155
Missouri	-	-	32	23	33,109	32,444
North Carolina	-	-	79	92	77,562	77,613
Texas	-	-	128	114	60,332	62,266
Virginia	-	-	64	40	13,971	15,655
United States	-	-	4,269	4,347	721,166	760,520

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	35,857	35,364	411	363	2,019	2,169
Arkansas	23,802	23,818	218	200	928	1,086
Delaware	35,014	40,043	63	98	771	732
Georgia	92,485	97,140	156	213	1,665	1,989
Mississippi	5,852	7,336	105	139	631	766
Missouri	3,589	4,598	21	17	549	551
North Carolina	33,307	29,289	164	149	1,275	1,441
Texas	18,332	18,211	1,095	821	586	661
Virginia	9,547	11,339	8	8	298	343
United States	390,562	411,507	3,412	3,145	14,285	15,384

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	897	959	4,675	5,245	18,919	17,379
Arkansas	326	362	3,194	3,790	5,947	5,473
Delaware	803	812	2,375	2,527	4,334	4,284
Georgia	856	753	13,296	14,677	27,822	29,941
Mississippi	685	748	2,436	2,483	1,663	1,703
Missouri	110	106	457	447	1,726	1,573
North Carolina	709	691	9,229	8,530	4,027	4,202
Texas	539	547	564	542	4,843	4,516
Virginia	546	605	854	853	1,972	2,238
United States	11,074	11,461	52,034	55,398	109,488	109,150

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,299	1,059	41,774	46,293	167,964	172,329
Arkansas	4,151	3,528	166,481	169,064	276,273	283,956
Delaware	1,937	2,037	7,136	7,896	106,243	114,525
Georgia	4,071	4,757	69,064	73,500	268,443	288,921
Mississippi	222	261	12,438	14,357	42,446	48,036
Missouri	112	112	22,777	24,060	62,482	63,931
North Carolina	2,474	2,213	47,699	49,579	176,525	173,799
Texas	2,432	2,649	20,684	19,970	109,535	110,297
Virginia	1,255	1,410	8,171	7,808	36,686	40,299
United States	32,559	31,250	755,539	782,370	2,094,388	2,184,532

- 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: September and October 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	2,712	3,591	57,143	73,950	21.07	20.60
California	897	1,815	25,680	44,783	28.64	24.67
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,808	1,963	72,348	77,951	40.01	39.72
Iowa	1,111	1,313	45,062	54,349	40.58	41.38
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,559	3,844	91,111	102,418	25.60	26.64
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	872	991	29,711	33,188	34.07	33.49
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,778	2,011	61,472	70,254	34.57	34.93
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	483	526	21,952	23,577	45.45	44.82
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	769	1,041	21,224	25,873	27.59	24.85
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	459	548	6,843	8,442	14.91	15.41
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,154	2,499	59,676	66,606	27.70	26.66
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,908	22,825	581,261	686,143	30.74	30.06

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	47,548	61,697	365	427	0.76	0.69
California	20,655	36,034	265	373	1.27	1.02
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	58,557	63,113	1,008	1,091	1.69	1.70
Iowa	35,476	42,811	520	578	1.44	1.33
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	72,674	81,769	1,028	1,137	1.40	1.37
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,025	26,892	145	155	0.60	0.57
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	48,323	55,342	321	373	0.66	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	17,517	18,825	361	378	2.02	1.97
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	16,915	20,620	285	432	1.66	2.05
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	5,805	7,091	36	49	0.62	0.68
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	48,059	53,736	696	710	1.43	1.30
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	465,343	550,118	6,521	7,454	1.38	1.34

- 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.

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.

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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