



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent from Last Year

**November 2016** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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**Poultry certified wholesome** during November 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.01 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in November 2016. The October 2017 revised certified total at 4.32 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from October 2016. The October revision represented an increase of 738 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during November 2017 was 5.30 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.16 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.56 billion pounds, up 3 percent from November 2016. Mature chickens, at 69.5 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 646 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.4 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during November 2017 averaged 6.27 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.23 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2017 averaged 29.5 pounds per bird, down slightly from November 2016.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during November 2017 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.2 million pounds, were 0.92 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	November 2016	October 2017	November 2017	November 2017 as % of		January to November		2017 as percent of 2016
				November 2016	October 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	712,780	782,869	727,591	102	93	8,059,108	8,210,647	102
Mature .....	11,210	11,358	11,163	100	98	129,701	124,291	96
Light .....	4,701	4,089	4,490	96	110	56,643	53,337	94
Heavy .....	6,509	7,269	6,673	103	92	73,058	70,954	97
Total .....	723,990	794,227	738,754	102	93	8,188,809	8,334,938	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	21,598	22,825	21,804	101	96	222,676	222,037	100
Old .....	129	183	123	95	67	1,685	1,557	92
Total .....	21,727	23,008	21,927	101	95	224,361	223,594	100
Ducks .....	2,284	2,274	2,337	102	103	24,752	24,497	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,429,073	4,920,937	4,564,625	103	93	49,641,434	50,891,532	103
Mature .....	68,939	72,896	69,531	101	95	782,966	759,029	97
Light .....	15,970	13,886	15,336	96	110	187,769	179,808	96
Heavy .....	52,969	59,010	54,195	102	92	595,197	579,221	97
Total .....	4,498,012	4,993,833	4,634,156	103	93	50,424,400	51,650,561	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	638,102	686,143	642,338	101	94	6,818,535	6,845,842	100
Old .....	3,731	5,436	3,620	97	67	47,609	45,677	96
Total .....	641,833	691,579	645,958	101	93	6,866,144	6,891,519	100
Ducks .....	15,715	15,788	16,369	104	104	169,351	169,341	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	704	1,239	415	59	33	3,854	3,978	103
Total .....	5,156,264	5,702,439	5,296,898	103	93	57,463,749	58,715,399	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.21	6.29	6.27	101	100	6.16	6.20	101
Mature .....	6.15	6.42	6.23	101	97	6.04	6.11	101
Light .....	3.40	3.40	3.42	101	101	3.31	3.37	102
Heavy .....	8.14	8.12	8.12	100	100	8.15	8.16	100
Total .....	6.21	6.29	6.27	101	100	6.16	6.20	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	29.54	30.06	29.46	100	98	30.62	30.83	101
Old .....	28.92	29.70	29.43	102	99	28.25	29.34	104
Total .....	29.54	30.06	29.46	100	98	30.60	30.82	101
Ducks .....	6.88	6.94	7.00	102	101	6.84	6.91	101

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

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

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	November 2016	October 2017	November 2017	November 2017 as % of		January to November		2017 as percent of 2016
				November 2016	October 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,087,129	3,413,025	3,163,543	102	93	34,610,732	35,341,026	102
Mature .....	44,938	48,259	45,411	101	94	506,107	494,075	98
Light .....	8,366	7,113	7,871	94	111	97,979	92,472	94
Heavy .....	36,572	41,146	37,540	103	91	408,128	401,603	98
Total .....	3,132,067	3,461,284	3,208,954	102	93	35,116,839	35,835,101	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	320,357	366,741	337,972	105	92	3,205,878	3,221,584	100
Old .....	2,564	3,979	2,565	100	64	32,804	33,456	102
Total .....	322,921	370,720	340,537	105	92	3,238,682	3,255,040	101
Ducks .....	5,101	4,605	5,079	100	110	48,235	47,752	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	191	247	123	64	50	1,572	1,542	98
Total .....	3,460,280	3,836,856	3,554,693	103	93	38,405,328	39,139,435	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	249,770	295,968	271,102	109	92	2,774,037	2,992,820	108
Mature .....	6	5	3	50	60	49	32	65
Light .....	6	5	3	50	60	18	30	167
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	31	2	6
Total .....	249,776	295,973	271,105	109	92	2,774,086	2,992,852	108
Turkeys								
Young .....	191,540	183,377	176,591	92	96	2,260,633	2,262,879	100
Old .....	258	85	49	19	58	2,988	748	25
Total .....	191,798	183,462	176,640	92	96	2,263,621	2,263,627	100
Ducks .....	6,348	6,870	6,853	108	100	74,918	75,563	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	264	531	142	54	27	947	1,019	108
Total .....	448,186	486,836	454,740	101	93	5,113,572	5,333,061	104
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,336,899	3,708,993	3,434,645	103	93	37,384,769	38,333,846	103
Mature .....	44,944	48,264	45,414	101	94	506,156	494,107	98
Light .....	8,372	7,118	7,874	94	111	97,997	92,502	94
Heavy .....	36,572	41,146	37,540	103	91	408,159	401,605	98
Total .....	3,381,843	3,757,257	3,480,059	103	93	37,890,925	38,827,953	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	511,897	550,118	514,563	101	94	5,466,511	5,484,463	100
Old .....	2,822	4,064	2,614	93	64	35,792	34,204	96
Total .....	514,719	554,182	517,177	100	93	5,502,303	5,518,667	100
Ducks .....	11,449	11,475	11,932	104	104	123,153	123,315	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	455	778	265	58	34	2,519	2,561	102
Total .....	3,908,466	4,323,692	4,009,433	103	93	43,518,900	44,472,496	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2016	October 2017	November 2017	November 2017 as % of		January to November		2017 as percent of 2016
				November 2016	October 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	9,918	10,830	10,231	103	94	114,593	113,684	99
Mature .....	772	743	764	99	103	9,340	8,820	94
Light .....	289	216	220	76	102	3,229	2,980	92
Heavy .....	483	527	544	113	103	6,111	5,840	96
Total .....	10,690	11,573	10,995	103	95	123,933	122,504	99
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,454	1,556	1,482	102	95	17,021	17,354	102
Old .....	43	46	28	65	61	607	510	84
Total .....	1,497	1,602	1,510	101	94	17,628	17,864	101
Ducks .....	39	60	65	167	108	478	536	112
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	12,228	13,237	12,571	103	95	142,043	140,908	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.22	0.22	100	100	0.23	0.22	96
Mature .....	1.12	1.02	1.10	98	108	1.19	1.16	97
Light .....	1.81	1.56	1.43	79	92	1.72	1.66	97
Heavy .....	0.91	0.89	1.00	110	112	1.03	1.01	98
Total .....	0.24	0.23	0.24	100	104	0.25	0.24	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.25	0.25	100
Old .....	1.15	0.85	0.77	67	91	1.27	1.12	88
Total .....	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.26	0.26	100
Ducks .....	0.25	0.38	0.40	160	105	0.28	0.32	114
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.23	0.24	100	104	0.25	0.24	96

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

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2016	October 2017	November 2017	November 2017 as % of		January to November		2017 as percent of 2016
				November 2016	October 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	28,063	29,210	27,578	98	94	329,022	314,921	96
Mature .....	2,367	2,095	1,993	84	95	27,972	24,047	86
Light .....	679	515	543	80	105	7,382	7,025	95
Heavy .....	1,688	1,580	1,450	86	92	20,590	17,022	83
Total .....	30,430	31,305	29,571	97	94	356,994	338,968	95
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,194	7,454	7,128	99	96	79,840	78,166	98
Old .....	146	207	147	101	71	1,712	1,883	110
Total .....	7,340	7,661	7,275	99	95	81,552	80,049	98
Ducks .....	319	319	320	100	100	3,306	3,255	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	4	8	4	100	50	26	38	146
Total .....	38,093	39,293	37,170	98	95	441,878	422,310	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.83	0.78	0.80	96	103	0.87	0.81	93
Mature .....	5.00	4.16	4.20	84	101	5.24	4.64	89
Light .....	7.50	6.75	6.45	86	96	7.01	7.06	101
Heavy .....	4.41	3.70	3.72	84	101	4.80	4.07	85
Total .....	0.89	0.83	0.84	94	101	0.93	0.87	94
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.39	1.34	1.37	99	102	1.44	1.41	98
Old .....	4.92	4.85	5.32	108	110	4.56	5.22	114
Total .....	1.41	1.36	1.39	99	102	1.46	1.43	98
Ducks .....	2.71	2.70	2.61	96	97	2.61	2.57	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	0.87	1.02	1.49	171	146	1.02	1.46	143
Total .....	0.97	0.90	0.92	95	102	1.01	0.94	93

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

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

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	4,347	4,319	760,579	722,899
Mature .....	-	-	150	185	114,313	125,800
Light .....	-	-	88	101	74,327	83,931
Heavy .....	-	-	62	84	39,986	41,869
Total .....	-	-	4,497	4,504	874,892	848,699
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	106	72	22,435	26,316
Old .....	-	-	31	21	1,050	901
Total .....	-	-	137	93	23,485	27,217
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	411,579	443,422	3,151	2,639	15,386	16,397
Mature .....	20,700	19,949	1,289	1,455	36,281	38,704
Light .....	7,089	6,784	1,096	1,229	17,832	19,076
Heavy .....	13,611	13,165	193	226	18,449	19,628
Total .....	432,279	463,371	4,440	4,094	51,667	55,101
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,886	5,071	584	670	69	73
Old .....	689	531	22	18	262	186
Total .....	5,575	5,602	606	688	331	259
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,461	11,457	55,398	52,063	109,157	109,376
Mature .....	6,956	6,647	1,261	1,181	50,621	52,789
Light .....	6,213	5,928	526	461	43,509	45,550
Heavy .....	743	719	735	720	7,112	7,239
Total .....	18,417	18,104	56,659	53,244	159,778	162,165
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	121	127	429	441	1,749	1,689
Old .....	32	22	59	54	187	166
Total .....	153	149	488	495	1,936	1,855
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	31,250	28,882	782,416	779,911	2,184,724	2,171,365
Mature .....	982	947	80,720	76,803	313,273	324,460
Light .....	185	212	29,539	28,471	180,404	191,743
Heavy .....	797	735	51,181	48,332	132,869	132,717
Total .....	32,232	29,829	863,136	856,714	2,497,997	2,495,825
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	462	375	12,667	12,991	43,508	47,825
Old .....	64	64	325	375	2,721	2,338
Total .....	526	439	12,992	13,366	46,229	50,163

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: October and November 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	93,590	88,337	528,580	496,006	5.65	5.61
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	88,679	80,066	599,104	540,699	6.76	6.75
California .....	23,243	20,129	141,861	121,892	6.10	6.06
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Delaware .....	33,312	31,183	243,301	227,859	7.30	7.31
Florida .....	5,616	5,052	32,803	29,447	5.84	5.83
Georgia .....	111,999	104,515	668,419	622,389	5.97	5.96
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,552	5,205	24,176	22,489	4.35	4.32
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	25,568	22,955	167,490	149,053	6.55	6.49
Louisiana .....	14,767	15,254	96,140	99,564	6.51	6.53
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	10,978	11,162	65,969	69,234	6.01	6.20
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,922	4,525	29,890	27,965	6.07	6.18
Mississippi .....	62,954	58,417	405,719	375,650	6.44	6.43
Missouri .....	38,013	35,227	189,274	175,708	4.98	4.99
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	112	92	541	433	4.83	4.70
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,028	2,215	10,242	10,989	5.05	4.96
North Carolina .....	68,429	64,449	537,367	507,182	7.85	7.87
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	9,065	9,091	47,764	47,127	5.27	5.18
Oklahoma .....	13,449	12,691	90,358	85,557	6.72	6.74
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,508	9,576	59,464	54,018	5.66	5.64
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	25,799	23,859	192,499	178,983	7.46	7.50
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	25,627	23,265	137,557	122,303	5.37	5.26
Texas .....	57,847	53,375	377,459	350,608	6.53	6.57
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	29,435	26,379	172,882	150,175	5.87	5.69
Washington .....	3,971	3,851	25,073	24,543	6.31	6.37
West Virginia .....	9,324	8,967	35,717	34,355	3.83	3.83
Wisconsin .....	4,445	4,099	18,723	17,253	4.21	4.21
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	782,869	727,591	4,920,937	4,564,625	6.29	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: October and November 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	402,306	376,609	3,081	2,883	0.76	0.76
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	449,917	404,663	3,225	3,108	0.71	0.76
California .....	105,564	90,953	1,627	1,268	1.52	1.38
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Delaware .....	181,399	170,163	1,432	1,323	0.78	0.77
Florida .....	24,602	22,085	129	112	0.52	0.51
Georgia .....	503,067	468,334	4,128	3,949	0.81	0.84
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	17,662	16,421	101	94	0.57	0.57
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	127,174	112,792	1,283	1,258	1.00	1.10
Louisiana .....	73,150	75,151	471	468	0.64	0.62
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	48,699	51,298	436	463	0.89	0.90
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	24,151	22,462	158	141	0.65	0.62
Mississippi .....	314,063	289,638	2,259	2,127	0.71	0.73
Missouri .....	139,803	129,597	1,094	943	0.78	0.72
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	386	312	7	5	1.79	1.70
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,375	6,858	207	211	3.14	2.98
North Carolina .....	416,812	392,654	2,646	2,563	0.63	0.65
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	35,496	35,008	389	360	1.08	1.02
Oklahoma .....	67,986	64,394	382	362	0.56	0.56
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	40,213	36,501	1,042	1,047	2.53	2.79
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	145,254	134,614	855	762	0.58	0.56
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	101,218	89,847	526	480	0.52	0.53
Texas .....	285,868	264,859	2,165	2,116	0.75	0.79
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	123,433	107,009	675	637	0.54	0.59
Washington .....	18,710	18,336	102	92	0.54	0.50
West Virginia .....	25,646	24,671	73	73	0.28	0.29
Wisconsin .....	13,830	12,751	97	86	0.70	0.67
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,708,993	3,434,645	29,210	27,578	0.78	0.80

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

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

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



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

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	307	361	63,191	56,378
Arkansas .....	-	-	203	158	76,432	68,074
Delaware .....	-	-	734	581	55,362	50,660
Georgia .....	-	-	34	28	65,917	63,061
Mississippi .....	-	-	88	80	20,155	18,502
Missouri .....	-	-	23	19	32,444	29,107
North Carolina .....	-	-	92	126	77,613	77,848
Texas .....	-	-	114	147	62,266	68,875
Virginia .....	-	-	40	56	15,655	15,086
United States .....	-	-	4,347	4,319	760,579	722,899

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	35,364	35,987	363	335	2,169	2,276
Arkansas .....	23,818	25,186	200	214	1,086	1,151
Delaware .....	40,043	44,620	98	88	732	829
Georgia .....	97,140	99,214	213	158	1,989	2,219
Mississippi .....	7,336	8,487	139	148	766	783
Missouri .....	4,598	4,758	17	14	551	489
North Carolina .....	29,289	30,686	149	186	1,441	1,580
Texas .....	18,211	20,599	821	613	661	702
Virginia .....	11,339	15,358	8	9	343	377
United States .....	411,579	443,422	3,151	2,639	15,386	16,397

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	959	987	5,245	4,871	17,379	16,007
Arkansas .....	362	374	3,790	3,555	5,473	5,203
Delaware .....	812	760	2,527	2,787	4,284	3,498
Georgia .....	753	676	14,677	12,977	29,941	32,999
Mississippi .....	748	695	2,483	2,246	1,703	1,719
Missouri .....	106	100	447	386	1,573	1,445
North Carolina .....	691	629	8,530	7,611	4,202	4,205
Texas .....	547	571	542	527	4,516	5,086
Virginia .....	605	568	853	764	2,238	2,359
United States .....	11,461	11,457	55,398	52,063	109,157	109,376

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,059	1,020	46,293	45,333	172,329	163,555
Arkansas .....	3,528	3,842	169,064	167,924	283,956	275,681
Delaware .....	2,037	1,919	7,896	8,961	114,525	114,703
Georgia .....	4,757	4,362	73,500	75,916	288,921	291,610
Mississippi .....	261	211	14,357	15,967	48,036	48,838
Missouri .....	112	93	24,060	22,079	63,931	58,490
North Carolina .....	2,213	2,361	49,579	53,131	173,799	178,363
Texas .....	2,649	2,080	19,970	21,682	110,297	120,882
Virginia .....	1,410	1,144	7,808	10,809	40,299	46,530
United States .....	31,250	28,882	782,416	779,911	2,184,724	2,171,365

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Turkeys, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: October and November 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,591	3,294	73,950	63,540	20.60	19.29
California .....	1,815	1,708	44,783	40,878	24.67	23.94
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
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 .....	1,963	1,873	77,951	73,809	39.72	39.41
Iowa .....	1,313	1,209	54,349	48,958	41.38	40.49
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 .....	3,844	3,966	102,418	99,173	26.64	25.01
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	991	875	33,188	29,948	33.49	34.23
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(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 .....	2,011	1,842	70,254	64,605	34.93	35.07
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	526	580	23,577	24,533	44.82	42.30
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	1,041	947	25,873	24,313	24.85	25.67
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 .....	548	596	8,442	9,723	15.41	16.30
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,499	2,332	66,606	62,384	26.66	26.75
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	22,825	21,804	686,143	642,338	30.06	29.46

- Represents zero.

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	61,697	52,998	427	376	0.69	0.70
California .....	36,034	32,743	373	368	1.02	1.11
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
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 .....	63,113	59,684	1,091	1,117	1.70	1.84
Iowa .....	42,811	38,548	578	562	1.33	1.44
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 .....	81,769	78,966	1,137	1,226	1.37	1.53
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	26,892	24,269	155	142	0.57	0.58
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(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 .....	55,342	50,835	373	391	0.67	0.76
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	18,825	19,602	378	362	1.97	1.81
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	20,620	19,433	432	355	2.05	1.80
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 .....	7,091	8,187	49	51	0.68	0.62
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	53,736	50,557	710	633	1.30	1.24
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	550,118	514,563	7,454	7,128	1.34	1.37

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(X) Not applicable.

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

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

## **Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates**

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations:** Birds 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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