



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent from Last Year

February 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2017 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.66 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in February 2016. The January 2017 revised certified total at 4.05 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from January 2016. The January revision represented an increase of 581 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2017 was 4.83 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 4.97 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.18 billion pounds, down 3 percent from February 2016. Mature chickens, at 62.0 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 572 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.6 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2017 averaged 6.16 pounds per bird, down slightly from February 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.88 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2017 averaged 31.6 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2016.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2017 totaled 12.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.9 million pounds, were 1.00 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.07 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	February 2017 as % of		January to February		2017 as percent of 2016
				February 2016	January 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	699,896	749,302	679,482	97	91	1,399,242	1,428,784	102
Mature	11,448	11,080	10,537	92	95	22,742	21,617	95
Light	5,168	4,993	4,910	95	98	10,544	9,903	94
Heavy	6,280	6,087	5,627	90	92	12,198	11,714	96
Total	711,344	760,382	690,019	97	91	1,421,984	1,450,401	102
Turkeys								
Young	18,169	19,433	17,973	99	92	36,673	37,406	102
Old	129	138	145	112	105	322	283	88
Total	18,298	19,571	18,118	99	93	36,995	37,689	102
Ducks	2,230	2,492	2,123	95	85	4,567	4,615	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,321,076	4,644,226	4,184,674	97	90	8,651,533	8,828,900	102
Mature	67,881	65,921	61,976	91	94	133,523	127,897	96
Light	16,907	16,723	16,280	96	97	34,621	33,003	95
Heavy	50,974	49,198	45,696	90	93	98,902	94,894	96
Total	4,388,957	4,710,147	4,246,650	97	90	8,785,056	8,956,797	102
Turkeys								
Young	563,247	618,795	567,679	101	92	1,152,567	1,186,474	103
Old	3,672	4,073	4,197	114	103	9,083	8,270	91
Total	566,919	622,868	571,876	101	92	1,161,650	1,194,744	103
Ducks	15,309	17,190	14,620	95	85	31,330	31,810	102
Other ¹	168	167	158	94	95	363	325	90
Total	4,971,353	5,350,372	4,833,304	97	90	9,978,399	10,183,676	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.17	6.20	6.16	100	99	6.18	6.18	100
Mature	5.93	5.95	5.88	99	99	5.87	5.92	101
Light	3.27	3.35	3.32	102	99	3.28	3.33	102
Heavy	8.12	8.08	8.12	100	100	8.11	8.10	100
Total	6.17	6.19	6.15	100	99	6.18	6.18	100
Turkeys								
Young	31.00	31.84	31.59	102	99	31.43	31.72	101
Old	28.47	29.51	28.94	102	98	28.21	29.22	104
Total	30.98	31.83	31.56	102	99	31.40	31.70	101
Ducks	6.87	6.90	6.89	100	100	6.86	6.89	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	February 2017 as % of		January to February		2017 as percent of 2016
				February 2016	January 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,004,584	3,232,413	2,908,503	97	90	6,025,070	6,140,916	102
Mature	43,334	42,761	40,156	93	94	85,144	82,917	97
Light	8,905	8,718	8,392	94	96	18,281	17,110	94
Heavy	34,429	34,043	31,764	92	93	66,863	65,807	98
Total	3,047,918	3,275,174	2,948,659	97	90	6,110,214	6,223,833	102
Turkeys								
Young	261,596	286,023	261,806	100	92	546,264	547,829	100
Old	2,283	3,010	3,062	134	102	5,735	6,072	106
Total	263,879	289,033	264,868	100	92	551,999	553,901	100
Ducks	4,158	5,084	4,023	97	79	8,583	9,107	106
Other ¹	111	109	100	90	92	232	209	90
Total	3,316,066	3,569,400	3,217,650	97	90	6,671,028	6,787,050	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	252,074	264,502	244,424	97	92	488,369	508,926	104
Mature	5	-	-	(X)	(X)	7	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	5	-	-	(X)	(X)	7	-	(X)
Total	252,079	264,502	244,424	97	92	488,376	508,926	104
Turkeys								
Young	190,164	209,740	193,159	102	92	377,911	402,899	107
Old	507	73	70	14	96	1,114	143	13
Total	190,671	209,813	193,229	101	92	379,025	403,042	106
Ducks	6,955	7,479	6,616	95	88	14,202	14,095	99
Other ¹	6	6	6	100	100	12	12	100
Total	449,711	481,800	444,275	99	92	881,615	926,075	105
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,256,658	3,496,915	3,152,927	97	90	6,513,439	6,649,842	102
Mature	43,339	42,761	40,156	93	94	85,151	82,917	97
Light	8,905	8,718	8,392	94	96	18,281	17,110	94
Heavy	34,434	34,043	31,764	92	93	66,870	65,807	98
Total	3,299,997	3,539,676	3,193,083	97	90	6,598,590	6,732,759	102
Turkeys								
Young	451,760	495,763	454,965	101	92	924,175	950,728	103
Old	2,790	3,083	3,132	112	102	6,849	6,215	91
Total	454,550	498,846	458,097	101	92	931,024	956,943	103
Ducks	11,113	12,563	10,639	96	85	22,785	23,202	102
Other ¹	117	115	106	91	92	244	221	91
Total	3,765,777	4,051,200	3,661,925	97	90	7,552,643	7,713,125	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	February 2017 as % of		January to February		2017 as percent of 2016
				February 2016	January 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	10,401	10,954	9,763	94	89	21,231	20,717	98
Mature	820	866	762	93	88	1,635	1,628	100
Light	272	295	276	101	94	553	571	103
Heavy	548	571	486	89	85	1,082	1,057	98
Total	11,221	11,820	10,525	94	89	22,866	22,345	98
Turkeys								
Young	1,499	1,781	1,590	106	89	3,116	3,371	108
Old	50	61	53	106	87	129	114	88
Total	1,549	1,842	1,643	106	89	3,245	3,485	107
Ducks	37	44	37	100	84	83	81	98
Total ¹	12,807	13,706	12,205	95	89	26,194	25,911	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.24	0.24	0.23	96	96	0.25	0.23	92
Mature	1.21	1.31	1.23	102	94	1.22	1.27	104
Light	1.61	1.76	1.70	106	97	1.60	1.73	108
Heavy	1.08	1.16	1.06	98	91	1.09	1.11	102
Total	0.26	0.25	0.25	96	100	0.26	0.25	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.29	0.28	104	97	0.27	0.28	104
Old	1.36	1.50	1.26	93	84	1.42	1.38	97
Total	0.27	0.30	0.29	107	97	0.28	0.29	104
Ducks	0.24	0.26	0.25	104	96	0.26	0.25	96
Total ¹	0.26	0.26	0.25	96	96	0.26	0.25	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	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	February 2017 as % of		January to February		2017 as percent of 2016
				February 2016	January 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	31,171	29,961	27,551	88	92	61,825	57,512	93
Mature	2,591	2,249	2,054	79	91	5,293	4,303	81
Light	656	688	652	99	95	1,319	1,340	102
Heavy	1,935	1,561	1,402	72	90	3,974	2,963	75
Total	33,762	32,210	29,605	88	92	67,118	61,815	92
Turkeys								
Young	6,636	7,539	6,863	103	91	13,879	14,402	104
Old	116	175	188	162	107	286	363	127
Total	6,752	7,714	7,051	104	91	14,165	14,765	104
Ducks	287	313	285	99	91	575	598	104
Other ¹	1	2	2	200	100	2	4	200
Total	40,802	40,239	36,943	91	92	81,860	77,182	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.95	0.85	0.87	92	102	0.94	0.86	91
Mature	5.64	5.00	4.87	86	97	5.85	4.93	84
Light	6.86	7.31	7.21	105	99	6.73	7.26	108
Heavy	5.32	4.38	4.23	80	97	5.61	4.31	77
Total	1.01	0.90	0.92	91	102	1.01	0.91	90
Turkeys								
Young	1.45	1.50	1.49	103	99	1.48	1.49	101
Old	3.99	5.37	5.66	142	105	4.01	5.52	138
Total	1.46	1.52	1.52	104	100	1.50	1.52	101
Ducks	2.52	2.43	2.61	104	107	2.46	2.51	102
Other ¹	0.85	1.71	1.85	218	108	0.81	1.78	220
Total	1.07	0.98	1.00	93	102	1.07	0.99	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: January and February 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,450	5,554	831,612	757,184
Mature	-	-	195	243	148,798	151,118
Light	-	-	118	168	106,412	111,391
Heavy	-	-	77	75	42,386	39,727
Total	-	-	5,645	5,797	980,410	908,302
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	46	34	28,846	25,584
Old	-	-	1	7	1,446	1,306
Total	-	-	47	41	30,292	26,890
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	652,279	666,308	3,897	3,285	14,629	13,195
Mature	23,706	24,768	560	666	36,838	32,824
Light	7,624	9,349	297	402	22,857	19,349
Heavy	16,082	15,419	263	264	13,981	13,475
Total	675,985	691,076	4,457	3,951	51,467	46,019
Turkeys						
Young	3,664	3,663	668	443	62	48
Old	469	461	-	3	325	320
Total	4,133	4,124	668	446	387	368
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,452	12,435	51,766	46,007	103,589	97,315
Mature	9,118	9,962	1,456	1,313	83,613	82,948
Light	8,562	9,274	722	584	76,540	75,579
Heavy	556	688	734	729	7,073	7,369
Total	22,570	22,397	53,222	47,320	187,202	180,263
Turkeys						
Young	96	74	783	604	1,018	794
Old	32	41	60	85	173	149
Total	128	115	843	689	1,191	943
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	29,152	31,074	791,774	788,646	2,497,600	2,421,003
Mature	758	710	100,357	99,313	405,399	403,865
Light	279	258	52,727	49,674	276,138	276,028
Heavy	479	452	47,630	49,639	129,261	127,837
Total	29,910	31,784	892,131	887,959	2,902,999	2,824,868
Turkeys						
Young	556	396	12,620	10,510	48,359	42,150
Old	10	32	149	230	2,665	2,634
Total	566	428	12,769	10,740	51,024	44,784

- 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 2017

[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	89,006	82,815	493,785	461,762	5.55	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	81,327	74,487	539,044	486,038	6.63	6.53
California	24,004	19,832	139,997	116,136	5.83	5.86
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	33,792	30,336	243,280	216,222	7.20	7.13
Florida	5,758	4,714	33,098	26,378	5.75	5.60
Georgia	105,439	95,151	616,685	560,522	5.85	5.89
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,807	5,227	25,785	23,062	4.44	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,013	21,647	148,119	135,393	6.17	6.25
Louisiana	15,371	14,746	96,728	91,903	6.29	6.23
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,077	9,215	63,020	52,590	6.25	5.71
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,452	4,258	26,185	24,799	5.88	5.82
Mississippi	59,016	57,176	381,157	370,836	6.46	6.49
Missouri	36,750	33,543	178,540	163,285	4.86	4.87
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	112	83	566	412	5.06	4.95
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,362	1,951	11,873	9,748	5.03	5.00
North Carolina	64,832	57,543	521,434	452,965	8.04	7.87
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	7,813	7,436	43,165	39,986	5.52	5.38
Oklahoma	13,153	11,716	88,171	78,110	6.70	6.67
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,326	9,080	58,665	50,749	5.68	5.59
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,545	21,591	183,372	159,792	7.47	7.40
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,383	22,655	134,990	120,579	5.32	5.32
Texas	56,714	50,400	353,089	310,406	6.23	6.16
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,578	25,450	164,585	145,753	5.76	5.73
Washington	4,223	3,428	26,576	21,368	6.29	6.23
West Virginia	9,151	8,364	35,146	32,620	3.84	3.90
Wisconsin	4,313	3,831	18,419	16,212	4.27	4.23
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	749,302	679,482	4,644,226	4,184,674	6.20	6.16

- 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 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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	375,252	350,701	2,880	2,746	0.76	0.78
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	407,162	365,702	3,326	3,019	0.81	0.82
California	104,128	86,458	1,360	1,240	1.29	1.41
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	177,751	158,227	1,607	1,516	0.90	0.95
Florida	24,830	19,784	138	126	0.55	0.63
Georgia	464,174	422,115	3,714	3,546	0.79	0.83
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	18,787	16,841	134	125	0.71	0.74
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	112,248	102,597	1,652	1,403	1.45	1.35
Louisiana	73,467	69,489	565	539	0.76	0.77
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	46,345	38,725	640	619	1.36	1.57
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,864	20,851	213	212	0.97	1.01
Mississippi	293,198	287,126	1,981	1,910	0.67	0.66
Missouri	131,722	120,487	1,223	1,158	0.92	0.95
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	407	296	6	6	1.43	1.97
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,414	6,001	244	233	3.18	3.74
North Carolina	406,302	353,187	3,304	2,793	0.81	0.78
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	32,203	29,716	499	448	1.53	1.48
Oklahoma	66,311	58,731	336	336	0.50	0.57
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	39,828	34,478	1,097	881	2.68	2.49
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	138,183	120,313	693	669	0.50	0.55
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	98,891	88,458	545	495	0.55	0.56
Texas	267,317	235,774	2,388	2,087	0.89	0.88
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	117,292	103,549	668	692	0.57	0.66
Washington	19,801	15,933	118	91	0.59	0.57
West Virginia	25,181	23,360	99	108	0.39	0.46
Wisconsin	13,452	11,840	109	101	0.80	0.85
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,496,915	3,152,927	29,961	27,551	0.85	0.87

- 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: January and February 2017

[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	-	-	582	501	72,287	72,112
Arkansas	-	-	124	115	66,917	58,686
Delaware	-	-	1,435	1,307	56,090	53,367
Georgia	-	-	78	105	74,746	67,070
Mississippi	-	-	136	122	21,884	19,772
Missouri	-	-	41	32	50,684	43,819
North Carolina	-	-	164	126	97,873	88,067
Texas	-	-	261	133	65,704	61,563
Virginia	-	-	57	29	13,811	14,415
United States	-	-	5,450	5,554	831,612	757,184

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	50,942	45,342	380	356	1,746	1,670
Arkansas	28,948	31,468	234	233	945	784
Delaware	62,010	64,459	66	43	958	752
Georgia	159,828	167,302	469	480	1,977	1,524
Mississippi	11,373	9,409	94	109	671	781
Missouri	10,180	7,586	39	24	390	356
North Carolina	51,017	45,303	343	261	1,659	1,519
Texas	30,759	24,838	310	277	863	728
Virginia	20,042	24,219	7	4	443	407
United States	652,279	666,308	3,897	3,285	14,629	13,195

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,002	915	6,293	5,273	15,562	14,359
Arkansas	334	319	3,389	2,736	5,022	4,460
Delaware	1,127	1,150	1,663	1,543	3,883	3,999
Georgia	653	606	13,876	13,088	27,489	23,270
Mississippi	665	613	1,824	1,722	1,552	1,504
Missouri	184	143	485	402	2,498	2,004
North Carolina	957	774	9,852	7,845	4,832	4,324
Texas	573	478	533	740	4,527	4,361
Virginia	702	616	648	598	2,126	1,949
United States	13,452	12,435	51,766	46,007	103,589	97,315

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	878	882	50,827	52,140	200,499	193,550
Arkansas	3,392	3,527	144,738	147,721	254,043	250,049
Delaware	4,189	4,238	6,823	6,214	138,244	137,072
Georgia	3,113	3,806	84,463	92,003	366,692	369,254
Mississippi	155	244	16,160	16,911	54,514	51,187
Missouri	390	183	25,554	24,536	90,445	79,085
North Carolina	2,508	2,287	60,044	63,248	229,249	213,754
Texas	706	584	20,581	17,189	124,817	110,891
Virginia	1,114	1,074	11,724	11,010	50,674	54,321
United States	29,152	31,074	791,774	788,646	2,497,600	2,421,003

- 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 2017

[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	2,814	2,903	56,759	56,496	20.17	19.46
California	778	751	23,897	22,241	30.73	29.60
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,780	1,726	71,496	69,045	40.17	40.00
Iowa	1,184	1,113	51,172	47,867	43.23	43.00
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,530	2,873	94,925	78,093	26.89	27.18
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	918	890	31,884	30,158	34.74	33.90
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,873	1,743	70,429	66,057	37.60	37.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	478	456	22,059	21,177	46.16	46.41
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	709	697	21,532	20,927	30.36	30.03
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	558	455	8,656	6,388	15.50	14.05
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,201	2,070	61,008	57,854	27.72	27.95
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,433	17,973	618,795	567,679	31.84	31.59

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 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	
	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	47,795	47,365	391	359	0.81	0.75
California	19,298	17,853	225	206	1.15	1.14
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	57,983	56,033	779	782	1.33	1.38
Iowa	40,290	37,662	581	581	1.42	1.52
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	75,586	62,147	1,379	1,161	1.79	1.83
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,790	24,398	179	193	0.69	0.79
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	55,131	52,015	703	556	1.26	1.06
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	17,635	16,934	343	305	1.91	1.77
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	16,939	16,474	512	508	2.94	2.99
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	7,358	5,441	43	32	0.58	0.59
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	49,573	46,933	630	609	1.26	1.28
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	495,763	454,965	7,539	6,863	1.50	1.49

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

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

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

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

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

Ducks: Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

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

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

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

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

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

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

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

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

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

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

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2015. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 30 States.

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

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