



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**April 2016** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**April 2017** contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during April 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.70 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in April 2016. The March 2017 revised certified total at 4.17 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from March 2016. The March revision represented an increase of 719 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during April 2017 was 4.88 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 5.07 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.26 billion pounds, down 3 percent from April 2016. Mature chickens, at 61.9 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 544 million pounds, down 10 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.1 million pounds, down 9 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during April 2017 averaged 6.18 pounds per bird, down slightly from April 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.84 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2017 averaged 31.4 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2016.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during April 2017 totaled 11.5 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 36.5 million pounds, were 0.98 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.05 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of		January to April		2017 as percent of 2016
				April 2016	March 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 .....	707,069	771,634	689,838	98	89	2,866,743	2,890,470	101
Mature .....	11,514	12,027	10,589	92	88	47,315	44,233	93
Light .....	5,296	5,719	5,052	95	88	21,876	20,674	95
Heavy .....	6,218	6,308	5,537	89	88	25,439	23,559	93
Total .....	718,583	783,661	700,427	97	89	2,914,058	2,934,703	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,270	20,862	17,230	89	83	75,905	75,498	99
Old .....	112	162	130	116	80	602	575	96
Total .....	19,382	21,024	17,360	90	83	76,507	76,073	99
Ducks .....	2,256	2,342	2,044	91	87	9,306	9,001	97
	(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 .....	4,379,848	4,756,928	4,264,132	97	90	17,714,622	17,851,106	101
Mature .....	67,476	70,406	61,891	92	88	278,067	260,194	94
Light .....	17,239	19,156	16,742	97	87	71,825	68,901	96
Heavy .....	50,237	51,250	45,149	90	88	206,242	191,293	93
Total .....	4,447,324	4,827,334	4,326,023	97	90	17,992,689	18,111,300	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	600,969	656,808	540,695	90	82	2,377,836	2,383,977	100
Old .....	3,209	4,782	3,703	115	77	16,887	16,755	99
Total .....	604,178	661,590	544,398	90	82	2,394,723	2,400,732	100
Ducks .....	15,540	16,311	14,131	91	87	63,805	62,252	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	174	171	177	102	104	723	673	93
Total .....	5,067,216	5,505,406	4,884,729	96	89	20,451,940	20,574,957	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.19	6.16	6.18	100	100	6.18	6.18	100
Mature .....	5.86	5.85	5.84	100	100	5.88	5.88	100
Light .....	3.26	3.35	3.31	102	99	3.28	3.33	102
Heavy .....	8.08	8.12	8.15	101	100	8.11	8.12	100
Total .....	6.19	6.16	6.18	100	100	6.17	6.17	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	31.19	31.48	31.38	101	100	31.33	31.58	101
Old .....	28.65	29.52	28.48	99	96	28.05	29.14	104
Total .....	31.17	31.47	31.36	101	100	31.30	31.56	101
Ducks .....	6.89	6.96	6.91	100	99	6.86	6.92	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	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of		January to April		2017 as percent of 2016
				April 2016	March 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 .....	3,054,869	3,311,937	2,965,918	97	90	12,336,271	12,419,719	101
Mature .....	43,806	45,161	39,778	91	88	178,511	167,856	94
Light .....	9,016	9,929	8,527	95	86	37,755	35,566	94
Heavy .....	34,790	35,232	31,251	90	89	140,756	132,290	94
Total .....	3,098,675	3,357,098	3,005,696	97	90	12,514,782	12,587,575	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	273,033	298,138	247,689	91	83	1,108,752	1,093,656	99
Old .....	2,374	3,576	2,701	114	76	11,328	12,349	109
Total .....	275,407	301,714	250,390	91	83	1,120,080	1,106,005	99
Ducks .....	4,315	4,425	3,745	87	85	17,376	17,277	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	116	109	110	95	101	470	428	91
Total .....	3,378,513	3,663,346	3,259,941	96	89	13,652,708	13,711,285	100
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	247,214	270,257	248,040	100	92	1,005,148	1,027,223	102
Mature .....	16	-	1	6	(X)	25	1	4
Light .....	-	-	1	(X)	(X)	2	1	50
Heavy .....	16	-	-	(X)	(X)	23	-	(X)
Total .....	247,230	270,257	248,041	100	92	1,005,173	1,027,224	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	209,313	228,493	185,548	89	81	798,176	816,940	102
Old .....	54	71	63	117	89	1,408	277	20
Total .....	209,367	228,564	185,611	89	81	799,584	817,217	102
Ducks .....	7,021	7,477	6,533	93	87	29,079	28,105	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	7	9	9	129	100	27	30	111
Total .....	463,625	506,307	440,194	95	87	1,833,863	1,872,576	102
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,302,083	3,582,194	3,213,958	97	90	13,341,419	13,446,942	101
Mature .....	43,822	45,161	39,779	91	88	178,536	167,857	94
Light .....	9,016	9,929	8,528	95	86	37,757	35,567	94
Heavy .....	34,806	35,232	31,251	90	89	140,779	132,290	94
Total .....	3,345,905	3,627,355	3,253,737	97	90	13,519,955	13,614,799	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	482,346	526,631	433,237	90	82	1,906,928	1,910,596	100
Old .....	2,428	3,647	2,764	114	76	12,736	12,626	99
Total .....	484,774	530,278	436,001	90	82	1,919,664	1,923,222	100
Ducks .....	11,336	11,902	10,278	91	86	46,455	45,382	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	123	118	119	97	101	497	458	92
Total .....	3,842,138	4,169,653	3,700,135	96	89	15,486,571	15,583,861	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of		January to April		2017 as percent of 2016
				April 2016	March 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 .....	9,632	10,667	9,372	97	88	41,187	40,737	99
Mature .....	860	893	732	85	82	3,394	3,253	96
Light .....	305	327	263	86	80	1,188	1,161	98
Heavy .....	555	566	469	85	83	2,206	2,092	95
Total .....	10,492	11,560	10,104	96	87	44,581	43,990	99
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,417	1,711	1,366	96	80	6,091	6,450	106
Old .....	38	55	43	113	78	213	212	100
Total .....	1,455	1,766	1,409	97	80	6,304	6,662	106
Ducks .....	36	37	31	86	84	154	149	97
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	11,983	13,363	11,544	96	86	51,039	50,801	100
	(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	0.23	100
Mature .....	1.27	1.27	1.18	93	93	1.22	1.25	102
Light .....	1.77	1.71	1.57	89	92	1.65	1.69	102
Heavy .....	1.10	1.10	1.04	95	95	1.07	1.09	102
Total .....	0.24	0.24	0.23	96	96	0.25	0.24	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.24	0.26	0.25	104	96	0.26	0.27	104
Old .....	1.18	1.15	1.16	98	101	1.26	1.27	101
Total .....	0.24	0.27	0.26	108	96	0.26	0.28	108
Ducks .....	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.24	0.24	100
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.25	0.25	100

<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	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of		January to April		2017 as percent of 2016
				April 2016	March 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 .....	30,640	30,783	27,620	90	90	125,824	115,924	92
Mature .....	2,592	2,347	2,047	79	87	10,631	8,697	82
Light .....	696	749	673	97	90	2,774	2,762	100
Heavy .....	1,896	1,598	1,374	72	86	7,857	5,935	76
Total .....	33,232	33,130	29,667	89	90	136,455	124,621	91
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,161	7,554	6,422	90	85	28,348	28,378	100
Old .....	117	187	150	128	80	543	700	129
Total .....	7,278	7,741	6,572	90	85	28,891	29,078	101
Ducks .....	298	325	274	92	84	1,189	1,197	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	2	100	100	5	8	160
Total .....	40,810	41,198	36,515	89	89	166,540	154,904	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.92	0.85	0.85	92	100	0.93	0.85	91
Mature .....	5.58	4.94	4.89	88	99	5.62	4.93	88
Light .....	7.17	7.01	7.31	102	104	6.84	7.21	105
Heavy .....	5.17	4.34	4.21	81	97	5.29	4.29	81
Total .....	0.98	0.91	0.90	92	99	1.00	0.91	91
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.46	1.41	1.46	100	104	1.46	1.46	100
Old .....	4.60	4.88	5.15	112	106	4.09	5.25	128
Total .....	1.48	1.44	1.48	100	103	1.48	1.49	101
Ducks .....	2.56	2.66	2.60	102	98	2.50	2.57	103
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.60	1.67	1.65	103	99	1.00	1.72	172
Total .....	1.05	0.98	0.98	93	100	1.06	0.98	92

<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: March and April 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	5,123	4,811	812,640	742,778
Mature .....	-	-	236	191	157,210	150,301
Light .....	-	-	183	132	113,590	111,375
Heavy .....	-	-	53	59	43,620	38,926
Total .....	-	-	5,359	5,002	969,850	893,079
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	36	37	25,561	22,224
Old .....	-	-	5	9	1,658	1,197
Total .....	-	-	41	46	27,219	23,421
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	735,133	672,344	3,522	2,631	14,099	12,701
Mature .....	26,450	24,730	760	935	32,553	33,479
Light .....	11,423	11,122	460	712	17,698	20,103
Heavy .....	15,027	13,608	300	223	14,855	13,376
Total .....	761,583	697,074	4,282	3,566	46,652	46,180
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,142	3,273	547	290	105	63
Old .....	551	562	2	11	257	211
Total .....	4,693	3,835	549	301	362	274
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	13,587	11,619	51,938	45,926	104,044	98,223
Mature .....	10,113	11,179	1,331	1,348	84,315	83,608
Light .....	9,335	10,562	672	760	76,211	77,015
Heavy .....	778	617	659	588	8,104	6,593
Total .....	23,700	22,798	53,269	47,274	188,359	181,831
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	88	80	707	512	700	768
Old .....	44	45	109	112	178	123
Total .....	132	125	816	624	878	891
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	30,583	26,466	829,580	788,700	2,600,249	2,406,199
Mature .....	996	792	118,692	97,622	432,656	404,185
Light .....	378	225	62,207	49,671	292,157	281,677
Heavy .....	618	567	56,485	47,951	140,499	122,508
Total .....	31,579	27,258	948,272	886,322	3,032,905	2,810,384
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	336	377	12,124	9,977	44,346	37,601
Old .....	41	44	276	263	3,121	2,577
Total .....	377	421	12,400	10,240	47,467	40,178

- 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: March and April 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	93,528	83,897	517,547	465,220	5.53	5.55
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	83,223	75,903	543,814	497,654	6.53	6.56
California .....	22,666	19,928	133,747	116,194	5.90	5.83
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	34,785	30,897	249,737	224,592	7.18	7.27
Florida .....	5,398	5,022	30,142	28,474	5.58	5.67
Georgia .....	109,092	96,694	642,954	570,329	5.89	5.90
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,850	5,104	26,160	22,330	4.47	4.37
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,841	22,310	156,902	141,752	6.32	6.35
Louisiana .....	16,425	13,085	102,431	82,569	6.24	6.31
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	10,877	9,288	63,044	56,498	5.80	6.08
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,552	4,435	26,530	26,004	5.83	5.86
Mississippi .....	63,173	57,107	406,687	367,634	6.44	6.44
Missouri .....	37,846	33,586	185,597	165,806	4.90	4.94
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	127	94	651	462	5.12	4.89
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,290	1,869	11,455	9,256	5.00	4.95
North Carolina .....	67,429	60,215	530,168	473,881	7.86	7.87
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	8,264	7,556	43,624	40,307	5.28	5.33
Oklahoma .....	13,114	11,889	87,025	79,648	6.64	6.70
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,829	8,942	55,048	49,946	5.60	5.59
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,527	22,339	181,971	164,957	7.42	7.38
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	26,570	23,245	141,368	123,028	5.32	5.29
Texas .....	56,838	50,689	350,970	313,266	6.17	6.18
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	29,337	26,361	168,777	152,700	5.75	5.79
Washington .....	4,297	3,751	27,135	22,732	6.31	6.06
West Virginia .....	9,191	8,446	35,310	32,431	3.84	3.84
Wisconsin .....	4,273	4,009	17,883	16,707	4.18	4.17
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	771,634	689,838	4,756,928	4,264,132	6.16	6.18

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	394,236	354,024	2,991	2,831	0.75	0.79
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	407,909	373,122	3,244	2,975	0.79	0.79
California .....	99,344	86,774	1,406	1,310	1.40	1.49
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	182,072	163,651	1,681	1,583	0.91	0.96
Florida .....	22,608	21,355	136	127	0.60	0.59
Georgia .....	483,438	428,914	4,028	3,429	0.83	0.79
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	19,062	16,320	129	118	0.67	0.72
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	119,145	107,406	1,556	1,303	1.29	1.20
Louisiana .....	77,732	62,777	574	478	0.73	0.76
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	46,507	41,979	842	715	1.78	1.67
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,473	22,049	215	200	0.95	0.90
Mississippi .....	313,560	284,906	2,094	1,945	0.66	0.68
Missouri .....	136,799	122,320	1,260	1,079	0.91	0.87
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	463	329	7	5	1.48	1.46
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,035	5,684	259	236	3.56	3.98
North Carolina .....	413,787	370,258	3,062	2,717	0.73	0.73
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	32,367	29,960	470	436	1.43	1.43
Oklahoma .....	65,432	59,846	377	380	0.57	0.63
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	37,568	33,838	1,092	949	2.83	2.73
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	137,144	124,425	757	672	0.55	0.54
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	103,824	90,479	558	453	0.53	0.50
Texas .....	266,640	237,963	2,415	2,107	0.90	0.88
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	120,013	108,978	795	800	0.66	0.73
Washington .....	20,241	16,981	122	121	0.60	0.71
West Virginia .....	25,290	23,263	103	86	0.40	0.37
Wisconsin .....	13,063	12,202	112	112	0.85	0.91
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,582,194	3,213,958	30,783	27,620	0.85	0.85

- 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: March and April 2017

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	539	408	75,535	70,430
Arkansas .....	-	-	138	121	59,775	60,162
Delaware .....	-	-	1,572	1,855	54,728	51,610
Georgia .....	-	-	73	44	69,555	62,513
Mississippi .....	-	-	156	219	21,703	18,610
Missouri .....	-	-	30	29	46,122	39,216
North Carolina .....	-	-	168	110	92,352	81,770
Texas .....	-	-	121	119	68,742	57,497
Virginia .....	-	-	42	51	16,745	17,774
United States .....	-	-	5,123	4,811	812,640	742,778

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	51,467	47,033	367	313	1,981	1,725
Arkansas .....	35,680	28,043	234	179	764	702
Delaware .....	73,449	59,840	71	47	849	727
Georgia .....	174,824	165,608	428	214	1,641	1,499
Mississippi .....	11,760	9,565	99	96	876	930
Missouri .....	8,352	6,488	28	16	408	434
North Carolina .....	54,144	50,911	321	227	1,515	1,433
Texas .....	24,766	22,295	476	646	656	530
Virginia .....	27,631	25,041	5	5	372	351
United States .....	735,133	672,344	3,522	2,631	14,099	12,701

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	968	943	5,383	4,701	17,267	18,186
Arkansas .....	286	275	2,643	2,967	5,231	4,559
Delaware .....	1,160	1,030	2,132	1,934	4,123	4,053
Georgia .....	791	627	15,430	13,145	19,132	20,364
Mississippi .....	592	540	1,954	1,962	1,533	1,363
Missouri .....	146	143	477	373	2,190	1,794
North Carolina .....	780	755	8,483	7,480	4,443	3,717
Texas .....	524	427	446	351	5,092	4,180
Virginia .....	627	606	661	794	2,014	1,837
United States .....	13,587	11,619	51,938	45,926	104,044	98,223

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	770	988	50,337	45,278	204,614	190,005
Arkansas .....	2,620	2,105	145,100	131,946	252,471	231,059
Delaware .....	3,639	3,580	7,586	6,855	149,309	131,531
Georgia .....	4,562	3,519	93,162	79,796	379,598	347,329
Mississippi .....	145	156	16,788	16,308	55,606	49,749
Missouri .....	112	108	24,606	21,458	82,471	70,059
North Carolina .....	2,688	2,700	68,253	64,594	233,147	213,697
Texas .....	1,041	1,049	19,369	18,585	121,233	105,679
Virginia .....	1,382	1,263	10,003	11,065	59,482	58,787
United States .....	30,583	26,466	829,580	788,700	2,600,249	2,406,199

- 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: March and April 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,207	2,317	63,760	44,724	19.88	19.30
California .....	808	603	24,400	17,473	30.18	28.99
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,975	1,676	78,572	67,320	39.78	40.16
Iowa .....	1,308	1,160	55,119	48,569	42.14	41.85
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,540	3,184	94,727	83,142	26.76	26.11
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	999	854	35,024	30,071	35.04	35.19
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	2,055	1,553	75,260	55,825	36.62	35.95
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	560	465	25,891	21,384	46.25	45.95
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	814	657	24,219	19,781	29.74	30.09
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	530	454	8,015	6,908	15.14	15.23
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,363	1,907	65,378	51,623	27.67	27.07
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	20,862	17,230	656,808	540,695	31.48	31.38

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	53,552	37,657	379	255	0.70	0.67
California .....	19,636	14,086	232	167	1.17	1.17
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	63,743	54,600	851	762	1.32	1.38
Iowa .....	43,400	38,223	595	634	1.35	1.63
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	75,493	66,275	1,318	1,137	1.72	1.69
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	28,335	24,321	225	205	0.79	0.83
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(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 .....	59,176	43,851	551	383	0.92	0.87
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	20,687	17,093	376	339	1.79	1.95
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	19,202	15,716	450	323	2.29	2.01
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	6,866	5,757	41	37	0.60	0.64
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	53,030	41,843	700	595	1.30	1.40
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	526,631	433,237	7,554	6,422	1.41	1.46

- Represents zero.

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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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