



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent from Last Year

May 2016 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

May 2017 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.23 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in May 2016. The April 2017 revised certified total at 3.70 billion pounds, was down 4 percent from April 2016. The April revision represented an increase of 2.37 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2017 was 5.57 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 5.31 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.84 billion pounds, up 5 percent from May 2016. Mature chickens, at 68.3 million pounds, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 653 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.1 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2017 averaged 6.18 pounds per bird, up slightly from May 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.87 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2017 averaged 31.1 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2016.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2017 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 40.6 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.03 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2016	April 2017	May 2017	May 2017 as % of		January to May		2017 as percent of 2016
				May 2016	April 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	745,305	690,347	782,383	105	113	3,612,048	3,673,362	102
Mature	11,684	10,589	11,626	100	110	58,999	55,859	95
Light	5,216	5,052	5,570	107	110	27,092	26,244	97
Heavy	6,468	5,537	6,056	94	109	31,907	29,615	93
Total	756,989	700,936	794,009	105	113	3,671,047	3,729,221	102
Turkeys								
Young	20,015	17,231	20,887	104	121	95,920	96,386	100
Old	182	130	141	77	108	784	716	91
Total	20,197	17,361	21,028	104	121	96,704	97,102	100
Ducks	2,148	2,044	2,195	102	107	11,454	11,196	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,601,965	4,267,049	4,837,340	105	113	22,316,587	22,691,363	102
Mature	69,701	61,891	68,287	98	110	347,768	328,481	94
Light	17,166	16,742	18,711	109	112	88,991	87,612	98
Heavy	52,535	45,149	49,576	94	110	258,777	240,869	93
Total	4,671,666	4,328,940	4,905,627	105	113	22,664,355	23,019,844	102
Turkeys								
Young	618,750	540,743	648,913	105	120	2,996,586	3,032,938	101
Old	5,206	3,703	4,164	80	112	22,093	20,919	95
Total	623,956	544,446	653,077	105	120	3,018,679	3,053,857	101
Ducks	14,746	14,131	15,073	102	107	78,551	77,325	98
Other ¹	268	177	204	76	115	991	877	88
Total	5,310,636	4,887,694	5,573,981	105	114	25,762,576	26,151,903	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.17	6.18	6.18	100	100	6.18	6.18	100
Mature	5.97	5.84	5.87	98	101	5.89	5.88	100
Light	3.29	3.31	3.36	102	102	3.28	3.34	102
Heavy	8.12	8.15	8.19	101	100	8.11	8.13	100
Total	6.17	6.18	6.18	100	100	6.17	6.17	100
Turkeys								
Young	30.91	31.38	31.07	101	99	31.24	31.47	101
Old	28.60	28.48	29.53	103	104	28.18	29.22	104
Total	30.89	31.36	31.06	101	99	31.22	31.45	101
Ducks	6.86	6.91	6.87	100	99	6.86	6.91	101

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	May 2016	April 2017	May 2017	May 2017 as % of		January to May		2017 as percent of 2016
				May 2016	April 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,208,572	2,968,246	3,365,175	105	113	15,544,843	15,787,222	102
Mature	45,007	39,778	44,054	98	111	223,518	211,910	95
Light	8,972	8,527	9,688	108	114	46,727	45,254	97
Heavy	36,035	31,251	34,366	95	110	176,791	166,656	94
Total	3,253,579	3,008,024	3,409,229	105	113	15,768,361	15,999,132	101
Turkeys								
Young	285,476	247,726	291,473	102	118	1,394,228	1,385,166	99
Old	3,494	2,701	3,081	88	114	14,822	15,430	104
Total	288,970	250,427	294,554	102	118	1,409,050	1,400,596	99
Ducks	4,273	3,745	4,391	103	117	21,649	21,668	100
Other ¹	166	110	127	77	115	636	555	87
Total	3,546,988	3,262,306	3,708,301	105	114	17,199,696	17,421,951	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	257,784	248,040	282,062	109	114	1,262,932	1,309,285	104
Mature	4	1	7	175	700	29	8	28
Light	2	1	5	250	500	4	6	150
Heavy	2	-	2	100	(X)	25	2	8
Total	257,788	248,041	282,069	109	114	1,262,961	1,309,293	104
Turkeys								
Young	210,648	185,548	228,588	109	123	1,008,824	1,045,528	104
Old	417	63	72	17	114	1,825	349	19
Total	211,065	185,611	228,660	108	123	1,010,649	1,045,877	103
Ducks	6,443	6,533	6,607	103	101	35,522	34,712	98
Other ¹	8	9	12	150	133	35	42	120
Total	475,304	440,194	517,348	109	118	2,309,167	2,389,924	103
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,466,356	3,216,286	3,647,237	105	113	16,807,775	17,096,507	102
Mature	45,011	39,779	44,061	98	111	223,547	211,918	95
Light	8,974	8,528	9,693	108	114	46,731	45,260	97
Heavy	36,037	31,251	34,368	95	110	176,816	166,658	94
Total	3,511,367	3,256,065	3,691,298	105	113	17,031,322	17,308,425	102
Turkeys								
Young	496,124	433,274	520,061	105	120	2,403,052	2,430,694	101
Old	3,911	2,764	3,153	81	114	16,647	15,779	95
Total	500,035	436,038	523,214	105	120	2,419,699	2,446,473	101
Ducks	10,716	10,278	10,998	103	107	57,171	56,380	99
Other ¹	174	119	139	80	117	671	597	89
Total	4,022,292	3,702,500	4,225,649	105	114	19,508,863	19,811,875	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2016	April 2017	May 2017	May 2017 as % of		January to May		2017 as percent of 2016
				May 2016	April 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	10,050	9,377	10,191	101	109	51,237	50,933	99
Mature	823	732	797	97	109	4,217	4,050	96
Light	272	263	292	107	111	1,460	1,453	100
Heavy	551	469	505	92	108	2,757	2,597	94
Total	10,873	10,109	10,988	101	109	55,454	54,983	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,435	1,366	1,538	107	113	7,526	7,988	106
Old	56	43	45	80	105	269	257	96
Total	1,491	1,409	1,583	106	112	7,795	8,245	106
Ducks	37	31	39	105	126	191	188	98
Total ¹	12,401	11,549	12,610	102	109	63,440	63,416	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.22	0.21	95	95	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	1.18	1.18	1.17	99	99	1.21	1.23	102
Light	1.58	1.57	1.56	99	99	1.64	1.66	101
Heavy	1.05	1.04	1.02	97	98	1.07	1.08	101
Total	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.25	0.24	104	96	0.25	0.26	104
Old	1.08	1.16	1.08	100	93	1.22	1.23	101
Total	0.24	0.26	0.24	100	92	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks	0.25	0.22	0.26	104	118	0.24	0.24	100
Total ¹	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	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	May 2016	April 2017	May 2017	May 2017 as % of		January to May		2017 as percent of 2016
				May 2016	April 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	31,304	27,636	30,338	97	110	157,128	146,278	93
Mature	2,650	2,047	2,366	89	116	13,281	11,063	83
Light	687	673	767	112	114	3,461	3,529	102
Heavy	1,963	1,374	1,599	81	116	9,820	7,534	77
Total	33,954	29,683	32,704	96	110	170,409	157,341	92
Turkeys								
Young	7,384	6,422	7,402	100	115	35,732	35,780	100
Old	182	150	179	98	119	725	879	121
Total	7,566	6,572	7,581	100	115	36,457	36,659	101
Ducks	313	274	288	92	105	1,502	1,485	99
Other ¹	2	2	4	200	200	7	12	171
Total	41,835	36,531	40,577	97	111	208,375	195,497	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.89	0.85	0.82	92	96	0.93	0.85	91
Mature	5.56	4.89	5.10	92	104	5.61	4.96	88
Light	7.11	7.31	7.33	103	100	6.90	7.23	105
Heavy	5.17	4.21	4.45	86	106	5.26	4.33	82
Total	0.96	0.90	0.88	92	98	0.99	0.90	91
Turkeys								
Young	1.47	1.46	1.40	95	96	1.47	1.45	99
Old	4.45	5.15	5.37	121	104	4.17	5.28	127
Total	1.49	1.48	1.43	96	97	1.48	1.48	100
Ducks	2.84	2.60	2.55	90	98	2.56	2.57	100
Other ¹	1.14	1.65	2.80	246	170	1.03	1.97	191
Total	1.03	0.98	0.95	92	97	1.06	0.98	92

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: April and May 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,811	5,193	742,978	805,369
Mature	-	-	191	253	150,301	153,819
Light	-	-	132	184	111,375	112,959
Heavy	-	-	59	69	38,926	40,860
Total	-	-	5,002	5,446	893,279	959,188
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	37	47	22,224	25,136
Old	-	-	9	4	1,197	1,560
Total	-	-	46	51	23,421	26,696
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	672,354	640,694	2,636	2,984	12,703	12,905
Mature	24,730	25,508	935	944	33,479	36,106
Light	11,122	10,368	712	744	20,103	20,485
Heavy	13,608	15,140	223	200	13,376	15,621
Total	697,084	666,202	3,571	3,928	46,182	49,011
Turkeys						
Young	3,273	4,517	290	496	63	42
Old	562	694	11	14	211	313
Total	3,835	5,211	301	510	274	355
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,621	12,454	45,943	49,357	98,260	112,843
Mature	11,179	12,132	1,348	1,161	83,608	79,461
Light	10,562	11,631	760	629	77,015	72,128
Heavy	617	501	588	532	6,593	7,333
Total	22,800	24,586	47,291	50,518	181,868	192,304
Turkeys						
Young	80	106	512	584	768	1,015
Old	45	38	112	119	123	156
Total	125	144	624	703	891	1,171
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	26,466	32,782	788,825	853,242	2,406,597	2,527,823
Mature	792	623	97,622	105,141	404,185	415,148
Light	225	236	49,671	48,900	281,677	278,264
Heavy	567	387	47,951	56,241	122,508	136,884
Total	27,258	33,405	886,447	958,383	2,810,782	2,942,971
Turkeys						
Young	377	412	9,977	12,108	37,601	44,463
Old	44	33	263	270	2,577	3,201
Total	421	445	10,240	12,378	40,178	47,664

- 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: April and May 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	83,897	92,392	465,220	509,191	5.55	5.51
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,903	86,113	497,654	573,112	6.56	6.66
California	19,928	22,240	116,194	132,215	5.83	5.94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware	30,897	34,328	224,592	248,265	7.27	7.23
Florida	5,022	5,765	28,474	31,820	5.67	5.52
Georgia	96,709	111,256	570,126	653,339	5.90	5.87
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,104	5,957	22,330	26,146	4.37	4.39
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,310	24,963	141,752	158,262	6.35	6.34
Louisiana	13,085	16,644	82,569	105,016	6.31	6.31
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	9,288	11,370	56,498	68,887	6.08	6.06
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,435	4,724	26,004	28,573	5.86	6.05
Mississippi	57,107	65,071	367,634	415,373	6.44	6.38
Missouri	33,586	37,251	165,806	182,151	4.94	4.89
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	94	132	462	663	4.89	5.01
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,869	2,341	9,256	11,603	4.95	4.96
North Carolina	60,215	68,224	473,881	530,677	7.87	7.78
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	7,556	8,232	40,307	43,273	5.33	5.26
Oklahoma	11,889	13,382	79,648	89,324	6.70	6.68
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,942	10,192	49,946	57,012	5.59	5.59
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,339	25,256	164,957	186,837	7.38	7.40
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Tennessee	23,245	26,159	123,028	140,528	5.29	5.37
Texas	50,967	57,471	315,054	360,385	6.18	6.27
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,577	30,795	154,032	179,576	5.80	5.83
Washington	3,751	4,173	22,732	26,123	6.06	6.26
West Virginia	8,446	9,686	32,431	36,960	3.84	3.82
Wisconsin	4,009	4,642	16,707	19,298	4.17	4.16
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	690,347	782,383	4,267,049	4,837,340	6.18	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: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	354,024	386,702	2,831	2,942	0.79	0.76
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	373,122	431,957	2,975	3,344	0.79	0.77
California	86,774	98,644	1,310	1,524	1.49	1.52
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Delaware	163,651	181,937	1,583	1,597	0.96	0.87
Florida	21,355	23,855	127	131	0.59	0.55
Georgia	428,923	493,239	3,430	4,089	0.79	0.82
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,320	19,093	118	129	0.72	0.67
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	107,406	119,504	1,303	1,291	1.20	1.07
Louisiana	62,777	79,084	478	498	0.76	0.63
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	41,979	50,984	715	751	1.67	1.45
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	22,049	24,257	200	254	0.90	1.04
Mississippi	284,906	322,004	1,945	2,130	0.68	0.66
Missouri	122,320	134,433	1,079	1,124	0.87	0.83
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	329	471	5	7	1.46	1.54
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,684	7,122	236	294	3.98	3.97
North Carolina	370,258	413,531	2,717	2,955	0.73	0.71
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	29,960	32,118	436	480	1.43	1.47
Oklahoma	59,846	67,173	380	394	0.63	0.58
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	33,838	38,648	949	1,126	2.73	2.83
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	124,425	141,009	672	796	0.54	0.56
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Tennessee	90,479	103,235	453	519	0.50	0.50
Texas	239,254	273,661	2,117	2,197	0.88	0.80
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	110,006	128,166	805	883	0.73	0.68
Washington	16,981	19,518	121	110	0.71	0.56
West Virginia	23,263	26,513	86	95	0.37	0.36
Wisconsin	12,202	14,094	112	114	0.91	0.80
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,216,286	3,647,237	27,636	30,338	0.85	0.82

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: April and May 2017

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	408	496	70,430	72,396
Arkansas	-	-	121	153	60,162	69,031
Delaware	-	-	1,855	2,011	51,610	57,744
Georgia	-	-	44	25	62,579	67,319
Mississippi	-	-	219	173	18,610	20,029
Missouri	-	-	29	43	39,216	39,431
North Carolina	-	-	110	135	81,770	84,395
Texas	-	-	119	110	57,497	64,568
Virginia	-	-	51	78	17,908	20,250
United States	-	-	4,811	5,193	742,978	805,369

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	47,033	46,913	313	395	1,725	1,776
Arkansas	28,043	27,157	179	232	702	894
Delaware	59,840	55,701	47	37	727	746
Georgia	165,608	167,103	214	223	1,499	1,619
Mississippi	9,565	8,939	96	72	930	939
Missouri	6,488	6,618	16	12	434	508
North Carolina	50,911	43,841	227	189	1,433	1,427
Texas	22,295	20,972	646	708	530	487
Virginia	25,051	25,361	10	19	353	324
United States	672,354	640,694	2,636	2,984	12,703	12,905

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	943	888	4,701	4,644	18,186	21,725
Arkansas	275	334	2,967	3,641	4,559	6,157
Delaware	1,030	1,052	1,934	2,005	4,053	4,738
Georgia	627	706	13,145	12,757	20,364	24,012
Mississippi	540	627	1,962	2,296	1,363	1,521
Missouri	143	148	373	553	1,794	2,291
North Carolina	755	897	7,480	9,205	3,717	4,684
Texas	427	374	351	374	4,180	4,485
Virginia	608	775	811	795	1,874	2,102
United States	11,621	12,454	45,943	49,357	98,260	112,843

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	988	1,133	45,278	45,586	190,005	195,952
Arkansas	2,105	2,623	131,946	140,466	231,059	250,688
Delaware	3,580	3,835	6,855	6,149	131,531	134,018
Georgia	3,519	4,249	79,796	84,018	347,395	362,031
Mississippi	156	165	16,308	14,762	49,749	49,523
Missouri	108	120	21,458	20,746	70,059	70,470
North Carolina	2,700	3,246	64,594	67,778	213,697	215,797
Texas	1,049	1,197	18,585	16,297	105,679	109,572
Virginia	1,263	915	11,190	12,103	59,119	62,722
United States	26,466	32,782	788,825	853,242	2,406,597	2,527,823

- 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: April and May 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,317	3,218	44,724	64,639	19.30	20.09
California	603	739	17,473	22,561	28.99	30.51
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,676	1,941	67,320	79,042	40.16	40.72
Iowa	1,160	1,225	48,569	51,146	41.85	41.76
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,184	4,021	83,142	101,813	26.11	25.32
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	854	994	30,071	35,236	35.19	35.43
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	1,553	1,868	55,825	67,779	35.95	36.28
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	465	512	21,384	23,848	45.95	46.57
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	657	844	19,781	25,050	30.09	29.67
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	454	573	6,908	8,631	15.23	15.07
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1,907	2,347	51,623	65,847	27.07	28.06
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,231	20,887	540,743	648,913	31.38	31.07

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	37,657	53,829	255	372	0.67	0.69
California	14,086	18,089	167	242	1.17	1.32
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	54,600	64,091	762	968	1.38	1.49
Iowa	38,223	40,262	634	625	1.63	1.53
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	66,275	81,257	1,137	1,269	1.69	1.54
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,321	28,465	205	194	0.83	0.68
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	43,851	53,389	383	408	0.87	0.76
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	17,093	19,053	339	395	1.95	2.03
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,716	19,910	323	402	2.01	1.98
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,757	7,250	37	39	0.64	0.53
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	41,843	53,362	595	779	1.40	1.44
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	433,274	520,061	6,422	7,402	1.46	1.40

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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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