



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**August 2016** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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**Poultry certified wholesome** during August 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled a record 4.36 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in August 2016. The July 2017 revised certified total at 3.88 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from July 2016. The July revision represented an increase of 8.29 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during August 2017 was a record 5.76 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.60 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled a record 4.99 billion pounds, up 3 percent from August 2016. Mature chickens, at 77.0 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 678 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during August 2017 averaged 6.17 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.33 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2017 averaged 30.4 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2016.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during August 2017 totaled 13.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 39.3 million pounds, were 0.89 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2016	July 2017	August 2017	August 2017 as % of		January to August		2017 as percent of 2016
				August 2016	July 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 .....	793,503	725,770	808,531	102	111	5,868,599	5,970,796	102
Mature .....	13,558	10,593	12,170	90	115	95,932	91,239	95
Light .....	6,006	4,349	4,778	80	110	42,931	40,619	95
Heavy .....	7,552	6,244	7,392	98	118	53,001	50,620	96
Total .....	807,061	736,363	820,701	102	111	5,964,531	6,062,035	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	22,235	18,942	22,136	100	117	159,451	158,500	99
Old .....	184	118	164	89	139	1,263	1,136	90
Total .....	22,419	19,060	22,300	99	117	160,714	159,636	99
Ducks .....	2,432	2,051	2,333	96	114	18,001	17,756	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 .....	4,829,112	4,456,916	4,991,963	103	112	36,092,018	36,843,284	102
Mature .....	81,881	66,036	77,010	94	117	573,030	549,959	96
Light .....	19,930	14,886	16,134	81	108	141,535	136,376	96
Heavy .....	61,951	51,150	60,876	98	119	431,495	413,583	96
Total .....	4,910,993	4,522,952	5,068,973	103	112	36,665,048	37,393,243	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	668,267	581,127	673,714	101	116	4,923,778	4,936,100	100
Old .....	5,033	3,489	4,694	93	135	35,333	33,187	94
Total .....	673,300	584,616	678,408	101	116	4,959,111	4,969,287	100
Ducks .....	16,463	14,173	16,044	97	113	123,079	122,568	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	188	246	215	114	87	1,604	1,664	104
Total .....	5,600,944	5,121,987	5,763,640	103	113	41,748,842	42,486,762	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.09	6.14	6.17	101	100	6.15	6.17	100
Mature .....	6.04	6.23	6.33	105	102	5.97	6.03	101
Light .....	3.32	3.42	3.38	102	99	3.30	3.36	102
Heavy .....	8.20	8.19	8.24	100	101	8.14	8.17	100
Total .....	6.09	6.14	6.18	101	101	6.15	6.17	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.05	30.68	30.44	101	99	30.88	31.14	101
Old .....	27.35	29.57	28.62	105	97	27.98	29.21	104
Total .....	30.03	30.67	30.42	101	99	30.86	31.13	101
Ducks .....	6.77	6.91	6.88	102	100	6.84	6.90	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	August 2016	July 2017	August 2017	August 2017 as % of		January to August		2017 as percent of 2016
				August 2016	July 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 .....	3,377,064	3,098,527	3,448,733	102	111	25,159,048	25,600,161	102
Mature .....	52,988	43,095	50,656	96	118	369,228	356,711	97
Light .....	10,327	7,671	8,312	80	108	73,951	70,262	95
Heavy .....	42,661	35,424	42,344	99	120	295,277	286,449	97
Total .....	3,430,052	3,141,622	3,499,389	102	111	25,528,276	25,956,872	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	300,077	266,267	305,893	102	115	2,268,741	2,251,564	99
Old .....	3,442	2,561	3,459	100	135	24,077	24,397	101
Total .....	303,519	268,828	309,352	102	115	2,292,818	2,275,961	99
Ducks .....	4,666	3,938	4,456	95	113	34,364	34,042	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	117	157	133	114	85	1,023	1,036	101
Total .....	3,738,354	3,414,545	3,813,330	102	112	27,856,481	28,267,911	101
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	260,235	259,098	308,536	119	119	2,016,938	2,154,376	107
Mature .....	4	14	2	50	14	39	21	54
Light .....	4	14	2	50	14	8	19	238
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	31	2	6
Total .....	260,239	259,112	308,538	119	119	2,016,977	2,154,397	107
Turkeys								
Young .....	235,213	198,660	233,720	99	118	1,678,031	1,702,875	101
Old .....	326	60	72	22	120	2,487	549	22
Total .....	235,539	198,720	233,792	99	118	1,680,518	1,703,424	101
Ducks .....	7,339	6,377	7,198	98	113	55,227	55,228	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	9	5	13	144	260	58	73	126
Total .....	503,126	464,214	549,541	109	118	3,752,780	3,913,122	104
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,637,299	3,357,625	3,757,269	103	112	27,175,986	27,754,537	102
Mature .....	52,992	43,109	50,658	96	118	369,267	356,732	97
Light .....	10,331	7,685	8,314	80	108	73,959	70,281	95
Heavy .....	42,661	35,424	42,344	99	120	295,308	286,451	97
Total .....	3,690,291	3,400,734	3,807,927	103	112	27,545,253	28,111,269	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	535,290	464,927	539,613	101	116	3,946,772	3,954,439	100
Old .....	3,768	2,621	3,531	94	135	26,564	24,946	94
Total .....	539,058	467,548	543,144	101	116	3,973,336	3,979,385	100
Ducks .....	12,005	10,315	11,654	97	113	89,591	89,270	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	126	162	146	116	90	1,081	1,109	103
Total .....	4,241,480	3,878,759	4,362,871	103	112	31,609,261	32,181,033	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	August 2016	July 2017	August 2017	August 2017 as % of		January to August		2017 as percent of 2016
				August 2016	July 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 .....	11,743	10,245	10,900	93	106	84,186	82,247	98
Mature .....	997	792	866	87	109	6,960	6,595	95
Light .....	351	262	291	83	111	2,404	2,304	96
Heavy .....	646	530	575	89	108	4,556	4,291	94
Total .....	12,740	11,037	11,766	92	107	91,146	88,842	97
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,785	1,602	1,649	92	103	12,602	12,877	102
Old .....	61	54	52	85	96	442	406	92
Total .....	1,846	1,656	1,701	92	103	13,044	13,283	102
Ducks .....	59	52	59	100	113	338	350	104
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	14,645	12,745	13,526	92	106	104,528	102,475	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.24	0.23	0.22	92	96	0.23	0.22	96
Mature .....	1.22	1.20	1.12	92	93	1.21	1.20	99
Light .....	1.76	1.76	1.80	102	102	1.70	1.69	99
Heavy .....	1.04	1.04	0.94	90	90	1.06	1.04	98
Total .....	0.26	0.24	0.23	88	96	0.25	0.24	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.27	0.28	0.24	89	86	0.26	0.26	100
Old .....	1.21	1.55	1.11	92	72	1.25	1.22	98
Total .....	0.27	0.28	0.25	93	89	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks .....	0.36	0.37	0.37	103	100	0.27	0.29	107
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.26	0.25	0.23	88	92	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	August 2016	July 2017	August 2017	August 2017 as % of		January to August		2017 as percent of 2016
				August 2016	July 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 .....	30,089	26,781	29,044	97	108	244,747	230,934	94
Mature .....	2,614	2,104	2,331	89	111	20,825	17,979	86
Light .....	745	606	608	82	100	5,500	5,465	99
Heavy .....	1,869	1,498	1,723	92	115	15,325	12,514	82
Total .....	32,703	28,885	31,375	96	109	265,572	248,913	94
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,774	6,632	7,430	96	112	58,431	57,063	98
Old .....	193	155	177	92	114	1,236	1,389	112
Total .....	7,967	6,787	7,607	95	112	59,667	58,452	98
Ducks .....	298	259	310	104	120	2,390	2,336	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	3	150	150	13	20	154
Total .....	40,970	35,933	39,295	96	109	327,642	309,721	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.82	0.79	0.77	94	97	0.89	0.83	93
Mature .....	4.70	4.65	4.40	94	95	5.34	4.80	90
Light .....	6.73	7.31	6.81	101	93	6.92	7.21	104
Heavy .....	4.20	4.06	3.91	93	96	4.93	4.19	85
Total .....	0.88	0.84	0.82	93	98	0.95	0.88	93
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.43	1.41	1.36	95	96	1.46	1.42	97
Old .....	4.87	5.58	4.77	98	85	4.45	5.27	118
Total .....	1.46	1.43	1.38	95	97	1.48	1.45	98
Ducks .....	2.42	2.45	2.59	107	106	2.60	2.55	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.56	1.22	2.01	129	165	1.19	1.77	149
Total .....	0.96	0.92	0.89	93	97	1.03	0.95	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: July and August 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	5,216	4,493	751,612	763,455
Mature .....	-	-	203	180	138,807	131,742
Light .....	-	-	148	116	99,175	93,805
Heavy .....	-	-	55	64	39,632	37,937
Total .....	-	-	5,419	4,673	890,419	895,197
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	39	112	19,031	20,665
Old .....	-	-	22	21	1,147	1,199
Total .....	-	-	61	133	20,178	21,864
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	465,036	437,742	3,008	3,183	13,553	15,063
Mature .....	24,972	24,147	1,013	1,397	33,544	31,245
Light .....	10,746	9,507	815	1,194	17,718	14,886
Heavy .....	14,226	14,640	198	203	15,826	16,359
Total .....	490,008	461,889	4,021	4,580	47,097	46,308
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,757	4,932	431	402	52	80
Old .....	619	779	21	23	272	275
Total .....	4,376	5,711	452	425	324	355
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,758	12,031	49,457	52,441	111,495	116,536
Mature .....	9,064	10,694	970	1,140	66,596	60,600
Light .....	8,612	10,096	525	635	59,743	53,685
Heavy .....	452	598	445	505	6,853	6,915
Total .....	20,822	22,725	50,427	53,581	178,091	177,136
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	91	117	465	421	979	1,323
Old .....	38	35	71	65	189	185
Total .....	129	152	536	486	1,168	1,508
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	34,030	39,216	737,308	799,051	2,182,473	2,243,211
Mature .....	1,045	1,227	98,272	93,768	374,486	356,140
Light .....	317	340	44,410	40,166	242,209	224,430
Heavy .....	728	887	53,862	53,602	132,277	131,710
Total .....	35,075	40,443	835,580	892,819	2,556,959	2,599,351
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	455	576	12,342	12,065	37,642	40,693
Old .....	94	77	262	315	2,735	2,974
Total .....	549	653	12,604	12,380	40,377	43,667

- 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: July and August 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	86,239	96,406	473,493	533,647	5.49	5.54
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	81,051	88,010	535,137	585,098	6.60	6.65
California .....	20,170	23,607	122,940	144,722	6.10	6.13
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	30,822	34,889	218,260	251,594	7.08	7.21
Florida .....	5,452	5,946	31,537	34,843	5.78	5.86
Georgia .....	103,923	114,409	601,487	664,122	5.79	5.80
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,682	6,454	24,641	28,404	4.34	4.40
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	22,881	25,607	143,115	163,607	6.25	6.39
Louisiana .....	15,593	16,753	97,631	105,804	6.26	6.32
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	9,830	11,125	58,584	66,733	5.96	6.00
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,665	4,995	28,408	29,818	6.09	5.97
Mississippi .....	58,837	66,727	371,520	423,483	6.31	6.35
Missouri .....	34,601	39,115	167,181	190,538	4.83	4.87
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	137	134	655	663	4.76	4.96
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,096	2,358	10,458	11,968	4.99	5.08
North Carolina .....	63,317	71,306	492,672	555,083	7.78	7.78
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	8,276	9,636	42,755	49,666	5.17	5.15
Oklahoma .....	12,502	14,082	82,200	92,399	6.57	6.56
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,166	10,698	51,341	61,121	5.60	5.71
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	23,512	27,260	175,580	200,589	7.47	7.36
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	24,320	27,588	129,435	149,087	5.32	5.40
Texas .....	53,862	57,868	338,977	361,179	6.29	6.24
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,845	30,587	164,201	177,615	5.69	5.81
Washington .....	3,698	4,295	23,466	27,139	6.34	6.32
West Virginia .....	9,149	10,235	35,404	40,016	3.87	3.91
Wisconsin .....	4,061	4,533	17,196	18,967	4.23	4.18
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	725,770	808,531	4,456,916	4,991,963	6.14	6.17

- Represents zero.

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

# Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	360,082	405,550	2,705	2,987	0.75	0.73
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	402,348	437,126	3,127	3,363	0.77	0.76
California .....	91,493	108,124	1,241	1,366	1.34	1.25
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	161,748	187,153	1,327	1,461	0.81	0.77
Florida .....	23,652	26,123	117	127	0.49	0.48
Georgia .....	453,535	499,132	3,609	3,930	0.79	0.78
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	17,995	20,735	119	127	0.65	0.61
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	108,134	123,715	1,093	1,195	1.00	0.96
Louisiana .....	73,757	79,961	475	493	0.64	0.61
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	43,197	49,247	574	545	1.31	1.10
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	23,472	24,376	192	172	0.81	0.70
Mississippi .....	286,317	326,111	1,983	2,288	0.69	0.70
Missouri .....	123,182	140,732	992	1,068	0.80	0.75
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	468	473	7	7	1.55	1.45
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,492	7,393	247	267	3.67	3.49
North Carolina .....	382,921	430,962	2,646	2,721	0.69	0.63
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	31,814	36,981	458	455	1.42	1.22
Oklahoma .....	61,799	69,506	357	364	0.57	0.52
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	34,859	41,291	931	1,111	2.60	2.62
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	132,269	151,232	760	827	0.57	0.54
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	95,251	109,529	459	527	0.48	0.48
Texas .....	257,030	274,462	1,909	1,980	0.74	0.72
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	116,990	127,250	680	686	0.58	0.54
Washington .....	17,545	20,300	104	123	0.59	0.60
West Virginia .....	25,354	28,708	79	92	0.31	0.32
Wisconsin .....	12,550	13,837	98	106	0.78	0.76
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,357,625	3,757,269	26,781	29,044	0.79	0.77

- 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: July and August 2017

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	373	312	65,055	65,774
Arkansas .....	-	-	212	244	69,836	73,472
Delaware .....	-	-	1,742	1,249	49,961	53,061
Georgia .....	-	-	23	16	60,566	61,000
Mississippi .....	-	-	111	114	18,725	20,209
Missouri .....	-	-	23	52	34,936	35,769
North Carolina .....	-	-	138	81	80,224	84,204
Texas .....	-	-	194	133	69,520	62,810
Virginia .....	-	-	47	87	15,046	14,308
United States .....	-	-	5,216	4,493	751,612	763,455

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	39,212	36,935	341	399	2,074	2,174
Arkansas .....	24,132	26,926	251	222	927	899
Delaware .....	40,778	36,283	26	59	706	812
Georgia .....	115,922	105,113	132	191	1,603	1,921
Mississippi .....	6,232	6,101	86	118	688	738
Missouri .....	3,897	3,848	30	24	691	689
North Carolina .....	33,027	42,574	163	159	1,254	1,416
Texas .....	22,733	19,126	742	784	697	648
Virginia .....	14,560	10,703	20	12	314	299
United States .....	465,036	437,742	3,008	3,183	13,553	15,063

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,024	1,003	4,500	5,045	20,928	20,142
Arkansas .....	334	333	4,502	3,828	6,656	6,586
Delaware .....	868	900	2,018	2,427	3,775	5,001
Georgia .....	822	852	12,683	13,113	25,786	28,386
Mississippi .....	658	771	2,465	2,409	1,426	1,650
Missouri .....	136	109	430	568	2,168	2,036
North Carolina .....	724	726	7,596	8,336	4,592	4,120
Texas .....	546	531	616	660	5,166	4,761
Virginia .....	755	614	916	952	1,831	1,992
United States .....	11,758	12,031	49,457	52,441	111,495	116,536

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,147	1,515	39,969	44,100	174,623	177,399
Arkansas .....	3,498	3,992	146,045	158,864	256,393	275,366
Delaware .....	2,603	1,994	5,418	6,705	107,895	108,491
Georgia .....	4,299	4,203	76,558	79,869	298,394	294,664
Mississippi .....	180	238	12,695	14,492	43,266	46,840
Missouri .....	118	138	21,126	21,604	63,555	64,837
North Carolina .....	3,060	2,393	49,554	44,543	180,332	188,552
Texas .....	1,682	1,951	20,942	20,701	122,838	112,105
Virginia .....	1,306	1,629	7,358	7,882	42,153	38,478
United States .....	34,030	39,216	737,308	799,051	2,182,473	2,243,211

- 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: July and August 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,610	3,249	52,318	65,362	20.05	20.12
California .....	754	796	20,923	23,744	27.77	29.82
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,866	2,144	75,590	84,957	40.52	39.63
Iowa .....	1,168	1,318	46,733	53,002	40.02	40.23
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 .....	3,726	4,318	93,451	109,662	25.08	25.40
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	927	1,074	31,513	35,634	33.98	33.18
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 .....	1,755	2,023	62,277	70,354	35.48	34.78
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	475	543	21,115	24,076	44.48	44.32
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	756	863	21,802	25,428	28.85	29.48
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 .....	403	529	5,612	7,524	13.92	14.23
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,074	2,441	56,412	66,585	27.20	27.27
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,942	22,136	581,127	673,714	30.68	30.44

- Represents zero.

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# Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	43,413	54,419	351	418	0.80	0.76
California .....	16,777	19,054	197	263	1.16	1.36
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	61,256	68,804	991	1,115	1.59	1.59
Iowa .....	36,739	41,723	567	671	1.52	1.58
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 .....	74,624	87,685	1,064	1,143	1.41	1.29
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,514	28,861	149	167	0.58	0.57
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 .....	48,991	55,434	331	346	0.67	0.62
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	16,860	19,240	371	411	2.15	2.09
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	17,245	20,198	337	349	1.92	1.70
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 .....	4,714	6,225	36	45	0.75	0.71
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	45,531	53,688	638	748	1.38	1.37
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	464,927	539,613	6,632	7,430	1.41	1.36

- 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.

## **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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