



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

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

September 2017 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.95 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in September 2016. The August 2017 revised certified total at 4.37 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from August 2016. The August revision represented an increase of 5.75 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2017 was 5.22 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 5.29 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.55 billion pounds, down 1 percent from September 2016. Mature chickens, at 66.6 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 585 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.6 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2017 averaged a record 6.25 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from September 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.33 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2017 averaged 30.7 pounds per bird, up slightly from September 2016.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2017 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.0 million pounds, were 0.90 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	September 2017 as % of		January to September		2017 as percent of 2016
				September 2016	August 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	745,766	809,566	728,278	98	90	6,614,365	6,700,109	101
Mature	11,772	12,170	10,531	89	87	107,704	101,770	94
Light	4,814	4,778	4,139	86	87	47,745	44,758	94
Heavy	6,958	7,392	6,392	92	86	59,959	57,012	95
Total	757,538	821,736	738,809	98	90	6,722,069	6,801,879	101
Turkeys								
Young	20,086	22,136	18,908	94	85	179,537	177,408	99
Old	161	164	115	71	70	1,424	1,251	88
Total	20,247	22,300	19,023	94	85	180,961	178,659	99
Ducks	2,283	2,333	2,130	93	91	20,284	19,886	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,584,382	4,999,901	4,554,131	99	91	40,676,400	41,405,353	102
Mature	72,934	77,010	66,643	91	87	645,964	616,602	95
Light	16,137	16,134	14,210	88	88	157,672	150,586	96
Heavy	56,797	60,876	52,433	92	86	488,292	466,016	95
Total	4,657,316	5,076,911	4,620,774	99	91	41,322,364	42,021,955	102
Turkeys								
Young	615,552	673,714	581,261	94	86	5,539,330	5,517,361	100
Old	4,640	4,694	3,434	74	73	39,973	36,621	92
Total	620,192	678,408	584,695	94	86	5,579,303	5,553,982	100
Ducks	15,547	16,044	14,616	94	91	138,626	137,184	99
Other ¹	423	215	660	156	307	2,027	2,324	115
Total	5,293,478	5,771,578	5,220,745	99	90	47,042,320	47,715,445	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.15	6.18	6.25	102	101	6.15	6.18	100
Mature	6.20	6.33	6.33	102	100	6.00	6.06	101
Light	3.35	3.38	3.43	102	101	3.30	3.36	102
Heavy	8.16	8.24	8.20	100	100	8.14	8.17	100
Total	6.15	6.18	6.25	102	101	6.15	6.18	100
Turkeys								
Young	30.65	30.44	30.74	100	101	30.85	31.10	101
Old	28.82	28.62	29.86	104	104	28.07	29.27	104
Total	30.63	30.42	30.74	100	101	30.83	31.09	101
Ducks	6.81	6.88	6.86	101	100	6.83	6.90	101

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	September 2017 as % of		January to September		2017 as percent of 2016
				September 2016	August 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,201,642	3,454,482	3,158,097	99	91	28,360,690	28,764,007	101
Mature	47,321	50,656	43,694	92	86	416,549	400,405	96
Light	8,352	8,312	7,226	87	87	82,303	77,488	94
Heavy	38,969	42,344	36,468	94	86	334,246	322,917	97
Total	3,248,963	3,505,138	3,201,791	99	91	28,777,239	29,164,412	101
Turkeys								
Young	285,570	305,893	265,307	93	87	2,554,311	2,516,871	99
Old	3,348	3,459	2,515	75	73	27,425	26,912	98
Total	288,918	309,352	267,822	93	87	2,581,736	2,543,783	99
Ducks	4,253	4,456	4,026	95	90	38,617	38,068	99
Other ¹	149	134	135	91	101	1,172	1,172	100
Total	3,542,283	3,819,080	3,473,774	98	91	31,398,764	31,747,435	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	253,122	308,536	271,374	107	88	2,270,060	2,425,750	107
Mature	-	2	3	(X)	150	39	24	62
Light	-	2	3	(X)	150	8	22	275
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	31	2	6
Total	253,122	308,538	271,377	107	88	2,270,099	2,425,774	107
Turkeys								
Young	207,344	233,720	200,036	96	86	1,885,375	1,902,911	101
Old	120	72	65	54	90	2,607	614	24
Total	207,464	233,792	200,101	96	86	1,887,982	1,903,525	101
Ducks	6,997	7,198	6,612	94	92	62,224	61,840	99
Other ¹	127	13	273	215	2,100	185	346	187
Total	467,710	549,541	478,363	102	87	4,220,490	4,391,485	104
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,454,764	3,763,018	3,429,471	99	91	30,630,750	31,189,757	102
Mature	47,321	50,658	43,697	92	86	416,588	400,429	96
Light	8,352	8,314	7,229	87	87	82,311	77,510	94
Heavy	38,969	42,344	36,468	94	86	334,277	322,919	97
Total	3,502,085	3,813,676	3,473,168	99	91	31,047,338	31,590,186	102
Turkeys								
Young	492,914	539,613	465,343	94	86	4,439,686	4,419,782	100
Old	3,468	3,531	2,580	74	73	30,032	27,526	92
Total	496,382	543,144	467,923	94	86	4,469,718	4,447,308	99
Ducks	11,250	11,654	10,638	95	91	100,841	99,908	99
Other ¹	276	147	408	148	278	1,357	1,518	112
Total	4,009,993	4,368,621	3,952,137	99	90	35,619,254	36,138,920	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	September 2017 as % of		January to September		2017 as percent of 2016
				September 2016	August 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	10,424	10,911	10,362	99	95	94,610	92,620	98
Mature	840	866	718	85	83	7,800	7,313	94
Light	285	291	240	84	82	2,689	2,544	95
Heavy	555	575	478	86	83	5,111	4,769	93
Total	11,264	11,777	11,080	98	94	102,410	99,933	98
Turkeys								
Young	1,522	1,649	1,439	95	87	14,124	14,316	101
Old	68	52	30	44	58	510	436	85
Total	1,590	1,701	1,469	92	86	14,634	14,752	101
Ducks	53	59	61	115	103	391	411	105
Total ¹	12,908	13,537	12,611	98	93	117,436	115,097	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.22	0.23	100	105	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	1.15	1.12	1.08	94	96	1.21	1.19	98
Light	1.77	1.80	1.69	95	94	1.71	1.69	99
Heavy	0.98	0.94	0.91	93	97	1.05	1.02	97
Total	0.24	0.23	0.24	100	104	0.25	0.24	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.24	0.25	100	104	0.25	0.26	104
Old	1.47	1.11	0.87	59	78	1.28	1.19	93
Total	0.26	0.25	0.25	96	100	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks	0.34	0.37	0.42	124	114	0.28	0.30	107
Total ¹	0.24	0.23	0.24	100	104	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	September 2016	August 2017	September 2017	September 2017 as % of		January to September		2017 as percent of 2016
				September 2016	August 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	28,263	29,178	27,061	96	93	273,010	258,129	95
Mature	2,405	2,331	1,980	82	85	23,230	19,959	86
Light	608	608	502	83	83	6,108	5,967	98
Heavy	1,797	1,723	1,478	82	86	17,122	13,992	82
Total	30,668	31,509	29,041	95	92	296,240	278,088	94
Turkeys								
Young	7,141	7,430	6,521	91	88	65,572	63,584	97
Old	172	177	140	81	79	1,408	1,529	109
Total	7,313	7,607	6,661	91	88	66,980	65,113	97
Ducks	286	310	280	98	90	2,676	2,616	98
Other ¹	3	3	6	200	200	16	26	163
Total	38,270	39,429	35,988	94	91	365,912	345,843	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.81	0.77	0.78	96	101	0.88	0.82	93
Mature	4.84	4.40	4.33	89	98	5.28	4.75	90
Light	6.79	6.81	6.49	96	95	6.91	7.15	103
Heavy	4.41	3.91	3.90	88	100	4.87	4.15	85
Total	0.87	0.82	0.83	95	101	0.95	0.87	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.43	1.36	1.38	97	101	1.46	1.42	97
Old	4.73	4.77	5.15	109	108	4.48	5.26	117
Total	1.45	1.38	1.40	97	101	1.48	1.44	97
Ducks	2.48	2.59	2.56	103	99	2.59	2.55	98
Other ¹	1.08	2.00	1.45	134	73	1.17	1.68	144
Total	0.95	0.89	0.90	95	101	1.02	0.95	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: August and September 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,493	4,269	763,976	721,166
Mature	-	-	180	154	131,742	114,596
Light	-	-	116	98	93,805	78,829
Heavy	-	-	64	56	37,937	35,767
Total	-	-	4,673	4,423	895,718	835,762
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	112	79	20,665	20,547
Old	-	-	21	24	1,199	1,051
Total	-	-	133	103	21,864	21,598
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	437,911	390,562	3,184	3,412	15,067	14,285
Mature	24,147	21,354	1,397	1,049	31,245	31,735
Light	9,507	7,951	1,194	816	14,886	15,242
Heavy	14,640	13,403	203	233	16,359	16,493
Total	462,058	411,916	4,581	4,461	46,312	46,020
Turkeys						
Young	4,932	4,683	402	471	80	62
Old	779	655	23	24	275	270
Total	5,711	5,338	425	495	355	332
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	12,032	11,074	52,623	52,033	116,572	109,488
Mature	10,694	8,408	1,140	1,097	60,600	54,956
Light	10,096	7,715	635	600	53,685	48,518
Heavy	598	693	505	497	6,915	6,438
Total	22,726	19,482	53,763	53,130	177,172	164,444
Turkeys						
Young	117	96	421	382	1,323	1,535
Old	35	39	65	50	185	148
Total	152	135	486	432	1,508	1,683
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	39,261	32,559	799,299	755,529	2,244,418	2,094,377
Mature	1,227	1,206	93,768	84,574	356,140	319,129
Light	340	228	40,166	35,175	224,430	195,172
Heavy	887	978	53,602	49,399	131,710	123,957
Total	40,488	33,765	893,067	840,103	2,600,558	2,413,506
Turkeys						
Young	576	409	12,065	11,139	40,693	39,403
Old	77	55	315	261	2,974	2,577
Total	653	464	12,380	11,400	43,667	41,980

- 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: August and September 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	96,406	86,555	533,647	487,633	5.54	5.63
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	88,010	78,602	585,098	531,036	6.65	6.76
California	23,607	20,801	144,722	125,781	6.13	6.05
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	34,889	32,145	251,594	233,827	7.21	7.27
Florida	5,946	5,128	34,843	30,522	5.86	5.95
Georgia	115,384	101,077	671,760	599,183	5.82	5.93
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,454	5,379	28,404	24,045	4.40	4.47
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,607	23,603	163,607	152,683	6.39	6.47
Louisiana	16,753	15,556	105,804	98,414	6.32	6.33
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,158	10,547	66,912	63,946	6.00	6.06
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,995	4,310	29,818	24,907	5.97	5.78
Mississippi	66,727	58,630	423,483	374,977	6.35	6.40
Missouri	39,115	35,784	190,538	176,561	4.87	4.93
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	134	117	663	593	4.96	5.06
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,384	2,222	12,081	11,197	5.07	5.04
North Carolina	71,306	65,323	555,083	514,742	7.78	7.88
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	9,636	9,107	49,666	47,861	5.15	5.26
Oklahoma	14,082	12,480	92,399	83,033	6.56	6.65
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,698	9,870	61,121	56,819	5.71	5.76
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	27,260	23,795	200,589	177,081	7.36	7.44
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	27,588	24,601	149,087	132,319	5.40	5.38
Texas	57,868	54,084	361,179	345,861	6.24	6.39
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	30,587	28,064	177,615	163,810	5.81	5.84
Washington	4,295	3,714	27,139	23,615	6.32	6.36
West Virginia	10,235	9,124	40,016	34,929	3.91	3.83
Wisconsin	4,533	3,991	18,967	16,500	4.18	4.13
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	809,566	728,278	4,999,901	4,554,131	6.18	6.25

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	405,541	370,854	2,987	2,883	0.73	0.77
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas	437,126	397,948	3,363	3,069	0.76	0.77
California	108,124	93,744	1,366	1,341	1.25	1.41
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	187,153	173,956	1,461	1,373	0.77	0.78
Florida	26,123	22,892	127	110	0.48	0.48
Georgia	504,676	450,220	3,965	3,579	0.78	0.79
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,735	17,551	127	121	0.61	0.68
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	123,715	115,762	1,195	1,079	0.96	0.92
Louisiana	79,961	74,424	493	441	0.61	0.59
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	49,364	47,206	545	466	1.09	0.98
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	24,376	20,269	172	143	0.70	0.70
Mississippi	326,111	288,901	2,288	2,078	0.70	0.71
Missouri	140,732	130,307	1,068	972	0.75	0.74
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	473	426	7	7	1.45	1.71
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,484	6,924	268	245	3.46	3.42
North Carolina	430,962	400,176	2,721	2,682	0.63	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	36,981	35,779	455	421	1.22	1.16
Oklahoma	69,506	62,509	364	350	0.52	0.56
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	41,291	38,311	1,111	1,001	2.62	2.55
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	151,232	133,484	827	714	0.54	0.53
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	109,529	97,376	527	534	0.48	0.55
Texas	274,462	262,522	2,078	2,010	0.75	0.76
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	127,250	117,116	686	616	0.54	0.52
Washington	20,300	17,664	123	109	0.60	0.61
West Virginia	28,708	25,028	92	75	0.32	0.30
Wisconsin	13,837	12,155	106	93	0.76	0.76
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,763,018	3,429,471	29,178	27,061	0.77	0.78

- 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: August and September 2017

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	312	271	65,774	61,842
Arkansas	-	-	244	248	73,472	70,978
Delaware	-	-	1,249	1,028	53,061	52,782
Georgia	-	-	16	22	61,507	59,006
Mississippi	-	-	114	97	20,209	18,317
Missouri	-	-	52	32	35,769	33,109
North Carolina	-	-	81	79	84,204	77,562
Texas	-	-	133	128	62,810	60,332
Virginia	-	-	87	64	14,308	13,971
United States	-	-	4,493	4,269	763,976	721,166
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	36,935	35,857	399	411	2,174	2,019
Arkansas	26,926	23,802	222	218	899	928
Delaware	36,283	35,014	59	63	812	771
Georgia	105,266	92,485	192	156	1,924	1,665
Mississippi	6,101	5,852	118	105	738	631
Missouri	3,848	3,589	24	21	689	549
North Carolina	42,574	33,307	159	164	1,416	1,275
Texas	19,126	18,332	784	1,095	648	586
Virginia	10,703	9,547	12	8	299	298
United States	437,911	390,562	3,184	3,412	15,067	14,285
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,003	897	5,045	4,675	20,142	18,919
Arkansas	333	326	3,828	3,194	6,586	5,947
Delaware	900	803	2,427	2,375	5,001	4,334
Georgia	853	856	13,295	13,296	28,422	27,822
Mississippi	771	685	2,409	2,436	1,650	1,663
Missouri	109	110	568	457	2,036	1,726
North Carolina	726	709	8,336	9,228	4,120	4,027
Texas	531	539	660	564	4,761	4,843
Virginia	614	546	952	854	1,992	1,972
United States	12,032	11,074	52,623	52,033	116,572	109,488
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,515	1,299	44,100	41,774	177,399	167,964
Arkansas	3,992	4,151	158,864	166,481	275,366	276,273
Delaware	1,994	1,937	6,705	7,136	108,491	106,243
Georgia	4,229	4,071	80,117	69,064	295,821	268,443
Mississippi	238	222	14,492	12,438	46,840	42,446
Missouri	138	112	21,604	22,777	64,837	62,482
North Carolina	2,393	2,474	44,543	47,689	188,552	176,514
Texas	1,951	2,432	20,701	20,684	112,105	109,535
Virginia	1,629	1,255	7,882	8,171	38,478	36,686
United States	39,261	32,559	799,299	755,529	2,244,418	2,094,377

- 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: August and September 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	3,249	2,712	65,362	57,143	20.12	21.07
California	796	897	23,744	25,680	29.82	28.64
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2,144	1,808	84,957	72,348	39.63	40.01
Iowa	1,318	1,111	53,002	45,062	40.23	40.58
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	4,318	3,559	109,662	91,111	25.40	25.60
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,074	872	35,634	29,711	33.18	34.07
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,023	1,778	70,354	61,472	34.78	34.57
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	543	483	24,076	21,952	44.32	45.45
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	863	769	25,428	21,224	29.48	27.59
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	529	459	7,524	6,843	14.23	14.91
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,441	2,154	66,585	59,676	27.27	27.70
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	22,136	18,908	673,714	581,261	30.44	30.74

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas	54,419	47,548	418	365	0.76	0.76
California	19,054	20,655	263	265	1.36	1.27
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	68,804	58,557	1,115	1,008	1.59	1.69
Iowa	41,723	35,476	671	520	1.58	1.44
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	87,685	72,674	1,143	1,028	1.29	1.40
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	28,861	24,025	167	145	0.57	0.60
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	55,434	48,323	346	321	0.62	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,240	17,517	411	361	2.09	2.02
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	20,198	16,915	349	285	1.70	1.66
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	6,225	5,805	45	36	0.71	0.62
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	53,688	48,059	748	696	1.37	1.43
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	539,613	465,343	7,430	6,521	1.36	1.38

- Represents zero.

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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.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current year's and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

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.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

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