



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent from Last Year

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

April 2018 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.99 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in April 2017. The March 2018 revised certified total at 4.03 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from March 2017. The March revision represented an increase of 5.02 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2018 was 5.27 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 4.89 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.59 billion pounds, up 7 percent from April 2017. Mature chickens, at 65.5 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 602 million pounds, up 11 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2018 averaged 6.27 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.23 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2018 averaged 31.5 pounds per bird, up slightly from April 2017.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2018 totaled 12.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.8 million pounds, were 0.91 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.98 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2017	March 2018	April 2018	April 2018 as % of		January to April		2018 as percent of 2017
				April 2017	March 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	690,347	742,817	731,116	106	98	2,890,967	2,939,958	102
Mature	10,591	10,431	10,523	99	101	44,235	40,556	92
Light	5,054	4,221	4,290	85	102	20,676	15,743	76
Heavy	5,537	6,210	6,233	113	100	23,559	24,813	105
Total	700,938	753,248	741,639	106	98	2,935,202	2,980,514	102
Turkeys								
Young	17,235	18,907	18,970	110	100	75,522	75,583	100
Old	130	142	161	124	113	575	559	97
Total	17,365	19,049	19,131	110	100	76,097	76,142	100
Ducks	2,044	2,353	2,228	109	95	9,001	9,255	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,267,049	4,633,484	4,586,434	107	99	17,853,936	18,375,213	103
Mature	61,896	65,043	65,510	106	101	260,199	255,653	98
Light	16,747	14,534	14,537	87	100	68,906	54,163	79
Heavy	45,149	50,509	50,973	113	101	191,293	201,490	105
Total	4,328,945	4,698,527	4,651,944	107	99	18,114,135	18,630,866	103
Turkeys								
Young	540,917	598,038	597,493	110	100	2,385,000	2,400,781	101
Old	3,703	4,199	4,720	127	112	16,755	16,359	98
Total	544,620	602,237	602,213	111	100	2,401,755	2,417,140	101
Ducks	14,131	16,496	15,719	111	95	62,252	65,159	105
Other ¹	177	192	153	86	80	673	707	105
Total	4,887,873	5,317,452	5,270,029	108	99	20,578,815	21,113,872	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.18	6.24	6.27	101	100	6.18	6.25	101
Mature	5.84	6.24	6.23	107	100	5.88	6.30	107
Light	3.31	3.44	3.39	102	99	3.33	3.44	103
Heavy	8.15	8.13	8.18	100	101	8.12	8.12	100
Total	6.18	6.24	6.27	101	100	6.17	6.25	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.38	31.63	31.50	100	100	31.58	31.76	101
Old	28.48	29.57	29.32	103	99	29.14	29.26	100
Total	31.36	31.62	31.48	100	100	31.56	31.75	101
Ducks	6.91	7.01	7.06	102	101	6.92	7.04	102

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2017	March 2018	April 2018	April 2018 as % of		January to April		2018 as percent of 2017
				April 2017	March 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,968,236	3,231,577	3,203,088	108	99	12,421,970	12,798,554	103
Mature	39,780	42,814	42,871	108	100	167,858	167,393	100
Light	8,529	7,601	7,402	87	97	35,568	27,842	78
Heavy	31,251	35,213	35,469	113	101	132,290	139,551	105
Total	3,008,016	3,274,391	3,245,959	108	99	12,589,828	12,965,947	103
Turkeys								
Young	247,861	292,821	290,643	117	99	1,094,461	1,170,960	107
Old	2,701	3,101	3,480	129	112	12,349	12,065	98
Total	250,562	295,922	294,123	117	99	1,106,810	1,183,025	107
Ducks	3,745	4,621	4,508	120	98	17,277	18,792	109
Other ¹	110	122	94	85	77	428	451	105
Total	3,262,433	3,575,056	3,544,684	109	99	13,714,343	14,168,215	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	248,040	258,104	253,159	102	98	1,027,223	1,043,074	102
Mature	1	10	-	(X)	(X)	1	10	1,000
Light	1	10	-	(X)	(X)	1	10	1,000
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	248,041	258,114	253,159	102	98	1,027,224	1,043,084	102
Turkeys								
Young	185,548	185,735	187,495	101	101	816,940	749,940	92
Old	63	77	75	119	97	277	255	92
Total	185,611	185,812	187,570	101	101	817,217	750,195	92
Ducks	6,533	7,434	6,962	107	94	28,105	28,885	103
Other ¹	9	11	12	133	109	30	43	143
Total	440,194	451,371	447,703	102	99	1,872,576	1,822,207	97
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,216,276	3,489,681	3,456,247	107	99	13,449,193	13,841,628	103
Mature	39,781	42,824	42,871	108	100	167,859	167,403	100
Light	8,530	7,611	7,402	87	97	35,569	27,852	78
Heavy	31,251	35,213	35,469	113	101	132,290	139,551	105
Total	3,256,057	3,532,505	3,499,118	107	99	13,617,052	14,009,031	103
Turkeys								
Young	433,409	478,556	478,138	110	100	1,911,401	1,920,900	100
Old	2,764	3,178	3,555	129	112	12,626	12,320	98
Total	436,173	481,734	481,693	110	100	1,924,027	1,933,220	100
Ducks	10,278	12,055	11,470	112	95	45,382	47,677	105
Other ¹	119	133	106	89	80	458	494	108
Total	3,702,627	4,026,427	3,992,387	108	99	15,586,919	15,990,422	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2017	March 2018	April 2018	April 2018 as % of		January to April		2018 as percent of 2017
				April 2017	March 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,377	10,806	9,971	106	92	40,742	43,375	106
Mature	732	727	651	89	90	3,253	2,927	90
Light	263	203	193	73	95	1,161	821	71
Heavy	469	524	458	98	87	2,092	2,106	101
Total	10,109	11,533	10,622	105	92	43,995	46,302	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,366	1,530	1,449	106	95	6,453	6,401	99
Old	43	51	47	109	92	212	177	83
Total	1,409	1,581	1,496	106	95	6,665	6,578	99
Ducks	31	53	51	165	96	149	230	154
Total ¹	11,549	13,167	12,169	105	92	50,809	53,110	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.23	0.22	100	96	0.23	0.24	104
Mature	1.18	1.12	0.99	84	88	1.25	1.14	91
Light	1.57	1.40	1.33	85	95	1.68	1.52	90
Heavy	1.04	1.04	0.90	87	87	1.09	1.05	96
Total	0.23	0.25	0.23	100	92	0.24	0.25	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.26	0.24	96	92	0.27	0.27	100
Old	1.16	1.21	1.00	86	83	1.27	1.08	85
Total	0.26	0.26	0.25	96	96	0.28	0.27	96
Ducks	0.22	0.32	0.32	145	100	0.24	0.35	146
Total ¹	0.24	0.25	0.23	96	92	0.25	0.25	100

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	April 2017	March 2018	April 2018	April 2018 as % of		January to April		2018 as percent of 2017
				April 2017	March 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	27,636	28,969	27,583	100	95	115,939	115,212	99
Mature	2,047	1,802	1,823	89	101	8,697	7,079	81
Light	673	455	455	68	100	2,762	1,751	63
Heavy	1,374	1,347	1,368	100	102	5,935	5,328	90
Total	29,683	30,771	29,406	99	96	124,636	122,291	98
Turkeys								
Young	6,431	6,606	6,900	107	104	28,394	27,277	96
Old	150	188	189	126	101	700	675	96
Total	6,581	6,794	7,089	108	104	29,094	27,952	96
Ducks	274	324	297	108	92	1,197	1,218	102
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	8	8	100
Total	36,540	37,891	36,794	101	97	154,935	151,469	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.85	0.82	0.79	93	96	0.85	0.83	98
Mature	4.89	4.04	4.08	83	101	4.93	4.06	82
Light	7.31	5.64	5.79	79	103	7.21	5.91	82
Heavy	4.21	3.68	3.71	88	101	4.29	3.68	86
Total	0.90	0.86	0.83	92	97	0.91	0.87	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.46	1.36	1.42	97	104	1.46	1.40	96
Old	5.15	5.59	5.05	98	90	5.25	5.19	99
Total	1.49	1.39	1.45	97	104	1.49	1.43	96
Ducks	2.60	2.62	2.52	97	96	2.57	2.49	97
Other ¹	1.65	1.48	1.85	112	125	1.72	1.59	92
Total	0.98	0.93	0.91	93	98	0.98	0.94	96

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: March and April 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	3,791	3,837	773,845	730,167
Mature	-	-	174	144	100,965	107,212
Light	-	-	95	81	50,229	54,684
Heavy	-	-	79	63	50,736	52,528
Total	-	-	3,965	3,981	874,810	837,379
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	44	33	20,434	19,028
Old	-	-	12	7	1,099	1,275
Total	-	-	56	40	21,533	20,303
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	624,889	587,058	2,387	2,142	19,674	18,749
Mature	17,567	18,854	1,137	848	33,550	36,583
Light	3,868	4,919	902	674	14,388	17,877
Heavy	13,699	13,935	235	174	19,162	18,706
Total	642,456	605,912	3,524	2,990	53,224	55,332
Turkeys						
Young	3,428	3,660	284	231	57	63
Old	565	589	19	26	190	171
Total	3,993	4,249	303	257	247	234
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,163	11,745	55,528	51,372	121,308	112,192
Mature	4,259	4,009	1,037	1,032	34,366	35,249
Light	3,826	3,523	342	354	29,047	29,537
Heavy	433	486	695	678	5,319	5,712
Total	15,422	15,754	56,565	52,404	155,674	147,441
Turkeys						
Young	85	91	394	348	1,016	866
Old	51	40	96	68	189	150
Total	136	131	490	416	1,205	1,016
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	24,339	20,726	770,578	718,032	2,407,502	2,256,020
Mature	1,129	815	72,744	74,200	266,928	278,946
Light	99	109	31,800	34,573	134,596	146,331
Heavy	1,030	706	40,944	39,627	132,332	132,615
Total	25,468	21,541	843,322	792,232	2,674,430	2,534,966
Turkeys						
Young	337	251	9,806	11,210	35,885	35,781
Old	67	47	393	350	2,681	2,723
Total	404	298	10,199	11,560	38,566	38,504

- 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: March and April 2018

[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	90,280	87,744	498,972	482,938	5.53	5.50
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	79,564	79,894	540,459	540,565	6.79	6.77
California	20,920	22,004	126,733	135,545	6.06	6.16
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	33,233	32,485	242,496	236,238	7.30	7.27
Florida	5,703	5,146	34,141	28,997	5.99	5.64
Georgia	105,902	103,820	628,548	624,639	5.94	6.02
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,291	5,411	23,343	24,534	4.41	4.53
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,988	24,865	155,588	163,736	6.49	6.59
Louisiana	15,094	14,412	95,043	94,119	6.30	6.53
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,139	9,932	61,977	61,494	6.11	6.19
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,937	4,486	30,852	27,274	6.25	6.08
Mississippi	61,242	59,350	388,915	376,240	6.35	6.34
Missouri	35,704	36,774	176,487	184,154	4.94	5.01
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	96	116	449	574	4.69	4.94
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,252	1,999	11,173	10,113	4.96	5.06
North Carolina	66,594	61,343	519,829	486,609	7.81	7.93
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	9,067	8,865	46,502	45,203	5.13	5.10
Oklahoma	12,245	13,291	82,661	89,385	6.75	6.73
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,139	9,179	57,236	51,843	5.65	5.65
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,057	24,210	180,741	184,565	7.51	7.62
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,054	24,839	129,914	131,408	5.19	5.29
Texas	52,917	52,712	343,390	347,150	6.49	6.59
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,844	27,786	159,727	162,987	5.74	5.87
Washington	4,066	3,864	26,285	24,186	6.46	6.26
West Virginia	8,742	9,311	33,822	35,914	3.87	3.86
Wisconsin	4,460	4,250	18,409	17,707	4.13	4.17
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	742,817	731,116	4,633,484	4,586,434	6.24	6.27

- 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 2018

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	378,716	368,078	2,689	2,429	0.71	0.66
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	404,198	403,898	3,312	3,259	0.81	0.80
California	94,470	100,762	1,156	1,168	1.21	1.15
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	184,827	180,696	1,619	1,581	0.87	0.87
Florida	25,605	21,747	181	187	0.70	0.85
Georgia	472,435	471,498	4,849	4,336	1.02	0.91
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,996	17,853	88	101	0.52	0.56
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	118,393	124,085	1,147	1,104	0.96	0.88
Louisiana	71,844	71,345	377	373	0.52	0.52
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	46,042	45,597	437	406	0.94	0.88
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	24,811	21,458	112	189	0.45	0.87
Mississippi	300,094	290,565	2,127	2,029	0.70	0.69
Missouri	130,044	135,352	1,128	1,134	0.86	0.83
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	328	414	5	8	1.55	1.88
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,977	6,272	239	223	3.32	3.43
North Carolina	402,001	375,077	2,823	2,593	0.70	0.69
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	34,509	33,664	322	305	0.92	0.90
Oklahoma	62,128	67,248	410	395	0.66	0.58
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	39,083	35,750	914	811	2.28	2.22
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	135,980	138,988	829	959	0.61	0.69
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	95,388	96,112	639	749	0.67	0.77
Texas	259,779	264,065	1,989	1,751	0.76	0.66
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	113,291	115,624	780	744	0.68	0.64
Washington	19,634	18,060	79	71	0.40	0.39
West Virginia	24,215	25,697	158	182	0.65	0.70
Wisconsin	13,717	13,205	71	74	0.51	0.56
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,489,681	3,456,247	28,969	27,583	0.82	0.79

- 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: March and April 2018

[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	-	-	393	306	54,470	47,622
Arkansas	-	-	96	82	69,733	63,343
Delaware	-	-	823	759	59,295	55,162
Georgia	-	-	10	34	71,224	65,043
Mississippi	-	-	147	91	19,699	19,755
Missouri	-	-	20	15	29,323	27,340
North Carolina	-	-	148	113	75,560	72,707
Texas	-	-	112	103	63,023	61,338
Virginia	-	-	46	41	20,258	19,857
United States	-	-	3,791	3,837	773,845	730,167

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	44,231	46,951	345	342	2,297	2,462
Arkansas	35,366	39,551	186	137	1,517	1,293
Delaware	78,978	76,496	100	104	1,007	992
Georgia	174,649	157,008	121	196	2,445	2,370
Mississippi	9,431	9,486	124	155	895	831
Missouri	5,564	4,213	20	10	540	459
North Carolina	51,455	41,965	219	174	2,006	2,033
Texas	21,493	18,218	213	204	766	837
Virginia	28,386	25,787	16	21	514	453
United States	624,889	587,058	2,387	2,142	19,674	18,749

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	782	691	5,266	4,247	19,218	14,050
Arkansas	336	325	3,701	4,037	5,417	5,988
Delaware	806	688	3,054	2,288	4,029	4,405
Georgia	651	547	14,241	13,338	34,010	32,008
Mississippi	835	848	2,482	2,454	1,691	1,864
Missouri	81	57	420	376	1,919	1,713
North Carolina	552	532	5,177	4,583	3,646	3,678
Texas	472	463	421	410	4,730	5,128
Virginia	716	726	988	1,050	2,324	2,314
United States	11,163	11,745	55,528	51,372	121,308	112,192

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	928	797	51,573	42,841	179,503	160,309
Arkansas	2,304	1,587	142,409	155,430	261,065	271,773
Delaware	2,214	1,795	13,426	11,785	163,732	154,474
Georgia	3,773	2,811	93,762	84,038	394,886	357,393
Mississippi	344	251	17,508	17,219	53,156	52,954
Missouri	95	56	16,938	17,826	54,920	52,065
North Carolina	2,912	2,493	72,162	64,565	213,837	192,843
Texas	1,107	908	18,881	19,411	111,218	107,020
Virginia	672	553	18,489	19,064	72,409	69,866
United States	24,339	20,726	770,578	718,032	2,407,502	2,256,020

- 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: March and April 2018

[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	2,965	2,898	55,916	54,696	18.86	18.88
California	707	611	21,381	19,063	30.23	31.18
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,940	1,834	77,277	75,105	39.84	40.96
Iowa	1,129	1,179	47,916	48,594	42.43	41.22
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,170	3,430	86,203	92,407	27.19	26.94
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	975	907	33,409	30,913	34.28	34.08
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,776	1,722	66,210	65,353	37.27	37.96
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	485	481	23,300	23,088	48.09	47.99
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	670	704	19,969	20,260	29.81	28.76
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	430	520	6,250	8,284	14.53	15.94
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	2,180	2,270	61,005	62,220	27.98	27.41
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,907	18,970	598,038	597,493	31.63	31.50

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2018

[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	
	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	46,643	45,583	346	351	0.74	0.76
California	17,139	15,361	192	139	1.11	0.89
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	62,575	60,828	989	1,065	1.56	1.72
Iowa	37,765	38,221	520	578	1.36	1.49
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	68,766	73,651	934	1,097	1.34	1.47
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	27,074	25,039	163	155	0.60	0.61
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	52,048	51,354	352	354	0.67	0.68
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	18,628	18,461	351	331	1.85	1.76
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	15,805	16,011	333	434	2.06	2.64
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,119	6,877	36	50	0.70	0.72
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	49,127	50,109	666	724	1.34	1.42
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	478,556	478,138	6,606	6,900	1.36	1.42

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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 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2017. Young chickens were slaughtered in 40 States, young turkeys in 33 States.

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