



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during May 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.30 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in May 2017. The April 2018 revised certified total at 3.99 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from April 2017. The April revision represented a decrease of 51 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2018 was 5.68 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.58 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.96 billion pounds, up 2 percent from May 2017. Mature chickens, at 70.2 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 637 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.3 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2018 averaged 6.25 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.36 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2018 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from May 2017.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2018 totaled 13.1 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 37.5 million pounds, were 0.87 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	May 2018 as % of		January to May		2018 as percent of 2017
				May 2017	April 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	782,516	731,026	792,823	101	108	3,673,483	3,732,691	102
Mature	11,922	10,523	11,039	93	105	56,157	51,595	92
Light	5,570	4,290	4,288	77	100	26,246	20,031	76
Heavy	6,352	6,233	6,751	106	108	29,911	31,564	106
Total	794,438	741,549	803,862	101	108	3,729,640	3,784,286	101
Turkeys								
Young	20,887	18,970	20,472	98	108	96,409	96,055	100
Old	141	161	155	110	96	716	714	100
Total	21,028	19,131	20,627	98	108	97,125	96,769	100
Ducks	2,195	2,229	2,347	107	105	11,196	11,603	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,838,295	4,586,564	4,957,257	102	108	22,692,231	23,332,600	103
Mature	70,933	65,510	70,217	99	107	331,132	325,870	98
Light	18,711	14,537	14,811	79	102	87,617	68,974	79
Heavy	52,222	50,973	55,406	106	109	243,515	256,896	105
Total	4,909,228	4,652,074	5,027,474	102	108	23,023,363	23,658,470	103
Turkeys								
Young	648,913	597,493	632,081	97	106	3,033,913	3,032,862	100
Old	4,164	4,720	4,649	112	98	20,919	21,008	100
Total	653,077	602,213	636,730	97	106	3,054,832	3,053,870	100
Ducks	15,073	15,720	16,270	108	103	77,325	81,430	105
Other ¹	204	153	167	82	109	877	874	100
Total	5,577,582	5,270,160	5,680,641	102	108	26,156,397	26,794,644	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.18	6.27	6.25	101	100	6.18	6.25	101
Mature	5.95	6.23	6.36	107	102	5.90	6.32	107
Light	3.36	3.39	3.45	103	102	3.34	3.44	103
Heavy	8.22	8.18	8.21	100	100	8.14	8.14	100
Total	6.18	6.27	6.25	101	100	6.17	6.25	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.07	31.50	30.88	99	98	31.47	31.57	100
Old	29.53	29.32	29.99	102	102	29.22	29.42	101
Total	31.06	31.48	30.87	99	98	31.45	31.56	100
Ducks	6.87	7.05	6.93	101	98	6.91	7.02	102

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	May 2018 as % of		January to May		2018 as percent of 2017
				May 2017	April 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,365,872	3,202,600	3,472,989	103	108	15,787,842	16,271,055	103
Mature	45,909	42,871	46,103	100	108	213,767	213,496	100
Light	9,691	7,402	7,479	77	101	45,259	35,321	78
Heavy	36,218	35,469	38,624	107	109	168,508	178,175	106
Total	3,411,781	3,245,471	3,519,092	103	108	16,001,609	16,484,551	103
Turkeys								
Young	291,473	290,643	307,616	106	106	1,385,934	1,478,576	107
Old	3,081	3,480	3,419	111	98	15,430	15,484	100
Total	294,554	294,123	311,035	106	106	1,401,364	1,494,060	107
Ducks	4,391	4,509	4,505	103	100	21,668	23,298	108
Other ¹	127	94	107	84	114	555	558	101
Total	3,710,853	3,544,197	3,834,739	103	108	17,425,196	18,002,467	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	282,034	253,595	259,414	92	102	1,309,257	1,302,924	100
Mature	4	-	-	(X)	(X)	5	10	200
Light	2	-	-	(X)	(X)	3	10	333
Heavy	2	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Total	282,038	253,595	259,414	92	102	1,309,262	1,302,934	100
Turkeys								
Young	228,588	187,495	198,002	87	106	1,045,528	947,942	91
Old	72	75	78	108	104	349	333	95
Total	228,660	187,570	198,080	87	106	1,045,877	948,275	91
Ducks	6,607	6,962	7,364	111	106	34,712	36,249	104
Other ¹	12	12	11	92	92	42	54	129
Total	517,317	448,139	464,869	90	104	2,389,893	2,287,512	96
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,647,906	3,456,195	3,732,403	102	108	17,097,099	17,573,979	103
Mature	45,913	42,871	46,103	100	108	213,772	213,506	100
Light	9,693	7,402	7,479	77	101	45,262	35,331	78
Heavy	36,220	35,469	38,624	107	109	168,510	178,175	106
Total	3,693,819	3,499,066	3,778,506	102	108	17,310,871	17,787,485	103
Turkeys								
Young	520,061	478,138	505,618	97	106	2,431,462	2,426,518	100
Old	3,153	3,555	3,497	111	98	15,779	15,817	100
Total	523,214	481,693	509,115	97	106	2,447,241	2,442,335	100
Ducks	10,998	11,471	11,869	108	103	56,380	59,547	106
Other ¹	139	106	118	85	111	597	612	103
Total	4,228,170	3,992,336	4,299,608	102	108	19,815,089	20,289,979	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2017	April 2018	May 2018	May 2018 as % of		January to May		2018 as percent of 2017
				May 2017	April 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	10,192	9,978	10,683	105	107	50,934	54,065	106
Mature	819	651	720	88	111	4,072	3,647	90
Light	292	193	257	88	133	1,453	1,078	74
Heavy	527	458	463	88	101	2,619	2,569	98
Total	11,011	10,629	11,403	104	107	55,006	57,712	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,538	1,449	1,569	102	108	7,991	7,970	100
Old	45	47	51	113	109	257	228	89
Total	1,583	1,496	1,620	102	108	8,248	8,198	99
Ducks	39	51	55	141	108	188	285	152
Total ¹	12,633	12,176	13,078	104	107	63,442	66,195	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.22	0.22	105	100	0.22	0.23	105
Mature	1.15	0.99	1.03	90	104	1.23	1.12	91
Light	1.56	1.33	1.74	112	131	1.66	1.56	94
Heavy	1.01	0.90	0.84	83	93	1.08	1.00	93
Total	0.22	0.23	0.23	105	100	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.24	0.25	104	104	0.26	0.26	100
Old	1.08	1.00	1.10	102	110	1.23	1.09	89
Total	0.24	0.25	0.25	104	100	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks	0.26	0.32	0.34	131	106	0.24	0.35	146
Total ¹	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.24	0.25	104

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 2017	April 2018	May 2018	May 2018 as % of		January to May		2018 as percent of 2017
				May 2017	April 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	30,338	27,590	28,066	93	102	146,277	143,285	98
Mature	2,366	1,823	1,723	73	95	11,063	8,802	80
Light	767	455	507	66	111	3,529	2,258	64
Heavy	1,599	1,368	1,216	76	89	7,534	6,544	87
Total	32,704	29,413	29,789	91	101	157,340	152,087	97
Turkeys								
Young	7,402	6,900	7,189	97	104	35,796	34,466	96
Old	179	189	205	115	108	879	880	100
Total	7,581	7,089	7,394	98	104	36,675	35,346	96
Ducks	288	297	338	117	114	1,485	1,556	105
Other ¹	4	2	2	50	100	12	10	83
Total	40,577	36,801	37,523	92	102	195,512	188,999	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.82	0.79	0.75	91	95	0.85	0.81	95
Mature	4.90	4.08	3.60	73	88	4.92	3.96	80
Light	7.33	5.79	6.35	87	110	7.23	6.01	83
Heavy	4.23	3.71	3.05	72	82	4.28	3.54	83
Total	0.88	0.83	0.78	89	94	0.90	0.85	94
Turkeys								
Young	1.40	1.42	1.40	100	99	1.45	1.40	97
Old	5.37	5.05	5.54	103	110	5.28	5.27	100
Total	1.43	1.45	1.43	100	99	1.48	1.43	97
Ducks	2.55	2.52	2.77	109	110	2.57	2.55	99
Other ¹	2.80	1.85	1.67	60	90	1.97	1.61	82
Total	0.95	0.91	0.87	92	96	0.98	0.92	94

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: April and May 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	3,837	3,332	730,480	776,860
Mature	-	-	144	133	107,212	114,675
Light	-	-	81	71	54,684	63,537
Heavy	-	-	63	62	52,528	51,138
Total	-	-	3,981	3,465	837,692	891,535
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	33	34	19,028	18,844
Old	-	-	7	5	1,275	1,404
Total	-	-	40	39	20,303	20,248
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	587,114	538,570	2,142	2,040	18,760	18,985
Mature	18,854	19,078	848	848	36,583	38,451
Light	4,919	5,181	674	674	17,877	17,224
Heavy	13,935	13,897	174	174	18,706	21,227
Total	605,968	557,648	2,990	2,888	55,343	57,436
Turkeys						
Young	3,660	2,460	231	300	63	28
Old	589	667	26	30	171	237
Total	4,249	3,127	257	330	234	265
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	11,745	12,187	51,372	54,727	112,192	116,024
Mature	4,009	4,334	1,032	808	35,249	30,008
Light	3,523	3,687	354	246	29,537	24,191
Heavy	486	647	678	562	5,712	5,817
Total	15,754	16,521	52,404	55,535	147,441	146,032
Turkeys						
Young	91	95	348	328	866	950
Old	40	67	68	62	150	274
Total	131	162	416	390	1,016	1,224
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	20,726	27,591	718,212	733,285	2,256,580	2,283,601
Mature	815	1,332	74,200	66,675	278,946	276,342
Light	109	95	34,573	29,964	146,331	144,870
Heavy	706	1,237	39,627	36,711	132,615	131,472
Total	21,541	28,923	792,412	799,960	2,535,526	2,559,943
Turkeys						
Young	251	164	11,210	11,755	35,781	34,958
Old	47	59	350	619	2,723	3,424
Total	298	223	11,560	12,374	38,504	38,382

- 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 Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: April and May 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	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	87,744	94,692	482,938	516,449	5.50	5.45
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	80,151	87,134	542,761	584,867	6.77	6.71
California	22,004	24,686	135,545	152,211	6.16	6.17
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	32,485	35,123	236,238	251,375	7.27	7.16
Florida	5,146	5,688	28,997	33,318	5.64	5.86
Georgia	103,820	111,725	624,639	667,927	6.02	5.98
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,411	5,820	24,534	26,230	4.53	4.51
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,518	25,164	161,670	164,557	6.59	6.54
Louisiana	14,412	15,893	94,119	99,395	6.53	6.25
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	9,932	10,883	61,494	66,495	6.19	6.11
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,486	4,851	27,274	28,921	6.08	5.96
Mississippi	59,350	66,750	376,240	417,604	6.34	6.26
Missouri	36,774	38,123	184,154	190,687	5.01	5.00
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	116	144	574	707	4.94	4.91
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,999	2,285	10,113	11,413	5.06	5.00
North Carolina	61,343	71,868	486,609	568,058	7.93	7.90
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	8,865	9,068	45,203	47,996	5.10	5.29
Oklahoma	13,291	13,088	89,385	87,013	6.73	6.65
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,179	10,134	51,843	57,350	5.65	5.66
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,210	25,892	184,565	193,590	7.62	7.48
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	24,839	26,758	131,408	143,232	5.29	5.35
Texas	52,712	57,558	347,150	376,892	6.59	6.55
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,786	28,734	162,987	173,361	5.87	6.03
Washington	3,864	4,139	24,186	25,668	6.26	6.20
West Virginia	9,311	9,047	35,914	34,197	3.86	3.78
Wisconsin	4,250	4,209	17,707	17,330	4.17	4.12
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	731,026	792,823	4,586,564	4,957,257	6.27	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: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	368,078	392,882	2,429	2,543	0.66	0.64
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	405,425	437,452	3,266	3,284	0.80	0.75
California	100,762	113,463	1,168	1,307	1.15	1.14
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	180,696	193,863	1,581	1,588	0.87	0.81
Florida	21,747	24,988	187	198	0.85	0.79
Georgia	471,498	500,963	4,336	4,066	0.91	0.81
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,853	19,092	101	95	0.56	0.49
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	122,506	124,424	1,104	951	0.89	0.76
Louisiana	71,345	74,989	373	411	0.52	0.54
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	45,597	49,200	406	524	0.88	1.05
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,458	22,774	189	176	0.87	0.77
Mississippi	290,565	320,556	2,029	2,256	0.69	0.70
Missouri	135,352	139,914	1,134	929	0.83	0.66
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	414	515	8	5	1.88	0.89
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,272	7,146	223	223	3.43	3.03
North Carolina	375,077	437,115	2,593	2,843	0.69	0.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	33,664	35,815	305	305	0.90	0.84
Oklahoma	67,248	65,461	395	355	0.58	0.54
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	35,750	39,190	811	867	2.22	2.16
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	138,988	145,763	959	1,044	0.69	0.71
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	96,112	105,389	749	668	0.77	0.63
Texas	264,065	287,271	1,751	1,804	0.66	0.62
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	115,624	123,028	744	692	0.64	0.56
Washington	18,060	19,202	71	68	0.39	0.35
West Virginia	25,697	24,450	182	207	0.70	0.84
Wisconsin	13,205	12,932	74	62	0.56	0.48
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,456,195	3,732,403	27,590	28,066	0.79	0.75

- 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 Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: April and May 2018

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	306	292	47,622	54,662
Arkansas	-	-	82	137	63,656	70,632
Delaware	-	-	759	595	55,162	62,838
Georgia	-	-	34	27	65,043	72,860
Mississippi	-	-	91	95	19,755	22,064
Missouri	-	-	15	5	27,340	28,098
North Carolina	-	-	113	107	72,707	80,790
Texas	-	-	103	112	61,338	62,440
Virginia	-	-	41	42	19,857	19,525
United States	-	-	3,837	3,332	730,480	776,860

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	46,951	45,271	342	272	2,462	2,556
Arkansas	39,607	36,924	137	159	1,304	1,366
Delaware	76,496	72,395	104	69	992	1,003
Georgia	157,008	128,497	196	132	2,370	2,274
Mississippi	9,486	8,660	155	172	831	810
Missouri	4,213	4,847	10	25	459	433
North Carolina	41,965	39,414	174	116	2,033	2,229
Texas	18,218	17,944	204	164	837	837
Virginia	25,787	21,281	21	16	453	563
United States	587,114	538,570	2,142	2,040	18,760	18,985

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	691	724	4,247	4,279	14,050	20,319
Arkansas	325	379	4,037	3,982	5,988	6,564
Delaware	688	877	2,288	3,046	4,405	4,915
Georgia	547	593	13,338	14,961	32,008	25,511
Mississippi	848	855	2,454	2,673	1,864	2,033
Missouri	57	49	376	344	1,713	1,819
North Carolina	532	619	4,583	4,907	3,678	4,639
Texas	463	419	410	410	5,128	4,803
Virginia	726	890	1,050	982	2,314	2,630
United States	11,745	12,187	51,372	54,727	112,192	116,024

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	797	1,520	42,841	45,525	160,309	175,420
Arkansas	1,587	3,152	155,610	139,443	272,333	262,738
Delaware	1,795	2,432	11,785	13,344	154,474	161,514
Georgia	2,811	4,505	84,038	78,362	357,393	327,722
Mississippi	251	205	17,219	18,102	52,954	55,669
Missouri	56	69	17,826	15,634	52,065	51,323
North Carolina	2,493	3,031	64,565	62,142	192,843	197,994
Texas	908	1,253	19,411	20,312	107,020	108,694
Virginia	553	443	19,064	14,045	69,866	60,417
United States	20,726	27,591	718,212	733,285	2,256,580	2,283,601

- 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 Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: April and May 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	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	2,898	3,087	54,696	58,897	18.88	19.08
California	611	711	19,063	22,543	31.18	31.69
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,834	2,010	75,105	80,882	40.96	40.24
Iowa	1,179	1,245	48,594	51,144	41.22	41.09
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,430	3,917	92,407	102,832	26.94	26.26
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	907	901	30,913	30,900	34.08	34.31
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,722	1,979	65,353	67,757	37.96	34.24
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	481	485	23,088	23,072	47.99	47.54
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	704	743	20,260	21,401	28.76	28.81
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	520	549	8,284	7,657	15.94	13.94
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	2,270	2,303	62,220	63,922	27.41	27.76
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,970	20,472	597,493	632,081	31.50	30.88

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	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	45,583	49,001	351	360	0.76	0.73
California	15,361	18,019	139	205	0.89	1.12
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	60,828	65,492	1,065	1,226	1.72	1.84
Iowa	38,221	40,282	578	591	1.49	1.45
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	73,651	82,313	1,097	1,158	1.47	1.39
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,039	24,984	155	118	0.61	0.47
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	51,354	53,138	354	372	0.68	0.70
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	18,461	18,446	331	332	1.76	1.77
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	16,011	16,926	434	405	2.64	2.33
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	6,877	6,312	50	41	0.72	0.64
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia	50,109	51,342	724	742	1.42	1.43
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	478,138	505,618	6,900	7,189	1.42	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 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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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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