



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent from Last Year

**June 2017** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**June 2018** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during June 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.03 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in June 2017. The May 2018 revised certified total at 4.31 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2017. The May revision represented an increase of 7.24 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during June 2018 was 5.32 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.45 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.62 billion pounds, down 2 percent from June 2017. Mature chickens, at 73.2 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 607 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.2 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during June 2018 averaged 6.22 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.54 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2018 averaged 31.0 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2017.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during June 2018 totaled 12.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.5 million pounds, were 0.85 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.94 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	June 2018 as % of		January to June		2018 as percent of 2017
				June 2017	May 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	763,011	794,062	743,428	97	94	4,436,494	4,477,358	101
Mature .....	12,321	11,150	11,185	91	100	68,478	62,891	92
Light .....	5,248	4,288	3,987	76	93	31,494	24,018	76
Heavy .....	7,073	6,862	7,198	102	105	36,984	38,873	105
Total .....	775,332	805,212	754,613	97	94	4,504,972	4,540,249	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	21,036	20,498	19,474	93	95	117,445	115,555	98
Old .....	138	155	126	91	81	854	840	98
Total .....	21,174	20,653	19,600	93	95	118,299	116,395	98
Ducks .....	2,176	2,353	2,208	101	94	13,372	13,817	103
	(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 .....	4,702,145	4,964,043	4,623,645	98	93	27,394,376	27,963,031	102
Mature .....	75,786	71,122	73,151	97	103	406,918	399,926	98
Light .....	17,744	14,811	13,808	78	93	105,361	82,782	79
Heavy .....	58,042	56,311	59,343	102	105	301,557	317,144	105
Total .....	4,777,931	5,035,165	4,696,796	98	93	27,801,294	28,362,957	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	648,321	633,247	603,743	93	95	3,682,234	3,637,771	99
Old .....	4,085	4,649	3,714	91	80	25,004	24,722	99
Total .....	652,406	637,896	607,457	93	95	3,707,238	3,662,493	99
Ducks .....	15,026	16,323	15,238	101	93	92,351	96,721	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	326	167	217	67	130	1,203	1,091	91
Total .....	5,445,689	5,689,551	5,319,708	98	93	31,602,086	32,123,262	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.16	6.25	6.22	101	100	6.17	6.25	101
Mature .....	6.15	6.38	6.54	106	103	5.94	6.36	107
Light .....	3.38	3.45	3.46	102	100	3.35	3.45	103
Heavy .....	8.21	8.21	8.24	100	100	8.15	8.16	100
Total .....	6.16	6.25	6.22	101	100	6.17	6.25	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.82	30.89	31.00	101	100	31.35	31.48	100
Old .....	29.60	29.99	29.48	100	98	29.28	29.43	101
Total .....	30.81	30.89	30.99	101	100	31.34	31.47	100
Ducks .....	6.91	6.94	6.90	100	99	6.91	7.00	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	June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	June 2018 as % of		January to June		2018 as percent of 2017
				June 2017	May 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,265,026	3,478,066	3,236,377	99	93	19,052,868	19,512,509	102
Mature .....	49,195	46,777	48,836	99	104	262,962	263,006	100
Light .....	9,022	7,479	7,109	79	95	54,281	42,430	78
Heavy .....	40,173	39,298	41,727	104	106	208,681	220,576	106
Total .....	3,314,221	3,524,843	3,285,213	99	93	19,315,830	19,775,515	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	294,238	308,551	295,446	100	96	1,680,172	1,774,957	106
Old .....	2,947	3,419	2,747	93	80	18,377	18,231	99
Total .....	297,185	311,970	298,193	100	96	1,698,549	1,793,188	106
Ducks .....	3,980	4,558	3,791	95	83	25,648	27,142	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	191	107	137	72	128	746	695	93
Total .....	3,615,577	3,841,478	3,587,334	99	93	21,040,773	21,596,540	103
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	277,485	259,919	249,778	90	96	1,586,742	1,553,207	98
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	5	10	200
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	3	10	333
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Total .....	277,485	259,919	249,778	90	96	1,586,747	1,553,217	98
Turkeys								
Young .....	224,967	198,002	187,199	83	95	1,270,495	1,135,141	89
Old .....	68	78	43	63	55	417	376	90
Total .....	225,035	198,080	187,242	83	95	1,270,912	1,135,517	89
Ducks .....	6,941	7,364	7,256	105	99	41,653	43,505	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	13	11	12	92	109	55	66	120
Total .....	509,474	465,374	444,288	87	95	2,899,367	2,732,305	94
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,542,511	3,737,985	3,486,155	98	93	20,639,610	21,065,716	102
Mature .....	49,195	46,777	48,836	99	104	262,967	263,016	100
Light .....	9,022	7,479	7,109	79	95	54,284	42,440	78
Heavy .....	40,173	39,298	41,727	104	106	208,683	220,576	106
Total .....	3,591,706	3,784,762	3,534,991	98	93	20,902,577	21,328,732	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	519,205	506,553	482,645	93	95	2,950,667	2,910,098	99
Old .....	3,015	3,497	2,790	93	80	18,794	18,607	99
Total .....	522,220	510,050	485,435	93	95	2,969,461	2,928,705	99
Ducks .....	10,921	11,922	11,047	101	93	67,301	70,647	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	204	118	149	73	126	801	761	95
Total .....	4,125,051	4,306,852	4,031,622	98	94	23,940,140	24,328,845	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	June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	June 2018 as % of		January to June		2018 as percent of 2017
				June 2017	May 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,168	10,691	10,456	103	98	61,102	64,529	106
Mature .....	865	735	734	85	100	4,937	4,396	89
Light .....	298	257	279	94	109	1,751	1,357	77
Heavy .....	567	478	455	80	95	3,186	3,039	95
Total .....	11,033	11,426	11,190	101	98	66,039	68,925	104
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,638	1,570	1,571	96	100	9,629	9,542	99
Old .....	43	51	34	79	67	300	262	87
Total .....	1,681	1,621	1,605	95	99	9,929	9,804	99
Ducks .....	51	55	59	116	107	239	344	144
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	12,765	13,102	12,854	101	98	76,207	79,073	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.22	0.23	105	105	0.22	0.23	105
Mature .....	1.14	1.03	1.00	88	97	1.21	1.10	91
Light .....	1.68	1.74	2.02	120	116	1.66	1.64	99
Heavy .....	0.98	0.85	0.77	79	91	1.06	0.96	91
Total .....	0.23	0.23	0.24	104	104	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.25	0.25	0.26	104	104	0.26	0.26	100
Old .....	1.05	1.10	0.92	88	84	1.20	1.06	88
Total .....	0.26	0.25	0.26	100	104	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks .....	0.34	0.34	0.39	115	115	0.26	0.36	138
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.23	0.23	0.24	104	104	0.24	0.25	104

<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	June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	June 2018 as % of		January to June		2018 as percent of 2017
				June 2017	May 2018	2017	2018	
	(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 .....	28,831	28,096	25,716	89	92	175,108	169,031	97
Mature .....	2,481	1,726	1,678	68	97	13,544	10,483	77
Light .....	722	507	435	60	86	4,251	2,693	63
Heavy .....	1,759	1,219	1,243	71	102	9,293	7,790	84
Total .....	31,312	29,822	27,394	87	92	188,652	179,514	95
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,221	7,205	6,651	92	92	43,017	41,133	96
Old .....	178	205	151	85	74	1,057	1,031	98
Total .....	7,399	7,410	6,802	92	92	44,074	42,164	96
Ducks .....	282	338	335	119	99	1,767	1,891	107
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	3	2	2	67	100	15	12	80
Total .....	38,996	37,572	34,533	89	92	234,508	223,581	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.81	0.75	0.73	90	97	0.84	0.80	95
Mature .....	4.80	3.56	3.32	69	93	4.90	3.83	78
Light .....	7.41	6.35	5.77	78	91	7.26	5.97	82
Heavy .....	4.19	3.01	2.89	69	96	4.26	3.41	80
Total .....	0.86	0.78	0.77	90	99	0.89	0.83	93
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.37	1.40	1.36	99	97	1.44	1.39	97
Old .....	5.57	5.54	5.13	92	93	5.32	5.25	99
Total .....	1.40	1.43	1.38	99	97	1.46	1.42	97
Ducks .....	2.52	2.76	2.94	117	107	2.56	2.61	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.45	1.67	1.32	91	79	1.84	1.55	84
Total .....	0.94	0.86	0.85	90	99	0.97	0.91	94

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	3,332	3,442	775,406	733,440
Mature .....	-	-	133	115	114,675	107,409
Light .....	-	-	71	65	63,537	56,615
Heavy .....	-	-	62	50	51,138	50,794
Total .....	-	-	3,465	3,557	890,081	840,849
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	34	25	18,844	14,673
Old .....	-	-	5	-	1,404	908
Total .....	-	-	39	25	20,248	15,581
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	538,824	444,672	2,040	2,277	18,999	17,892
Mature .....	19,078	18,673	848	855	38,451	42,179
Light .....	5,181	3,645	674	637	17,224	21,403
Heavy .....	13,897	15,028	174	218	21,227	20,776
Total .....	557,902	463,345	2,888	3,132	57,450	60,071
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	2,460	2,694	300	148	28	66
Old .....	667	516	30	20	237	143
Total .....	3,127	3,210	330	168	265	209
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	12,189	11,056	54,751	49,698	116,124	102,981
Mature .....	4,334	4,508	808	1,070	30,008	38,441
Light .....	3,687	3,724	246	180	24,191	32,312
Heavy .....	647	784	562	890	5,817	6,129
Total .....	16,523	15,564	55,559	50,768	146,132	141,422
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	95	81	328	369	950	745
Old .....	67	42	62	45	274	158
Total .....	162	123	390	414	1,224	903
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	27,457	26,273	733,555	657,770	2,282,677	2,049,501
Mature .....	1,332	811	66,675	77,865	276,342	291,926
Light .....	95	120	29,964	37,869	144,870	156,570
Heavy .....	1,237	691	36,711	39,996	131,472	135,356
Total .....	28,789	27,084	800,230	735,635	2,559,019	2,341,427
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	164	207	11,755	13,100	34,958	32,108
Old .....	59	36	619	550	3,424	2,418
Total .....	223	243	12,374	13,650	38,382	34,526

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	94,851	88,352	517,294	478,433	5.45	5.42
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	87,220	82,291	585,545	548,961	6.71	6.67
California .....	24,727	23,296	152,437	144,230	6.16	6.19
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	35,123	33,373	251,375	240,769	7.16	7.21
Florida .....	5,688	5,343	33,318	31,527	5.86	5.90
Georgia .....	111,721	103,778	667,917	617,321	5.98	5.95
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,820	6,191	26,230	28,329	4.51	4.58
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	25,164	23,763	164,557	152,555	6.54	6.42
Louisiana .....	15,893	14,635	99,395	91,849	6.25	6.28
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	10,972	10,415	67,067	64,001	6.11	6.14
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,851	4,984	29,156	30,035	6.01	6.03
Mississippi .....	66,756	59,582	417,604	372,004	6.26	6.24
Missouri .....	38,123	34,037	190,687	165,892	5.00	4.87
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	144	113	707	565	4.91	5.00
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,285	2,156	11,413	10,729	5.00	4.98
North Carolina .....	71,868	68,469	568,058	538,176	7.90	7.86
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	9,069	9,209	48,000	47,941	5.29	5.21
Oklahoma .....	13,088	12,683	87,013	83,849	6.65	6.61
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,134	10,387	57,350	59,293	5.66	5.71
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	25,892	24,427	193,590	181,467	7.48	7.43
South Dakota .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Tennessee .....	26,758	24,783	143,232	131,091	5.35	5.29
Texas .....	57,998	53,158	378,640	343,175	6.53	6.46
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	29,152	27,995	175,835	167,070	6.03	5.97
Washington .....	4,139	3,884	25,668	24,627	6.20	6.34
West Virginia .....	9,047	8,690	34,197	33,413	3.78	3.85
Wisconsin .....	4,209	4,358	17,330	17,691	4.12	4.06
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	794,062	743,428	4,964,043	4,623,645	6.25	6.22

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: May and June 2018

[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>	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	393,530	365,185	2,545	2,228	0.64	0.61
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	438,014	411,645	3,295	2,971	0.75	0.72
California .....	113,655	107,246	1,307	1,124	1.14	1.04
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	193,863	185,204	1,588	1,393	0.81	0.75
Florida .....	24,988	23,646	198	174	0.79	0.73
Georgia .....	501,282	465,454	4,066	3,673	0.80	0.78
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	19,092	20,678	95	97	0.49	0.47
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	124,424	115,536	951	857	0.76	0.74
Louisiana .....	74,989	69,415	411	365	0.54	0.52
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	49,646	47,449	525	499	1.05	1.04
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,950	23,554	176	188	0.76	0.79
Mississippi .....	320,556	288,438	2,258	1,998	0.70	0.69
Missouri .....	139,914	122,098	929	828	0.66	0.67
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	515	411	5	5	0.89	1.09
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,146	6,679	223	228	3.03	3.30
North Carolina .....	437,115	413,018	2,843	2,712	0.65	0.65
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	35,818	35,791	305	295	0.84	0.82
Oklahoma .....	65,461	63,008	355	317	0.54	0.50
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	39,190	40,694	867	910	2.16	2.19
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	145,763	136,585	1,044	1,034	0.71	0.75
South Dakota .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Tennessee .....	105,389	96,181	668	638	0.63	0.66
Texas .....	288,678	261,088	1,808	1,743	0.62	0.66
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	124,847	118,291	702	642	0.56	0.54
Washington .....	19,202	18,371	68	93	0.35	0.50
West Virginia .....	24,450	23,883	207	212	0.84	0.88
Wisconsin .....	12,932	13,210	62	53	0.48	0.40
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,737,985	3,486,155	28,096	25,716	0.75	0.73

- Represents zero.

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

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	292	350	54,724	49,695
Arkansas .....	-	-	137	112	70,702	74,820
Delaware .....	-	-	595	403	62,838	60,706
Georgia .....	-	-	27	11	70,448	63,391
Mississippi .....	-	-	95	127	22,068	18,372
Missouri .....	-	-	5	5	28,098	25,921
North Carolina .....	-	-	107	77	80,790	75,410
Texas .....	-	-	112	107	62,816	62,571
Virginia .....	-	-	42	40	19,967	21,060
United States .....	-	-	3,332	3,442	775,406	733,440

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	45,276	34,951	272	198	2,560	2,324
Arkansas .....	36,924	31,875	159	203	1,369	1,230
Delaware .....	72,395	67,973	69	49	1,003	922
Georgia .....	128,487	114,102	132	193	2,274	2,148
Mississippi .....	8,662	7,187	172	151	811	779
Missouri .....	4,847	4,050	25	18	433	392
North Carolina .....	39,414	33,466	116	169	2,229	2,002
Texas .....	18,059	16,662	164	160	838	888
Virginia .....	21,415	19,142	16	21	568	588
United States .....	538,824	444,672	2,040	2,277	18,999	17,892

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	724	608	4,279	3,391	20,367	16,221
Arkansas .....	381	386	4,006	4,896	6,566	6,655
Delaware .....	877	872	3,046	2,749	4,915	4,509
Georgia .....	593	596	14,961	13,326	25,511	22,277
Mississippi .....	855	767	2,673	2,114	2,033	1,801
Missouri .....	49	54	344	283	1,819	1,664
North Carolina .....	619	630	4,907	5,026	4,639	4,469
Texas .....	419	396	410	380	4,852	4,385
Virginia .....	890	862	982	930	2,630	2,217
United States .....	12,189	11,056	54,751	49,698	116,124	102,981

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	1,520	1,324	45,560	34,818	175,574	143,880
Arkansas .....	3,158	1,828	139,447	150,532	262,849	272,537
Delaware .....	2,276	1,683	13,344	10,133	161,358	149,999
Georgia .....	4,505	5,033	78,362	61,143	325,300	282,220
Mississippi .....	205	323	18,064	13,475	55,638	45,096
Missouri .....	69	59	15,634	16,004	51,323	48,450
North Carolina .....	3,031	2,822	62,142	54,071	197,994	178,142
Texas .....	1,253	835	20,355	19,798	109,278	106,182
Virginia .....	459	929	14,271	13,715	61,240	59,504
United States .....	27,457	26,273	733,555	657,770	2,282,677	2,049,501

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,087	2,792	58,897	52,268	19.08	18.72
California .....	713	744	22,591	23,352	31.69	31.39
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2,010	1,981	80,882	77,435	40.24	39.09
Iowa .....	1,245	1,192	51,144	48,968	41.09	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 .....	3,917	3,839	102,832	99,795	26.26	26.00
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	901	807	30,900	28,071	34.31	34.77
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 .....	1,979	1,755	67,757	64,511	34.24	36.76
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	509	505	24,190	23,216	47.57	46.01
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	743	722	21,401	20,843	28.81	28.85
Rhode Island .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	549	540	7,657	7,100	13.94	13.16
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia .....	2,303	2,091	63,922	57,462	27.76	27.48
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	20,498	19,474	633,247	603,743	30.89	31.00

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## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: May and June 2018

[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>	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	49,001	43,509	360	307	0.73	0.70
California .....	18,059	18,662	205	185	1.12	0.98
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 .....	65,492	62,623	1,226	1,121	1.84	1.76
Iowa .....	40,282	38,561	591	576	1.45	1.47
Kansas .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
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 .....	82,313	79,767	1,158	1,099	1.39	1.36
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	24,984	22,743	118	111	0.47	0.49
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 .....	53,138	50,569	372	324	0.70	0.64
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,341	18,516	348	364	1.77	1.93
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	16,926	16,419	405	367	2.33	2.18
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 .....	6,312	5,958	41	33	0.64	0.55
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	51,342	46,140	742	708	1.43	1.51
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	506,553	482,645	7,205	6,651	1.40	1.36

- Represents zero.

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(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 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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