



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent from Last Year

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

July 2018 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.15 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the amount certified in July 2017. The June 2018 revised certified total at 4.04 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from June 2017. The June revision represented an increase of 5 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during July 2018 was 5.48 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 5.12 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.79 billion pounds, up 7 percent from July 2017. Mature chickens, at 71.8 million pounds, were up 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 608 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.5 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2018 averaged 6.20 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.47 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2018 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, down slightly from July 2017.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2018 totaled 13.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 35.6 million pounds, were 0.85 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.92 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2017	June 2018	July 2018	July 2018 as % of		January to July		2018 as percent of 2017
				July 2017	June 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	725,770	744,471	771,614	106	104	5,162,264	5,250,015	102
Mature	10,593	11,225	11,099	105	99	79,071	74,030	94
Light	4,349	3,987	3,997	92	100	35,843	28,015	78
Heavy	6,244	7,238	7,102	114	98	43,228	46,015	106
Total	736,363	755,696	782,713	106	104	5,241,335	5,324,045	102
Turkeys								
Young	18,942	19,474	19,772	104	102	136,387	135,327	99
Old	118	126	126	107	100	972	966	99
Total	19,060	19,600	19,898	104	102	137,359	136,293	99
Ducks	2,051	2,208	2,273	111	103	15,423	16,090	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,456,916	4,629,773	4,786,477	107	103	31,851,292	32,755,636	103
Mature	66,036	73,467	71,771	109	98	472,954	472,013	100
Light	14,886	13,808	13,547	91	98	120,247	96,329	80
Heavy	51,150	59,659	58,224	114	98	352,707	375,684	107
Total	4,522,952	4,703,240	4,858,248	107	103	32,324,246	33,227,649	103
Turkeys								
Young	581,127	603,743	604,323	104	100	4,263,361	4,242,094	100
Old	3,489	3,714	3,668	105	99	28,493	28,390	100
Total	584,616	607,457	607,991	104	100	4,291,854	4,270,484	100
Ducks	14,173	15,238	15,517	109	102	106,524	112,238	105
Other ¹	246	217	228	93	105	1,449	1,319	91
Total	5,121,987	5,326,152	5,481,984	107	103	36,724,073	37,611,690	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.14	6.22	6.20	101	100	6.17	6.24	101
Mature	6.23	6.54	6.47	104	99	5.98	6.38	107
Light	3.42	3.46	3.39	99	98	3.35	3.44	103
Heavy	8.19	8.24	8.20	100	100	8.16	8.16	100
Total	6.14	6.22	6.21	101	100	6.17	6.24	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.68	31.00	30.56	100	99	31.26	31.35	100
Old	29.57	29.48	29.11	98	99	29.31	29.39	100
Total	30.67	30.99	30.56	100	99	31.25	31.33	100
Ducks	6.91	6.90	6.83	99	99	6.91	6.98	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	July 2017	June 2018	July 2018	July 2018 as % of		January to July		2018 as percent of 2017
				July 2017	June 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,098,527	3,240,573	3,353,348	108	103	22,151,395	22,870,053	103
Mature	43,095	49,051	47,933	111	98	306,057	311,154	102
Light	7,671	7,109	7,017	91	99	61,952	49,447	80
Heavy	35,424	41,942	40,916	116	98	244,105	261,707	107
Total	3,141,622	3,289,624	3,401,281	108	103	22,457,452	23,181,207	103
Turkeys								
Young	266,267	295,446	294,561	111	100	1,946,439	2,069,518	106
Old	2,561	2,747	2,704	106	98	20,938	20,935	100
Total	268,828	298,193	297,265	111	100	1,967,377	2,090,453	106
Ducks	3,938	3,791	3,927	100	104	29,586	31,069	105
Other ¹	157	137	145	92	106	903	840	93
Total	3,414,545	3,591,745	3,702,618	108	103	24,455,318	25,303,569	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	259,098	250,342	255,199	98	102	1,845,840	1,808,970	98
Mature	14	-	-	(X)	(X)	19	10	53
Light	14	-	-	(X)	(X)	17	10	59
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Total	259,112	250,342	255,199	98	102	1,845,859	1,808,980	98
Turkeys								
Young	198,660	187,199	188,222	95	101	1,469,155	1,323,363	90
Old	60	43	62	103	144	477	438	92
Total	198,720	187,242	188,284	95	101	1,469,632	1,323,801	90
Ducks	6,377	7,256	7,339	115	101	48,030	50,844	106
Other ¹	5	12	15	300	125	60	81	135
Total	464,214	444,852	450,837	97	101	3,363,581	3,183,706	95
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,357,625	3,490,915	3,608,547	107	103	23,997,235	24,679,023	103
Mature	43,109	49,051	47,933	111	98	306,076	311,164	102
Light	7,685	7,109	7,017	91	99	61,969	49,457	80
Heavy	35,424	41,942	40,916	116	98	244,107	261,707	107
Total	3,400,734	3,539,966	3,656,480	108	103	24,303,311	24,990,187	103
Turkeys								
Young	464,927	482,645	482,783	104	100	3,415,594	3,392,881	99
Old	2,621	2,790	2,766	106	99	21,415	21,373	100
Total	467,548	485,435	485,549	104	100	3,437,009	3,414,254	99
Ducks	10,315	11,047	11,266	109	102	77,616	81,913	106
Other ¹	162	149	160	99	107	963	921	96
Total	3,878,759	4,036,597	4,153,455	107	103	27,818,899	28,487,275	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2017	June 2018	July 2018	July 2018 as % of		January to July		2018 as percent of 2017
				July 2017	June 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	10,245	10,472	10,842	106	104	71,347	75,387	106
Mature	792	737	787	99	107	5,729	5,186	91
Light	262	279	241	92	86	2,013	1,598	79
Heavy	530	458	546	103	119	3,716	3,588	97
Total	11,037	11,209	11,629	105	104	77,076	80,573	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,602	1,571	1,635	102	104	11,231	11,177	100
Old	54	34	38	70	112	354	300	85
Total	1,656	1,605	1,673	101	104	11,585	11,477	99
Ducks	52	59	81	156	137	291	425	146
Total ¹	12,745	12,873	13,383	105	104	88,952	92,475	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.22	0.23	105
Mature	1.20	1.00	1.10	92	110	1.21	1.10	91
Light	1.76	2.02	1.78	101	88	1.67	1.66	99
Heavy	1.04	0.77	0.94	90	122	1.05	0.96	91
Total	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.26	0.27	96	104	0.26	0.26	100
Old	1.55	0.92	1.04	67	113	1.24	1.06	85
Total	0.28	0.26	0.28	100	108	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks	0.37	0.39	0.52	141	133	0.27	0.38	141
Total ¹	0.25	0.24	0.24	96	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	July 2017	June 2018	July 2018	July 2018 as % of		January to July		2018 as percent of 2017
				July 2017	June 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	26,781	25,764	26,276	98	102	201,889	195,355	97
Mature	2,104	1,679	1,811	86	108	15,648	12,295	79
Light	606	435	400	66	92	4,857	3,093	64
Heavy	1,498	1,244	1,411	94	113	10,791	9,202	85
Total	28,885	27,443	28,087	97	102	217,537	207,650	95
Turkeys								
Young	6,632	6,651	7,057	106	106	49,649	48,190	97
Old	155	151	194	125	128	1,212	1,225	101
Total	6,787	6,802	7,251	107	107	50,861	49,415	97
Ducks	259	335	266	103	79	2,026	2,157	106
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	17	14	82
Total	35,933	34,582	35,606	99	103	270,441	259,236	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.79	0.73	0.72	91	99	0.83	0.79	95
Mature	4.65	3.31	3.64	78	110	4.86	3.80	78
Light	7.31	5.77	5.39	74	93	7.27	5.89	81
Heavy	4.06	2.88	3.33	82	116	4.23	3.40	80
Total	0.84	0.77	0.76	90	99	0.89	0.82	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.41	1.36	1.44	102	106	1.43	1.40	98
Old	5.58	5.13	6.55	117	128	5.36	5.42	101
Total	1.43	1.38	1.47	103	107	1.46	1.43	98
Ducks	2.45	2.94	2.31	94	79	2.54	2.57	101
Other ¹	1.22	1.32	1.23	101	93	1.73	1.50	87
Total	0.92	0.85	0.85	92	100	0.96	0.90	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: June and July 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	3,443	3,437	734,158	704,151
Mature	-	-	115	96	107,409	89,535
Light	-	-	65	20	56,615	39,370
Heavy	-	-	50	76	50,794	50,165
Total	-	-	3,558	3,533	841,567	793,686
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	25	30	14,673	13,410
Old	-	-	-	23	908	1,000
Total	-	-	25	53	15,581	14,410
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	444,822	380,426	2,277	2,746	17,903	17,812
Mature	18,673	15,992	855	463	42,179	32,206
Light	3,645	2,453	637	212	21,403	16,357
Heavy	15,028	13,539	218	251	20,776	15,849
Total	463,495	396,418	3,132	3,209	60,082	50,018
Turkeys						
Young	2,694	3,001	148	206	66	93
Old	516	716	20	36	143	138
Total	3,210	3,717	168	242	209	231
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	11,063	11,019	49,710	49,761	103,037	116,507
Mature	4,508	4,483	1,070	748	38,441	36,700
Light	3,724	3,166	180	206	32,312	30,998
Heavy	784	1,317	890	542	6,129	5,702
Total	15,571	15,502	50,780	50,509	141,478	153,207
Turkeys						
Young	81	70	369	408	745	841
Old	42	30	45	26	158	133
Total	123	100	414	434	903	974
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	26,322	29,455	658,132	643,784	2,050,867	1,959,098
Mature	811	1,109	77,865	76,914	291,926	258,246
Light	120	128	37,869	39,486	156,570	132,396
Heavy	691	981	39,996	37,428	135,356	125,850
Total	27,133	30,564	735,997	720,698	2,342,793	2,217,344
Turkeys						
Young	207	164	13,100	12,729	32,108	30,952
Old	36	21	550	484	2,418	2,607
Total	243	185	13,650	13,213	34,526	33,559

- 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: June and July 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	88,352	92,896	478,433	506,841	5.42	5.46
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	82,291	84,433	548,961	562,953	6.67	6.67
California	23,308	22,865	144,282	135,911	6.19	5.94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	33,373	32,704	240,769	235,958	7.21	7.22
Florida	5,343	5,630	31,527	33,778	5.90	6.00
Georgia	104,107	107,430	620,312	638,223	5.96	5.94
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,191	6,464	28,329	29,303	4.58	4.53
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,763	25,180	152,555	160,226	6.42	6.36
Louisiana	14,635	15,821	91,849	98,020	6.28	6.20
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,415	10,813	64,001	66,866	6.14	6.18
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,984	4,597	30,035	28,134	6.03	6.12
Mississippi	59,642	62,528	372,534	388,023	6.25	6.21
Missouri	34,481	37,834	167,510	188,363	4.86	4.98
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	113	98	565	494	5.00	5.04
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,156	2,246	10,729	10,983	4.98	4.89
North Carolina	68,560	69,385	538,517	548,856	7.85	7.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	9,209	9,612	47,941	48,768	5.21	5.07
Oklahoma	12,683	12,775	83,849	85,132	6.61	6.66
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,387	10,686	59,293	60,658	5.71	5.68
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,427	24,814	181,467	188,709	7.43	7.60
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	24,890	25,902	131,687	138,020	5.29	5.33
Texas	53,158	55,785	343,175	357,377	6.46	6.41
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,995	29,225	167,070	172,280	5.97	5.89
Washington	3,884	3,981	24,627	25,586	6.34	6.43
West Virginia	8,690	10,017	33,413	38,503	3.85	3.84
Wisconsin	4,358	4,438	17,691	17,974	4.06	4.05
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	744,471	771,614	4,629,773	4,786,477	6.22	6.20

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	365,185	386,681	2,228	2,205	0.61	0.57
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	411,645	423,105	2,971	3,057	0.72	0.72
California	107,287	100,918	1,124	1,603	1.04	1.56
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	185,204	181,357	1,393	1,274	0.75	0.70
Florida	23,646	25,333	174	191	0.73	0.75
Georgia	467,805	481,169	3,707	3,484	0.79	0.72
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,678	21,398	97	95	0.47	0.44
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	115,536	121,534	857	905	0.74	0.74
Louisiana	69,415	73,963	365	373	0.52	0.50
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	47,449	49,535	499	432	1.04	0.86
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	23,554	21,925	188	155	0.79	0.70
Mississippi	288,910	299,935	2,004	2,209	0.69	0.73
Missouri	123,246	138,200	833	820	0.67	0.59
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	411	360	5	5	1.09	1.34
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,679	6,763	228	245	3.30	3.50
North Carolina	413,307	421,679	2,711	2,780	0.65	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	35,791	36,343	295	285	0.82	0.78
Oklahoma	63,008	64,037	317	296	0.50	0.46
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	40,694	41,292	910	1,109	2.19	2.62
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	136,585	142,087	1,034	1,065	0.75	0.74
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	96,640	101,273	642	675	0.66	0.66
Texas	261,088	272,511	1,743	1,671	0.66	0.61
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	118,291	122,315	642	525	0.54	0.43
Washington	18,371	19,068	93	94	0.50	0.49
West Virginia	23,883	27,570	212	251	0.88	0.90
Wisconsin	13,210	13,423	53	52	0.40	0.39
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,490,915	3,608,547	25,764	26,276	0.73	0.72

- 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: June and July 2018

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	350	274	49,695	45,003
Arkansas	-	-	112	196	74,820	75,927
Delaware	-	-	403	553	60,706	53,820
Georgia	-	-	11	10	63,895	60,211
Mississippi	-	-	127	105	18,380	16,907
Missouri	-	-	5	3	25,962	25,809
North Carolina	-	-	77	77	75,410	71,329
Texas	-	-	107	106	62,571	57,283
Virginia	-	-	40	34	21,060	18,648
United States	-	-	3,443	3,437	734,158	704,151
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	34,951	32,575	198	142	2,324	2,376
Arkansas	31,875	27,065	203	216	1,230	1,210
Delaware	67,973	56,412	49	33	922	815
Georgia	114,182	97,673	193	223	2,154	2,072
Mississippi	7,196	6,260	151	146	781	933
Missouri	4,050	3,537	18	22	392	457
North Carolina	33,466	24,746	169	126	2,002	2,173
Texas	16,662	15,038	160	197	888	849
Virginia	19,142	14,504	21	14	588	457
United States	444,822	380,426	2,277	2,746	17,903	17,812
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	608	617	3,391	3,727	16,221	15,485
Arkansas	386	383	4,896	5,612	6,655	6,447
Delaware	872	781	2,749	2,767	4,509	4,862
Georgia	596	687	13,333	13,638	22,296	33,051
Mississippi	767	760	2,115	2,375	1,802	1,963
Missouri	54	46	284	336	1,672	1,575
North Carolina	630	675	5,026	4,602	4,469	5,023
Texas	396	372	380	325	4,385	4,136
Virginia	862	840	930	843	2,217	2,230
United States	11,063	11,019	49,710	49,761	103,037	116,507
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	1,324	1,865	34,818	31,827	143,880	133,891
Arkansas	1,828	3,495	150,532	131,884	272,537	252,435
Delaware	1,683	1,782	10,133	7,393	149,999	129,218
Georgia	5,081	4,854	61,246	54,485	282,987	266,904
Mississippi	323	352	13,484	14,502	45,126	44,303
Missouri	59	53	16,009	22,238	48,505	54,076
North Carolina	2,822	2,350	54,071	46,940	178,142	158,041
Texas	835	1,665	19,798	17,573	106,182	97,544
Virginia	929	436	13,715	9,901	59,504	47,907
United States	26,322	29,455	658,132	643,784	2,050,867	1,959,098

- 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: June and July 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,792	2,814	52,268	52,257	18.72	18.57
California	744	789	23,352	23,363	31.39	29.60
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,981	1,922	77,435	73,777	39.09	38.39
Iowa	1,192	1,218	48,968	49,915	41.09	40.96
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,839	4,040	99,795	104,446	26.00	25.85
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	807	852	28,071	28,554	34.77	33.51
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,755	1,807	64,511	65,759	36.76	36.38
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	505	481	23,216	22,388	46.01	46.58
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	722	685	20,843	20,498	28.85	29.92
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	540	472	7,100	6,097	13.16	12.92
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,091	2,292	57,462	61,375	27.48	26.77
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,474	19,772	603,743	604,323	31.00	30.56

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	43,509	43,498	307	375	0.70	0.85
California	18,662	18,683	185	190	0.98	1.01
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	62,623	59,627	1,121	1,174	1.76	1.93
Iowa	38,561	39,163	576	712	1.47	1.78
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	79,767	83,120	1,099	1,166	1.36	1.38
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	22,743	23,136	111	109	0.49	0.47
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	50,569	51,715	324	345	0.64	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	18,516	17,904	364	306	1.93	1.68
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	16,419	16,251	367	337	2.18	2.03
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	5,958	5,121	33	34	0.55	0.65
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	46,140	49,241	708	750	1.51	1.50
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	482,645	482,783	6,651	7,057	1.36	1.44

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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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