



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**August 2017** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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**Poultry certified wholesome** during August 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.47 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2017. The July 2018 revised certified total at 4.17 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from July 2017. The July revision represented an increase of 21 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during August 2018 was 5.91 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.77 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.16 billion pounds, up 3 percent from August 2017. Mature chickens, at 80.2 million pounds, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 648 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during August 2018 averaged 6.28 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.69 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2018 averaged 30.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2017.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during August 2018 totaled 14.4 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 37.3 million pounds, were 0.83 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.89 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	August 2018 as % of		January to August		2018 as percent of 2017
				August 2017	July 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 .....	809,685	775,038	822,289	102	106	5,971,949	6,075,728	102
Mature .....	12,170	11,157	11,997	99	108	91,241	86,085	94
Light .....	4,778	3,997	3,898	82	98	40,621	31,913	79
Heavy .....	7,392	7,160	8,099	110	113	50,620	54,172	107
Total .....	821,855	786,195	834,286	102	106	6,063,190	6,161,813	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	22,136	19,771	21,020	95	106	158,523	156,346	99
Old .....	164	126	101	62	80	1,136	1,067	94
Total .....	22,300	19,897	21,121	95	106	159,659	157,413	99
Ducks .....	2,333	2,273	2,300	99	101	17,756	18,390	104
	(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 .....	5,000,781	4,813,719	5,163,187	103	107	36,852,073	37,946,065	103
Mature .....	77,010	72,243	80,221	104	111	549,964	552,706	100
Light .....	16,134	13,547	13,321	83	98	136,381	109,650	80
Heavy .....	60,876	58,696	66,900	110	114	413,583	443,056	107
Total .....	5,077,791	4,885,962	5,243,408	103	107	37,402,037	38,498,771	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	673,714	604,483	644,486	96	107	4,937,075	4,886,740	99
Old .....	4,694	3,668	3,063	65	84	33,187	31,453	95
Total .....	678,408	608,151	647,549	95	106	4,970,262	4,918,193	99
Ducks .....	16,044	15,517	15,739	98	101	122,568	127,977	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	215	228	239	111	105	1,664	1,558	94
Total .....	5,772,458	5,509,858	5,906,935	102	107	42,496,531	43,546,499	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.18	6.21	6.28	102	101	6.17	6.25	101
Mature .....	6.33	6.48	6.69	106	103	6.03	6.42	106
Light .....	3.38	3.39	3.42	101	101	3.36	3.44	102
Heavy .....	8.24	8.20	8.26	100	101	8.17	8.18	100
Total .....	6.18	6.21	6.28	102	101	6.17	6.25	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.44	30.57	30.66	101	100	31.14	31.26	100
Old .....	28.62	29.11	30.33	106	104	29.21	29.48	101
Total .....	30.42	30.56	30.66	101	100	31.13	31.24	100
Ducks .....	6.88	6.83	6.84	99	100	6.90	6.96	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	August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	August 2018 as % of		January to August		2018 as percent of 2017
				August 2017	July 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 .....	3,455,064	3,368,908	3,602,067	104	107	25,606,459	26,487,680	103
Mature .....	50,656	48,286	53,607	106	111	356,713	365,114	102
Light .....	8,312	7,017	6,834	82	97	70,264	56,281	80
Heavy .....	42,344	41,269	46,773	110	113	286,449	308,833	108
Total .....	3,505,720	3,417,194	3,655,674	104	107	25,963,172	26,852,794	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	305,893	294,822	317,971	104	108	2,252,332	2,387,750	106
Old .....	3,459	2,704	2,145	62	79	24,397	23,080	95
Total .....	309,352	297,526	320,116	103	108	2,276,729	2,410,830	106
Ducks .....	4,456	3,927	4,259	96	108	34,042	35,328	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	134	145	154	115	106	1,037	994	96
Total .....	3,819,662	3,718,792	3,980,203	104	107	28,274,980	29,299,946	104
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	308,536	260,593	286,310	93	110	2,154,376	2,100,674	98
Mature .....	2	-	-	(X)	(X)	21	10	48
Light .....	2	-	-	(X)	(X)	19	10	53
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Total .....	308,538	260,593	286,310	93	110	2,154,397	2,100,684	98
Turkeys								
Young .....	233,720	188,088	196,513	84	104	1,702,875	1,519,742	89
Old .....	72	62	79	110	127	549	517	94
Total .....	233,792	188,150	196,592	84	104	1,703,424	1,520,259	89
Ducks .....	7,198	7,339	7,171	100	98	55,228	58,015	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	13	15	12	92	80	73	93	127
Total .....	549,541	456,097	490,085	89	107	3,913,122	3,679,051	94
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,763,600	3,629,501	3,888,377	103	107	27,760,835	28,588,354	103
Mature .....	50,658	48,286	53,607	106	111	356,734	365,124	102
Light .....	8,314	7,017	6,834	82	97	70,283	56,291	80
Heavy .....	42,344	41,269	46,773	110	113	286,451	308,833	108
Total .....	3,814,258	3,677,787	3,941,984	103	107	28,117,569	28,953,478	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	539,613	482,910	514,484	95	107	3,955,207	3,907,492	99
Old .....	3,531	2,766	2,224	63	80	24,946	23,597	95
Total .....	543,144	485,676	516,708	95	106	3,980,153	3,931,089	99
Ducks .....	11,654	11,266	11,430	98	101	89,270	93,343	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	147	160	166	113	104	1,110	1,087	98
Total .....	4,369,203	4,174,889	4,470,288	102	107	32,188,102	32,978,997	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	August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	August 2018 as % of		January to August		2018 as percent of 2017
				August 2017	July 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 .....	10,912	10,906	11,801	108	108	82,259	87,252	106
Mature .....	866	789	694	80	88	6,595	5,882	89
Light .....	291	241	234	80	97	2,304	1,832	80
Heavy .....	575	548	460	80	84	4,291	4,050	94
Total .....	11,778	11,695	12,495	106	107	88,854	93,134	105
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,649	1,635	1,785	108	109	12,880	12,962	101
Old .....	52	38	34	65	89	406	334	82
Total .....	1,701	1,673	1,819	107	109	13,286	13,296	100
Ducks .....	59	81	73	124	90	350	498	142
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	13,538	13,449	14,387	106	107	102,490	106,928	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.23	0.23	105	100	0.22	0.23	105
Mature .....	1.12	1.09	0.87	78	80	1.20	1.06	88
Light .....	1.80	1.78	1.76	98	99	1.69	1.67	99
Heavy .....	0.94	0.93	0.69	73	74	1.04	0.91	88
Total .....	0.23	0.24	0.24	104	100	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.24	0.27	0.28	117	104	0.26	0.27	104
Old .....	1.11	1.04	1.11	100	107	1.22	1.06	87
Total .....	0.25	0.28	0.28	112	100	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks .....	0.37	0.52	0.46	124	88	0.29	0.39	134
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.23	0.24	0.24	104	100	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	August 2017	July 2018	August 2018	August 2018 as % of		January to August		2018 as percent of 2017
				August 2017	July 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 .....	29,188	26,555	27,457	94	103	231,077	223,091	97
Mature .....	2,331	1,813	2,014	86	111	17,979	14,311	80
Light .....	608	400	434	71	109	5,465	3,527	65
Heavy .....	1,723	1,413	1,580	92	112	12,514	10,784	86
Total .....	31,519	28,368	29,471	94	104	249,056	237,402	95
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,430	7,056	7,412	100	105	57,079	55,601	97
Old .....	177	194	131	74	68	1,389	1,356	98
Total .....	7,607	7,250	7,543	99	104	58,468	56,957	97
Ducks .....	310	266	299	96	112	2,336	2,456	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	3	2	3	100	150	20	17	85
Total .....	39,439	35,886	37,316	95	104	309,880	296,832	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.77	0.73	0.70	91	96	0.83	0.77	93
Mature .....	4.40	3.62	3.62	82	100	4.80	3.77	79
Light .....	6.81	5.39	5.97	88	111	7.21	5.90	82
Heavy .....	3.91	3.31	3.27	84	99	4.19	3.37	80
Total .....	0.82	0.77	0.74	90	96	0.88	0.81	92
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.36	1.44	1.42	104	99	1.42	1.40	99
Old .....	4.77	6.55	5.56	117	85	5.27	5.43	103
Total .....	1.38	1.47	1.44	104	98	1.45	1.43	99
Ducks .....	2.59	2.31	2.55	98	110	2.55	2.56	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2.00	1.23	1.78	89	145	1.77	1.54	87
Total .....	0.89	0.85	0.83	93	98	0.95	0.89	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: July and August 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	3,437	3,110	707,736	713,610
Mature .....	-	-	96	112	89,535	104,509
Light .....	-	-	20	55	39,370	49,104
Heavy .....	-	-	76	57	50,165	55,405
Total .....	-	-	3,533	3,222	797,271	818,119
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	30	57	13,425	16,183
Old .....	-	-	23	1	1,000	829
Total .....	-	-	53	58	14,425	17,012
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	381,033	319,563	2,746	2,767	17,866	17,470
Mature .....	15,992	16,215	463	483	32,206	31,948
Light .....	2,453	3,066	212	135	16,357	15,933
Heavy .....	13,539	13,149	251	348	15,849	16,015
Total .....	397,025	335,778	3,209	3,250	50,072	49,418
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,001	3,757	206	178	93	27
Old .....	716	376	36	16	138	119
Total .....	3,717	4,133	242	194	231	146
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,025	11,618	49,883	49,441	116,640	120,627
Mature .....	4,483	5,832	748	1,167	36,700	37,129
Light .....	3,166	3,920	206	336	30,998	29,866
Heavy .....	1,317	1,912	542	831	5,702	7,263
Total .....	15,508	17,450	50,631	50,608	153,340	157,756
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	70	93	408	296	841	805
Old .....	30	21	26	23	133	97
Total .....	100	114	434	319	974	902
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	29,530	32,507	644,496	689,330	1,964,392	1,960,043
Mature .....	1,109	1,357	76,914	93,032	258,246	291,784
Light .....	128	149	39,486	50,332	132,396	152,896
Heavy .....	981	1,208	37,428	42,700	125,850	138,888
Total .....	30,639	33,864	721,410	782,362	2,222,638	2,251,827
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	164	337	12,729	15,400	30,967	37,133
Old .....	21	13	484	388	2,607	1,883
Total .....	185	350	13,213	15,788	33,574	39,016

- 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: July and August 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	92,896	100,042	506,841	554,379	5.46	5.54
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	84,351	93,914	562,909	634,325	6.67	6.75
California .....	22,918	23,443	136,201	141,977	5.94	6.06
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	32,704	34,906	235,958	254,790	7.22	7.30
Florida .....	5,630	5,144	33,778	31,013	6.00	6.03
Georgia .....	110,083	116,649	661,568	702,354	6.01	6.02
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,464	6,572	29,303	29,455	4.53	4.48
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	25,180	26,500	160,226	173,519	6.36	6.55
Louisiana .....	15,821	17,022	98,020	104,443	6.20	6.14
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	10,813	11,766	66,866	71,284	6.18	6.06
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,597	4,985	28,134	30,201	6.12	6.06
Mississippi .....	62,528	63,292	388,023	404,732	6.21	6.39
Missouri .....	38,475	40,375	190,910	200,159	4.96	4.96
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	98	111	494	531	5.04	4.79
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,246	2,475	10,983	12,506	4.89	5.05
North Carolina .....	69,469	72,965	549,527	584,075	7.91	8.00
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	9,612	9,549	48,768	49,437	5.07	5.18
Oklahoma .....	12,775	13,569	85,132	89,239	6.66	6.58
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,686	11,331	60,658	65,494	5.68	5.78
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,814	26,649	188,709	195,217	7.60	7.33
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	25,902	27,767	138,020	148,597	5.33	5.35
Texas .....	55,785	59,902	357,377	391,548	6.41	6.54
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	29,300	31,204	172,713	188,009	5.89	6.03
Washington .....	3,981	4,392	25,586	28,323	6.43	6.45
West Virginia .....	10,017	9,413	38,503	35,983	3.84	3.82
Wisconsin .....	4,438	4,448	17,974	18,283	4.05	4.11
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	775,038	822,289	4,813,719	5,163,187	6.21	6.28

- Represents zero.

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

# Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	386,681	422,367	2,205	2,349	0.57	0.55
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	423,084	476,017	3,061	3,165	0.72	0.66
California .....	101,132	105,961	1,604	1,149	1.56	1.07
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	181,357	194,940	1,274	1,354	0.70	0.69
Florida .....	25,333	23,259	191	196	0.75	0.83
Georgia .....	499,378	528,844	3,737	3,802	0.74	0.71
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	21,398	21,492	95	88	0.44	0.41
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	121,534	131,429	905	920	0.74	0.70
Louisiana .....	73,963	78,214	373	383	0.50	0.49
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	49,535	52,692	432	508	0.86	0.95
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	21,925	23,380	155	139	0.70	0.59
Mississippi .....	299,935	312,102	2,209	2,299	0.73	0.73
Missouri .....	139,962	147,403	833	968	0.59	0.65
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	360	386	5	5	1.34	1.23
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,763	7,659	245	301	3.50	3.78
North Carolina .....	422,157	448,637	2,786	2,687	0.66	0.60
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	36,343	36,751	285	286	0.78	0.77
Oklahoma .....	64,037	67,119	296	270	0.46	0.40
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	41,292	44,417	1,109	1,250	2.62	2.74
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	142,087	147,052	1,065	1,192	0.74	0.80
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	101,273	108,910	675	792	0.66	0.72
Texas .....	272,511	298,329	1,671	1,858	0.61	0.62
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	122,627	133,642	527	559	0.43	0.42
Washington .....	19,068	21,210	94	71	0.49	0.33
West Virginia .....	27,570	25,796	251	245	0.90	0.94
Wisconsin .....	13,423	13,659	52	44	0.39	0.32
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,629,501	3,888,377	26,555	27,457	0.73	0.70

- Represents zero.

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

(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: July and August 2018

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	274	211	45,003	40,282
Arkansas .....	-	-	196	106	75,927	69,149
Delaware .....	-	-	553	497	53,820	57,530
Georgia .....	-	-	10	36	63,654	59,607
Mississippi .....	-	-	105	131	16,907	16,251
Missouri .....	-	-	3	-	25,809	27,459
North Carolina .....	-	-	77	65	71,329	72,190
Texas .....	-	-	106	124	57,283	59,385
Virginia .....	-	-	34	45	18,745	22,523
United States .....	-	-	3,437	3,110	707,736	713,610
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	32,575	31,243	142	93	2,376	2,225
Arkansas .....	27,065	22,275	216	194	1,210	1,121
Delaware .....	56,412	37,252	33	33	815	767
Georgia .....	98,257	76,137	223	203	2,121	2,211
Mississippi .....	6,260	6,268	146	107	933	1,133
Missouri .....	3,537	3,363	22	30	457	414
North Carolina .....	24,746	21,461	126	99	2,173	2,041
Texas .....	15,038	15,677	197	210	849	857
Virginia .....	14,527	11,636	14	29	460	554
United States .....	381,033	319,563	2,746	2,767	17,866	17,470
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	617	611	3,727	3,382	15,485	15,093
Arkansas .....	383	317	5,612	5,426	6,447	6,392
Delaware .....	781	857	2,767	3,051	4,862	5,926
Georgia .....	693	777	13,755	14,229	33,178	35,789
Mississippi .....	760	700	2,375	2,645	1,963	1,860
Missouri .....	46	49	336	315	1,575	1,631
North Carolina .....	675	587	4,602	4,467	5,023	4,273
Texas .....	372	432	325	378	4,136	4,248
Virginia .....	840	868	848	816	2,236	2,140
United States .....	11,025	11,618	49,883	49,441	116,640	120,627
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	1,865	1,367	31,827	35,826	133,891	130,333
Arkansas .....	3,495	1,758	131,884	137,654	252,435	244,392
Delaware .....	1,782	1,797	7,393	7,635	129,218	115,345
Georgia .....	4,918	6,812	55,155	68,384	271,964	264,185
Mississippi .....	352	366	14,502	13,242	44,303	42,703
Missouri .....	53	50	22,238	20,122	54,076	53,433
North Carolina .....	2,350	2,340	46,940	44,475	158,041	151,998
Texas .....	1,665	1,343	17,573	20,225	97,544	102,879
Virginia .....	446	488	9,943	9,712	48,093	48,811
United States .....	29,530	32,507	644,496	689,330	1,964,392	1,960,043

- 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: July and August 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,800	2,919	52,059	56,243	18.59	19.27
California .....	802	839	23,721	25,342	29.57	30.21
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,922	2,102	73,777	81,202	38.39	38.64
Iowa .....	1,218	1,230	49,915	50,642	40.96	41.17
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,040	4,040	104,446	102,962	25.85	25.48
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	852	1,002	28,554	32,508	33.51	32.43
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 .....	1,807	2,138	65,759	77,344	36.38	36.18
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	481	548	22,388	24,825	46.58	45.34
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	685	829	20,498	21,935	29.92	26.47
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	472	452	6,097	5,955	12.92	13.18
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia .....	2,292	2,359	61,375	63,934	26.77	27.10
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,771	21,020	604,483	644,486	30.57	30.66

- Represents zero.

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# Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(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 .....	43,332	46,781	374	349	0.85	0.74
California .....	18,976	20,278	190	235	0.99	1.15
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	59,627	65,669	1,174	1,160	1.93	1.74
Iowa .....	39,163	39,923	712	624	1.78	1.54
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	83,120	81,903	1,166	1,273	1.38	1.53
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	23,136	26,345	109	133	0.47	0.50
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 .....	51,715	60,664	345	360	0.66	0.59
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	17,904	19,825	306	414	1.68	2.05
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	16,251	17,331	337	386	2.03	2.18
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	5,121	4,883	34	36	0.65	0.72
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia .....	49,241	51,272	750	761	1.50	1.46
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	482,910	514,484	7,056	7,412	1.44	1.42

- 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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