



Poultry Slaughter

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

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

September 2018 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.89 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in September 2017. The August 2018 revised certified total at 4.47 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from August 2017. The August revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2018 was 5.13 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.22 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.52 billion pounds, down 1 percent from September 2017. Mature chickens, at 61.3 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 536 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.1 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2018 averaged 6.30 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.56 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2018 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from September 2017.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2018 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 32.2 million pounds, were 0.82 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.90 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2017	August 2018	September 2018	September 2018 as % of		January to September		2018 as percent of 2017
				September 2017	August 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	728,356	823,156	717,179	98	87	6,700,305	6,793,774	101
Mature	10,531	11,997	9,338	89	78	101,772	95,423	94
Light	4,139	3,898	3,306	80	85	44,760	35,219	79
Heavy	6,392	8,099	6,032	94	74	57,012	60,204	106
Total	738,887	835,153	726,517	98	87	6,802,077	6,889,197	101
Turkeys								
Young	18,908	21,028	17,387	92	83	177,431	173,741	98
Old	115	101	156	136	154	1,251	1,223	98
Total	19,023	21,129	17,543	92	83	178,682	174,964	98
Ducks	2,130	2,300	2,047	96	89	19,886	20,437	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,554,748	5,168,291	4,517,997	99	87	41,406,821	42,469,166	103
Mature	66,643	80,221	61,258	92	76	616,607	613,964	100
Light	14,210	13,321	11,433	80	86	150,591	121,083	80
Heavy	52,433	66,900	49,825	95	74	466,016	492,881	106
Total	4,621,391	5,248,512	4,579,255	99	87	42,023,428	43,083,130	103
Turkeys								
Young	581,261	644,881	531,593	91	82	5,518,336	5,418,728	98
Old	3,434	3,063	4,722	138	154	36,621	36,175	99
Total	584,695	647,944	536,315	92	83	5,554,957	5,454,903	98
Ducks	14,616	15,739	14,082	96	89	137,184	142,059	104
Other ¹	660	240	697	106	290	2,324	2,256	97
Total	5,221,362	5,912,435	5,130,349	98	87	47,717,893	48,682,348	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.25	6.28	6.30	101	100	6.18	6.25	101
Mature	6.33	6.69	6.56	104	98	6.06	6.43	106
Light	3.43	3.42	3.46	101	101	3.36	3.44	102
Heavy	8.20	8.26	8.26	101	100	8.17	8.19	100
Total	6.25	6.28	6.30	101	100	6.18	6.25	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.74	30.67	30.57	99	100	31.10	31.19	100
Old	29.86	30.33	30.27	101	100	29.27	29.58	101
Total	30.74	30.67	30.57	99	100	31.09	31.18	100
Ducks	6.86	6.84	6.88	100	101	6.90	6.95	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2017	August 2018	September 2018	September 2018 as % of		January to September		2018 as percent of 2017
				September 2017	August 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,158,548	3,605,255	3,154,948	100	88	28,765,007	29,645,816	103
Mature	43,694	53,607	40,530	93	76	400,407	405,644	101
Light	7,226	6,834	5,864	81	86	77,490	62,145	80
Heavy	36,468	46,773	34,666	95	74	322,917	343,499	106
Total	3,202,242	3,658,862	3,195,478	100	87	29,165,414	30,051,460	103
Turkeys								
Young	265,307	317,979	271,130	102	85	2,517,639	2,658,888	106
Old	2,515	2,145	3,440	137	160	26,912	26,520	99
Total	267,822	320,124	274,570	103	86	2,544,551	2,685,408	106
Ducks	4,026	4,259	3,993	99	94	38,068	39,321	103
Other ¹	135	154	131	97	85	1,172	1,125	96
Total	3,474,225	3,983,399	3,474,172	100	87	31,749,205	32,777,314	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	271,374	287,082	251,892	93	88	2,425,750	2,353,338	97
Mature	3	-	-	(X)	(X)	24	10	42
Light	3	-	-	(X)	(X)	22	10	45
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Total	271,377	287,082	251,892	93	88	2,425,774	2,353,348	97
Turkeys								
Young	200,036	196,811	153,495	77	78	1,902,911	1,673,535	88
Old	65	79	172	265	218	614	689	112
Total	200,101	196,890	153,667	77	78	1,903,525	1,674,224	88
Ducks	6,612	7,171	6,215	94	87	61,840	64,230	104
Other ¹	273	12	308	113	2,567	346	401	116
Total	478,363	491,155	412,082	86	84	4,391,485	4,092,203	93
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,429,922	3,892,337	3,406,840	99	88	31,190,757	31,999,154	103
Mature	43,697	53,607	40,530	93	76	400,431	405,654	101
Light	7,229	6,834	5,864	81	86	77,512	62,155	80
Heavy	36,468	46,773	34,666	95	74	322,919	343,499	106
Total	3,473,619	3,945,944	3,447,370	99	87	31,591,188	32,404,808	103
Turkeys								
Young	465,343	514,790	424,625	91	82	4,420,550	4,332,423	98
Old	2,580	2,224	3,612	140	162	27,526	27,209	99
Total	467,923	517,014	428,237	92	83	4,448,076	4,359,632	98
Ducks	10,638	11,430	10,208	96	89	99,908	103,551	104
Other ¹	408	166	439	108	264	1,518	1,526	101
Total	3,952,588	4,474,554	3,886,254	98	87	36,140,690	36,869,517	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2017	August 2018	September 2018	September 2018 as % of		January to September		2018 as percent of 2017
				September 2017	August 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	10,365	11,813	10,373	100	88	92,624	97,637	105
Mature	718	694	519	72	75	7,313	6,401	88
Light	240	234	171	71	73	2,544	2,003	79
Heavy	478	460	348	73	76	4,769	4,398	92
Total	11,083	12,507	10,892	98	87	99,937	104,038	104
Turkeys								
Young	1,439	1,787	1,415	98	79	14,319	14,379	100
Old	30	34	41	137	121	436	375	86
Total	1,469	1,821	1,456	99	80	14,755	14,754	100
Ducks	61	73	82	134	112	411	580	141
Total ¹	12,614	14,401	12,433	99	86	115,104	119,375	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	1.08	0.87	0.85	79	98	1.19	1.04	87
Light	1.69	1.76	1.50	89	85	1.69	1.65	98
Heavy	0.91	0.69	0.70	77	101	1.02	0.89	87
Total	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.28	0.27	108	96	0.26	0.27	104
Old	0.87	1.11	0.87	100	78	1.19	1.04	87
Total	0.25	0.28	0.27	108	96	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks	0.42	0.46	0.58	138	126	0.30	0.41	137
Total ¹	0.24	0.24	0.24	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	September 2017	August 2018	September 2018	September 2018 as % of		January to September		2018 as percent of 2017
				September 2017	August 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	27,065	27,503	23,770	88	86	258,142	246,907	96
Mature	1,980	2,014	1,555	79	77	19,959	15,866	79
Light	502	434	355	71	82	5,967	3,882	65
Heavy	1,478	1,580	1,200	81	76	13,992	11,984	86
Total	29,045	29,517	25,325	87	86	278,101	262,773	94
Turkeys								
Young	6,521	7,419	6,350	97	86	63,600	61,958	97
Old	140	131	172	123	131	1,529	1,528	100
Total	6,661	7,550	6,522	98	86	65,129	63,486	97
Ducks	280	299	322	115	108	2,616	2,778	106
Other ¹	6	3	6	100	200	26	23	88
Total	35,992	37,369	32,175	89	86	345,872	329,060	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.78	0.70	0.69	88	99	0.82	0.77	94
Mature	4.33	3.62	3.69	85	102	4.75	3.76	79
Light	6.49	5.97	5.71	88	96	7.15	5.88	82
Heavy	3.90	3.27	3.35	86	102	4.15	3.37	81
Total	0.83	0.74	0.73	88	99	0.87	0.80	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.38	1.42	1.47	107	104	1.42	1.41	99
Old	5.15	5.56	4.55	88	82	5.26	5.32	101
Total	1.40	1.44	1.50	107	104	1.44	1.44	100
Ducks	2.56	2.55	3.06	120	120	2.55	2.61	102
Other ¹	1.45	1.78	1.35	93	76	1.68	1.48	88
Total	0.90	0.83	0.82	91	99	0.95	0.88	93

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: August and September 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	3,114	2,890	714,332	673,416
Mature	-	-	112	114	104,509	87,343
Light	-	-	55	74	49,104	41,222
Heavy	-	-	57	40	55,405	46,121
Total	-	-	3,226	3,004	818,841	760,759
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	57	23	16,211	12,881
Old	-	-	1	7	829	1,080
Total	-	-	58	30	17,040	13,961
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	319,734	281,587	2,767	2,690	17,507	16,177
Mature	16,215	9,082	483	213	31,948	24,639
Light	3,066	2,325	135	13	15,933	13,416
Heavy	13,149	6,757	348	200	16,015	11,223
Total	335,949	290,669	3,250	2,903	49,455	40,816
Turkeys						
Young	3,757	3,252	178	156	27	102
Old	376	466	16	16	119	203
Total	4,133	3,718	194	172	146	305
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	11,620	11,007	49,496	47,004	120,642	118,404
Mature	5,832	3,886	1,167	843	37,129	26,646
Light	3,920	2,230	336	264	29,866	21,690
Heavy	1,912	1,656	831	579	7,263	4,956
Total	17,452	14,893	50,663	47,847	157,771	145,050
Turkeys						
Young	93	85	296	284	805	663
Old	21	15	23	7	97	97
Total	114	100	319	291	902	760
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	32,528	37,326	689,389	631,827	1,961,129	1,822,328
Mature	1,357	1,211	93,032	70,767	291,784	224,744
Light	149	126	50,332	45,182	152,896	126,542
Heavy	1,208	1,085	42,700	25,585	138,888	98,202
Total	33,885	38,537	782,421	702,594	2,252,913	2,047,072
Turkeys						
Young	337	313	15,420	12,089	37,181	29,848
Old	13	16	388	486	1,883	2,393
Total	350	329	15,808	12,575	39,064	32,241

- 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: August and September 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	100,042	87,465	554,379	488,560	5.54	5.59
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	94,172	79,845	635,694	539,105	6.75	6.75
California	23,443	20,996	141,977	127,068	6.06	6.05
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	34,905	31,518	254,790	230,250	7.30	7.31
Florida	5,144	4,329	31,013	26,404	6.03	6.10
Georgia	116,866	100,824	704,007	607,048	6.02	6.02
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,572	5,495	29,455	24,233	4.48	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,500	23,682	173,519	155,161	6.55	6.55
Louisiana	17,022	15,398	104,443	94,767	6.14	6.15
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,766	10,384	71,284	63,323	6.06	6.10
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,985	4,229	30,201	26,098	6.06	6.17
Mississippi	63,444	59,582	405,401	378,495	6.39	6.35
Missouri	40,375	35,260	200,159	177,812	4.96	5.04
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	111	86	531	425	4.79	4.93
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,475	2,060	12,506	10,206	5.05	4.95
North Carolina	72,965	57,988	584,075	468,658	8.00	8.08
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	9,549	8,302	49,437	43,194	5.18	5.20
Oklahoma	13,731	12,354	90,263	80,835	6.57	6.54
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,387	10,077	65,771	58,225	5.78	5.78
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,649	23,094	195,217	178,614	7.33	7.73
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	27,767	25,203	148,597	137,594	5.35	5.46
Texas	59,902	52,200	391,548	342,948	6.54	6.57
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	31,204	27,239	188,009	165,939	6.03	6.09
Washington	4,392	3,605	28,323	23,539	6.45	6.53
West Virginia	9,413	8,615	35,983	32,995	3.82	3.83
Wisconsin	4,448	4,215	18,283	17,111	4.11	4.06
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	823,156	717,179	5,168,291	4,517,997	6.28	6.30

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	422,367	372,147	2,349	1,983	0.55	0.53
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	477,278	404,741	3,173	2,622	0.66	0.64
California	105,961	95,095	1,149	1,015	1.07	1.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	194,940	177,439	1,354	1,239	0.69	0.69
Florida	23,259	19,803	196	225	0.83	1.12
Georgia	530,065	458,397	3,818	3,139	0.72	0.68
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	21,492	17,679	88	72	0.41	0.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	131,429	117,610	920	915	0.70	0.77
Louisiana	78,214	71,739	383	365	0.49	0.51
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	52,692	46,939	508	345	0.95	0.73
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	23,380	19,942	139	131	0.59	0.65
Mississippi	312,584	290,314	2,305	2,070	0.73	0.71
Missouri	147,403	130,879	968	756	0.65	0.57
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	386	311	5	3	1.23	0.89
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,659	6,336	301	229	3.78	3.49
North Carolina	448,637	360,723	2,687	2,521	0.60	0.69
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	36,751	32,135	286	259	0.77	0.80
Oklahoma	67,882	60,814	272	208	0.40	0.34
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	44,569	39,754	1,261	854	2.75	2.10
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	147,052	134,536	1,192	1,168	0.80	0.86
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	108,910	100,992	792	738	0.72	0.73
Texas	298,329	262,020	1,858	1,681	0.62	0.64
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	133,642	118,495	559	498	0.42	0.42
Washington	21,210	17,599	71	65	0.33	0.37
West Virginia	25,796	23,573	245	235	0.94	0.99
Wisconsin	13,659	12,785	44	45	0.32	0.35
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,892,337	3,406,840	27,503	23,770	0.70	0.69

- 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: August and September 2018

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	211	250	40,282	40,309
Arkansas	-	-	106	48	69,343	62,502
Delaware	-	-	497	521	57,530	52,224
Georgia	-	-	36	7	59,794	52,685
Mississippi	-	-	131	64	16,251	17,509
Missouri	-	-	-	-	27,459	26,265
North Carolina	-	-	65	103	72,190	68,025
Texas	-	-	124	301	59,385	58,133
Virginia	-	-	45	71	22,523	20,422
United States	-	-	3,114	2,890	714,332	673,416

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	31,243	28,675	93	96	2,225	2,003
Arkansas	22,275	20,755	194	115	1,126	1,052
Delaware	37,252	28,817	33	19	767	644
Georgia	76,196	65,313	203	178	2,218	1,749
Mississippi	6,268	7,405	107	119	1,133	1,026
Missouri	3,363	3,368	30	16	414	393
North Carolina	21,461	19,822	99	60	2,041	1,620
Texas	15,677	14,696	210	280	857	896
Virginia	11,636	9,516	29	15	554	501
United States	319,734	281,587	2,767	2,690	17,507	16,177

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	611	570	3,382	3,253	15,093	16,143
Arkansas	317	308	5,477	4,738	6,399	5,006
Delaware	857	826	3,051	3,064	5,926	6,299
Georgia	777	597	14,232	13,176	35,794	36,805
Mississippi	700	718	2,645	2,656	1,860	2,021
Missouri	49	50	315	249	1,631	1,552
North Carolina	587	546	4,467	4,784	4,273	4,168
Texas	432	499	378	374	4,248	4,054
Virginia	868	716	816	716	2,140	1,990
United States	11,620	11,007	49,496	47,004	120,642	118,404

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	1,367	2,174	35,826	35,958	130,333	129,431
Arkansas	1,758	2,297	137,654	114,290	244,649	211,111
Delaware	1,797	2,821	7,635	5,696	115,345	100,931
Georgia	6,833	7,470	68,434	62,265	264,517	240,245
Mississippi	366	393	13,242	12,521	42,703	44,432
Missouri	50	58	20,122	16,187	53,433	48,138
North Carolina	2,340	2,602	44,475	45,360	151,998	147,090
Texas	1,343	1,293	20,225	17,061	102,879	97,587
Virginia	488	378	9,712	10,622	48,811	44,947
United States	32,528	37,326	689,389	631,827	1,961,129	1,822,328

- 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: August and September 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,919	2,447	56,243	49,934	19.27	20.40
California	839	785	25,342	22,668	30.21	28.87
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2,102	1,789	81,202	67,772	38.64	37.89
Iowa	1,230	1,019	50,642	43,448	41.17	42.65
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,040	3,543	102,962	90,057	25.48	25.42
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,002	828	32,508	26,688	32.43	32.21
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	2,138	1,259	77,344	42,885	36.18	34.05
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	548	459	24,825	20,510	45.34	44.66
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	829	688	21,958	19,038	26.47	27.66
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	452	473	5,955	6,998	13.18	14.80
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,359	1,903	63,934	52,569	27.10	27.63
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,028	17,387	644,881	531,593	30.67	30.57

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	46,781	41,536	349	361	0.74	0.86
California	20,278	18,119	235	171	1.15	0.94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
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	65,669	54,776	1,160	1,001	1.74	1.79
Iowa	39,923	34,241	624	511	1.54	1.47
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	81,903	71,777	1,273	1,155	1.53	1.58
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,345	21,626	133	98	0.50	0.45
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	60,664	33,299	360	288	0.59	0.86
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,825	16,388	414	315	2.05	1.89
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	17,339	15,208	388	337	2.19	2.17
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	4,883	5,766	36	43	0.72	0.75
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	51,272	42,125	761	630	1.46	1.47
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	514,790	424,625	7,419	6,350	1.42	1.47

- Represents zero.

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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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