



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent from Last Year

October 2017 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

October 2018 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.53 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in October 2017. The September 2018 revised certified total at 3.90 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from September 2017. The September revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2018 was 5.98 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 5.70 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.16 billion pounds, up 5 percent from October 2017. Mature chickens, at 75.6 million pounds, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 716 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 18.2 million pounds, up 15 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2018 averaged 6.32 pounds per bird, up slightly from October 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.54 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2018 averaged 30.0 pounds per bird, down slightly from October 2017.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2018 totaled 14.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.7 million pounds, were 0.83 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	October 2017	September 2018	October 2018	October 2018 as % of		January to October		2018 as percent of 2017
				October 2017	September 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	783,000	719,006	817,500	104	114	7,483,305	7,613,101	102
Mature	11,358	9,618	11,553	102	120	113,130	107,256	95
Light	4,089	3,306	4,183	102	127	48,849	39,402	81
Heavy	7,269	6,312	7,370	101	117	64,281	67,854	106
Total	794,358	728,624	829,053	104	114	7,596,435	7,720,357	102
Turkeys								
Young	22,825	17,387	23,684	104	136	200,256	197,425	99
Old	183	156	194	106	124	1,434	1,417	99
Total	23,008	17,543	23,878	104	136	201,690	198,842	99
Ducks	2,274	2,047	2,600	114	127	22,160	23,037	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,921,750	4,532,242	5,164,316	105	114	46,328,571	47,647,727	103
Mature	72,896	63,517	75,587	104	119	689,503	691,810	100
Light	13,886	11,433	14,251	103	125	164,477	135,334	82
Heavy	59,010	52,084	61,336	104	118	525,026	556,476	106
Total	4,994,646	4,595,759	5,239,903	105	114	47,018,074	48,339,537	103
Turkeys								
Young	686,143	531,593	710,416	104	134	6,204,479	6,129,144	99
Old	5,436	4,722	5,577	103	118	42,057	41,752	99
Total	691,579	536,315	715,993	104	134	6,246,536	6,170,896	99
Ducks	15,788	14,082	18,165	115	129	152,972	160,224	105
Other ¹	1,239	697	1,040	84	149	3,563	3,296	93
Total	5,703,252	5,146,853	5,975,101	105	116	53,421,145	54,673,953	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.29	6.30	6.32	100	100	6.19	6.26	101
Mature	6.42	6.60	6.54	102	99	6.09	6.45	106
Light	3.40	3.46	3.41	100	99	3.37	3.43	102
Heavy	8.12	8.25	8.32	102	101	8.17	8.20	100
Total	6.29	6.31	6.32	100	100	6.19	6.26	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.06	30.57	30.00	100	98	30.98	31.05	100
Old	29.70	30.27	28.75	97	95	29.33	29.47	100
Total	30.06	30.57	29.99	100	98	30.97	31.03	100
Ducks	6.94	6.88	6.99	101	102	6.90	6.96	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2017	September 2018	October 2018	October 2018 as % of		January to October		2018 as percent of 2017
				October 2017	September 2018	2017	2018	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,413,575	3,161,872	3,607,491	106	114	32,178,582	33,260,231	103
Mature	48,259	42,103	49,986	104	119	448,666	457,203	102
Light	7,113	5,864	7,304	103	125	84,603	69,449	82
Heavy	41,146	36,239	42,682	104	118	364,063	387,754	107
Total	3,461,834	3,203,975	3,657,477	106	114	32,627,248	33,717,434	103
Turkeys								
Young	366,741	271,130	365,270	100	135	2,884,380	3,024,158	105
Old	3,979	3,440	4,183	105	122	30,891	30,703	99
Total	370,720	274,570	369,453	100	135	2,915,271	3,054,861	105
Ducks	4,605	3,993	5,368	117	134	42,673	44,689	105
Other ¹	247	131	197	80	150	1,419	1,322	93
Total	3,837,406	3,482,669	4,032,495	105	116	35,586,611	36,818,306	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	295,968	255,882	285,945	97	112	2,721,718	2,643,273	97
Mature	5	-	-	(X)	(X)	29	10	34
Light	5	-	-	(X)	(X)	27	10	37
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Total	295,973	255,882	285,945	97	112	2,721,747	2,643,283	97
Turkeys								
Young	183,377	153,495	203,253	111	132	2,086,288	1,876,788	90
Old	85	172	90	106	52	699	779	111
Total	183,462	153,667	203,343	111	132	2,086,987	1,877,567	90
Ducks	6,870	6,215	7,953	116	128	68,710	72,183	105
Other ¹	531	308	456	86	148	877	857	98
Total	486,836	416,072	497,697	102	120	4,878,321	4,593,890	94
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,709,543	3,417,754	3,893,436	105	114	34,900,300	35,903,504	103
Mature	48,264	42,103	49,986	104	119	448,695	457,213	102
Light	7,118	5,864	7,304	103	125	84,630	69,459	82
Heavy	41,146	36,239	42,682	104	118	364,065	387,754	107
Total	3,757,807	3,459,857	3,943,422	105	114	35,348,995	36,360,717	103
Turkeys								
Young	550,118	424,625	568,523	103	134	4,970,668	4,900,946	99
Old	4,064	3,612	4,273	105	118	31,590	31,482	100
Total	554,182	428,237	572,796	103	134	5,002,258	4,932,428	99
Ducks	11,475	10,208	13,321	116	130	111,383	116,872	105
Other ¹	778	439	653	84	149	2,296	2,179	95
Total	4,324,242	3,898,741	4,530,192	105	116	40,464,932	41,412,196	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2017	September 2018	October 2018	October 2018 as % of		January to October		2018 as percent of 2017
				October 2017	September 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	10,830	10,408	11,642	107	112	103,454	109,314	106
Mature	743	527	609	82	116	8,056	7,018	87
Light	216	171	186	86	109	2,760	2,189	79
Heavy	527	356	423	80	119	5,296	4,829	91
Total	11,573	10,935	12,251	106	112	111,510	116,332	104
Turkeys								
Young	1,556	1,415	1,654	106	117	15,875	16,033	101
Old	46	41	46	100	112	482	421	87
Total	1,602	1,456	1,700	106	117	16,357	16,454	101
Ducks	60	82	72	120	88	471	652	138
Total ¹	13,237	12,476	14,025	106	112	128,341	133,443	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.23	0.23	105	100	0.22	0.23	105
Mature	1.02	0.83	0.81	79	98	1.17	1.01	86
Light	1.56	1.50	1.31	84	87	1.68	1.62	96
Heavy	0.89	0.68	0.69	78	101	1.01	0.87	86
Total	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	96	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.27	0.23	100	85	0.26	0.26	100
Old	0.85	0.87	0.82	96	94	1.15	1.01	88
Total	0.23	0.27	0.24	104	89	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks	0.38	0.58	0.40	105	69	0.31	0.41	132
Total ¹	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	96	0.24	0.24	100

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	October 2017	September 2018	October 2018	October 2018 as % of		January to October		2018 as percent of 2017
				October 2017	September 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	29,212	23,828	27,881	95	117	287,354	274,846	96
Mature	2,095	1,555	1,855	89	119	22,054	17,721	80
Light	515	355	434	84	122	6,482	4,316	67
Heavy	1,580	1,200	1,421	90	118	15,572	13,405	86
Total	31,307	25,383	29,736	95	117	309,408	292,567	95
Turkeys								
Young	7,454	6,350	7,464	100	118	71,054	69,422	98
Old	207	172	159	77	92	1,736	1,687	97
Total	7,661	6,522	7,623	100	117	72,790	71,109	98
Ducks	319	322	330	103	102	2,935	3,108	106
Other ¹	8	6	8	100	133	34	31	91
Total	39,295	32,233	37,697	96	117	385,167	366,815	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.78	0.69	0.71	91	103	0.82	0.76	93
Mature	4.16	3.56	3.58	86	101	4.68	3.73	80
Light	6.75	5.71	5.61	83	98	7.11	5.85	82
Heavy	3.70	3.21	3.22	87	100	4.10	3.34	81
Total	0.83	0.73	0.75	90	103	0.87	0.80	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.34	1.47	1.30	97	88	1.41	1.40	99
Old	4.85	4.55	3.59	74	79	5.21	5.09	98
Total	1.36	1.50	1.31	96	87	1.43	1.42	99
Ducks	2.70	3.06	2.42	90	79	2.57	2.59	101
Other ¹	1.02	1.35	1.21	119	90	1.46	1.40	96
Total	0.90	0.82	0.83	92	101	0.94	0.88	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: September and October 2018

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	2,890	2,687	675,546	729,240
Mature	-	-	114	140	87,846	102,645
Light	-	-	74	92	41,222	51,823
Heavy	-	-	40	48	46,624	50,822
Total	-	-	3,004	2,827	763,392	831,885
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	23	251	12,881	22,930
Old	-	-	7	4	1,080	1,243
Total	-	-	30	255	13,961	24,173
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	281,918	306,253	2,693	3,305	16,211	17,628
Mature	9,527	10,841	218	410	24,784	30,367
Light	2,325	2,983	13	189	13,416	15,083
Heavy	7,202	7,858	205	221	11,368	15,284
Total	291,445	317,094	2,911	3,715	40,995	47,995
Turkeys						
Young	3,252	6,006	156	497	102	44
Old	466	405	16	2	203	119
Total	3,718	6,411	172	499	305	163
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	11,022	12,140	47,070	52,672	118,566	129,012
Mature	3,886	4,434	891	957	27,357	26,662
Light	2,230	2,539	264	209	21,690	21,404
Heavy	1,656	1,895	627	748	5,667	5,258
Total	14,908	16,574	47,961	53,629	145,923	155,674
Turkeys						
Young	85	145	284	854	663	1,747
Old	15	7	7	31	97	115
Total	100	152	291	885	760	1,862
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	37,341	35,339	632,194	727,952	1,825,451	2,016,228
Mature	1,216	1,347	71,541	89,934	227,380	267,737
Light	126	126	45,182	57,023	126,542	151,471
Heavy	1,090	1,221	26,359	32,911	100,838	116,266
Total	38,557	36,686	703,735	817,886	2,052,831	2,283,965
Turkeys						
Young	313	454	12,089	18,950	29,848	51,878
Old	16	19	486	533	2,393	2,478
Total	329	473	12,575	19,483	32,241	54,356

- 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: September and October 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	87,465	98,043	488,560	546,683	5.59	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	79,845	92,042	539,105	617,858	6.75	6.71
California	21,008	23,502	127,123	146,432	6.05	6.23
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	31,518	35,119	230,250	254,704	7.31	7.25
Florida	4,329	4,539	26,404	27,736	6.10	6.11
Georgia	102,050	111,480	617,420	669,359	6.05	6.00
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,495	6,522	24,233	28,906	4.41	4.43
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,682	26,741	155,161	172,093	6.55	6.44
Louisiana	15,514	17,448	95,546	107,875	6.16	6.18
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,507	11,853	64,146	72,169	6.11	6.09
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,229	5,096	26,098	30,970	6.17	6.08
Mississippi	59,582	65,229	378,495	413,579	6.35	6.34
Missouri	35,260	40,217	177,812	202,352	5.04	5.03
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	86	125	425	585	4.93	4.69
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,060	2,417	10,206	11,897	4.95	4.92
North Carolina	58,020	77,947	468,986	629,751	8.08	8.08
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	8,302	9,634	43,194	49,952	5.20	5.19
Oklahoma	12,354	13,240	80,835	87,976	6.54	6.64
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,077	11,278	58,225	64,685	5.78	5.74
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,094	27,043	178,614	204,585	7.73	7.57
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee	25,203	26,503	137,594	143,170	5.46	5.40
Texas	52,267	58,308	343,180	386,748	6.57	6.63
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,490	30,991	167,594	187,734	6.10	6.06
Washington	3,605	4,205	23,539	27,498	6.53	6.54
West Virginia	8,615	9,528	32,995	36,589	3.83	3.84
Wisconsin	4,215	4,559	17,111	18,658	4.06	4.09
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	719,006	817,500	4,532,242	5,164,316	6.30	6.32

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	372,147	416,226	1,985	2,247	0.53	0.54
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	404,741	463,947	2,622	2,867	0.64	0.61
California	95,139	109,430	1,015	1,138	1.06	1.03
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	177,439	196,255	1,239	1,306	0.69	0.66
Florida	19,803	20,802	225	258	1.12	1.23
Georgia	466,487	504,309	3,246	3,927	0.69	0.77
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,679	21,082	72	79	0.41	0.37
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	117,610	130,146	915	1,154	0.77	0.88
Louisiana	72,266	81,091	366	371	0.50	0.46
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	47,580	53,388	346	404	0.72	0.75
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	19,942	23,209	131	152	0.65	0.65
Mississippi	290,314	319,152	2,070	2,270	0.71	0.71
Missouri	130,879	148,211	694	743	0.53	0.50
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	311	420	3	7	0.89	1.61
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,336	7,333	229	292	3.49	3.82
North Carolina	360,955	484,645	2,524	3,257	0.69	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	32,135	37,143	259	384	0.80	1.02
Oklahoma	60,814	66,067	208	247	0.34	0.37
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	39,754	44,454	854	971	2.10	2.14
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	134,536	154,084	1,168	1,527	0.86	0.98
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	100,992	105,273	738	764	0.73	0.72
Texas	262,193	295,147	1,682	2,032	0.64	0.68
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	119,701	133,877	503	532	0.42	0.40
Washington	17,599	20,586	65	84	0.37	0.41
West Virginia	23,573	26,141	235	230	0.99	0.87
Wisconsin	12,785	13,954	45	57	0.35	0.41
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,417,754	3,893,436	23,828	27,881	0.69	0.71

- 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: September and October 2018

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	250	256	40,317	46,417
Arkansas	-	-	48	65	62,502	59,214
Delaware	-	-	521	716	52,224	59,777
Georgia	-	-	7	18	54,425	56,350
Mississippi	-	-	64	45	17,509	18,641
Missouri	-	-	-	2	26,265	29,014
North Carolina	-	-	103	82	68,025	74,725
Texas	-	-	301	111	58,248	57,313
Virginia	-	-	71	45	20,595	23,051
United States	-	-	2,890	2,687	675,546	729,240

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	28,692	31,363	96	222	2,003	1,934
Arkansas	20,755	20,270	115	145	1,052	1,149
Delaware	28,817	24,806	19	28	644	804
Georgia	65,536	73,376	181	232	1,772	2,037
Mississippi	7,405	9,527	119	112	1,026	961
Missouri	3,368	3,361	16	20	393	438
North Carolina	19,822	17,990	60	234	1,620	1,898
Texas	14,732	14,710	280	417	896	907
Virginia	9,554	11,110	15	30	505	513
United States	281,918	306,253	2,693	3,305	16,211	17,628

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	570	670	3,253	4,047	16,143	20,197
Arkansas	308	300	4,738	5,982	5,006	4,639
Delaware	826	835	3,064	3,015	6,299	4,450
Georgia	605	569	13,230	12,684	36,944	39,935
Mississippi	718	888	2,656	3,206	2,021	1,984
Missouri	50	60	249	252	1,552	1,653
North Carolina	546	657	4,784	5,354	4,168	4,540
Texas	499	460	374	327	4,064	3,915
Virginia	722	715	721	940	1,993	2,278
United States	11,022	12,140	47,070	52,672	118,566	129,012

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	2,174	857	35,958	31,808	129,456	137,771
Arkansas	2,297	1,883	114,290	133,037	211,111	226,684
Delaware	2,821	1,783	5,696	5,753	100,931	101,967
Georgia	7,485	11,417	62,571	75,665	242,756	272,283
Mississippi	393	312	12,521	14,228	44,432	49,904
Missouri	58	56	16,187	20,599	48,138	55,455
North Carolina	2,602	3,119	45,360	42,998	147,090	151,597
Texas	1,293	1,045	17,064	17,011	97,751	96,216
Virginia	378	489	10,664	11,728	45,218	50,899
United States	37,341	35,339	632,194	727,952	1,825,451	2,016,228

- 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: September and October 2018

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,447	3,752	49,934	72,785	20.40	19.40
California	785	1,760	22,668	43,921	28.87	24.96
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	1,789	2,065	67,772	78,638	37.89	38.07
Iowa	1,019	1,339	43,448	57,267	42.65	42.78
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,543	3,892	90,057	105,651	25.42	27.15
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	828	950	26,688	30,274	32.21	31.88
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,259	2,246	42,885	79,930	34.05	35.59
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	459	550	20,510	25,122	44.66	45.72
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	688	1,220	19,038	30,041	27.66	24.62
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	473	583	6,998	8,949	14.80	15.36
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1,903	2,567	52,569	67,869	27.63	26.44
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,387	23,684	531,593	710,416	30.57	30.00

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(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	41,536	60,775	361	394	0.86	0.64
California	18,119	35,441	171	210	0.94	0.59
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	54,776	63,681	1,001	1,108	1.79	1.71
Iowa	34,241	45,089	511	651	1.47	1.42
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	71,777	84,087	1,155	1,163	1.58	1.36
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	21,626	24,528	98	116	0.45	0.47
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
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	33,299	62,596	288	440	0.86	0.70
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,388	20,075	315	315	1.89	1.54
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	15,208	23,882	337	539	2.17	2.21
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	5,766	7,504	43	57	0.75	0.75
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	42,125	54,404	630	866	1.47	1.57
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	424,625	568,523	6,350	7,464	1.47	1.30

- 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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