



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent from Last Year

April 2018 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

April 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.12 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in April 2018. The March 2019 revised certified total at 3.94 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from March 2018. The March revision represented an increase of 3.50 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2019 was 5.45 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.76 billion pounds, up 4 percent from April 2018. Mature chickens, at 63.9 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 606 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.3 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2019 averaged 6.29 pounds per bird, up slightly from April 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.62 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2019 averaged 32.9 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from April 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2019 totaled 12.4 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 35.9 million pounds, were 0.86 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.91 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2018	March 2019	April 2019	April 2019 as % of		January to April		2019 as percent of 2018
				April 2018	March 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	731,074	730,928	757,693	104	104	2,939,946	2,974,563	101
Mature	10,523	9,403	9,649	92	103	40,556	38,120	94
Light	4,290	3,068	3,159	74	103	15,743	12,195	77
Heavy	6,233	6,335	6,490	104	102	24,813	25,925	104
Total	741,597	740,331	767,342	103	104	2,980,502	3,012,683	101
Turkeys								
Young	18,970	17,978	18,311	97	102	75,583	73,036	97
Old	161	50	125	78	250	559	421	75
Total	19,131	18,028	18,436	96	102	76,142	73,457	96
Ducks	2,229	2,204	2,316	104	105	9,256	9,269	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,586,809	4,529,234	4,763,489	104	105	18,375,533	18,553,203	101
Mature	65,510	62,903	63,857	97	102	255,653	254,593	100
Light	14,537	10,543	10,851	75	103	54,163	41,892	77
Heavy	50,973	52,360	53,006	104	101	201,490	212,701	106
Total	4,652,319	4,592,137	4,827,346	104	105	18,631,186	18,807,796	101
Turkeys								
Young	597,493	596,483	601,863	101	101	2,400,781	2,405,705	100
Old	4,720	1,455	3,821	81	263	16,359	12,602	77
Total	602,213	597,938	605,684	101	101	2,417,140	2,418,307	100
Ducks	15,720	15,708	16,345	104	104	65,160	65,766	101
Other ¹	153	170	193	126	114	707	711	101
Total	5,270,405	5,205,953	5,449,568	103	105	21,114,193	21,292,580	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.27	6.20	6.29	100	101	6.25	6.24	100
Mature	6.23	6.69	6.62	106	99	6.30	6.68	106
Light	3.39	3.44	3.43	101	100	3.44	3.44	100
Heavy	8.18	8.27	8.17	100	99	8.12	8.20	101
Total	6.27	6.20	6.29	100	101	6.25	6.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	31.50	33.18	32.87	104	99	31.76	32.94	104
Old	29.32	29.10	30.57	104	105	29.26	29.93	102
Total	31.48	33.17	32.85	104	99	31.75	32.92	104
Ducks	7.05	7.13	7.06	100	99	7.04	7.10	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2018	March 2019	April 2019	April 2019 as % of		January to April		2019 as percent of 2018
				April 2018	March 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,202,737	3,165,068	3,335,227	104	105	12,798,157	12,982,132	101
Mature	42,871	41,701	42,602	99	102	167,393	169,185	101
Light	7,402	5,264	5,553	75	105	27,842	21,211	76
Heavy	35,469	36,437	37,049	104	102	139,551	147,974	106
Total	3,245,608	3,206,769	3,377,829	104	105	12,965,550	13,151,317	101
Turkeys								
Young	290,643	299,648	299,594	103	100	1,170,960	1,200,117	102
Old	3,480	1,076	2,845	82	264	12,065	9,355	78
Total	294,123	300,724	302,439	103	101	1,183,025	1,209,472	102
Ducks	4,509	4,197	4,416	98	105	18,793	18,473	98
Other ¹	94	111	122	130	110	451	452	100
Total	3,544,334	3,511,801	3,684,806	104	105	14,167,819	14,379,714	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	253,604	244,752	250,093	99	102	1,043,519	987,341	95
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	253,604	244,752	250,093	99	102	1,043,529	987,418	95
Turkeys								
Young	187,495	176,751	181,103	97	102	749,940	720,123	96
Old	75	25	88	117	352	255	226	89
Total	187,570	176,776	181,191	97	102	750,195	720,349	96
Ducks	6,962	7,272	7,517	108	103	28,885	29,628	103
Other ¹	12	5	11	92	220	43	33	77
Total	448,148	428,805	438,812	98	102	1,822,652	1,737,428	95
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,456,341	3,409,820	3,585,320	104	105	13,841,676	13,969,473	101
Mature	42,871	41,701	42,602	99	102	167,403	169,262	101
Light	7,402	5,264	5,553	75	105	27,852	21,211	76
Heavy	35,469	36,437	37,049	104	102	139,551	148,051	106
Total	3,499,212	3,451,521	3,627,922	104	105	14,009,079	14,138,735	101
Turkeys								
Young	478,138	476,399	480,697	101	101	1,920,900	1,920,240	100
Old	3,555	1,101	2,933	83	266	12,320	9,581	78
Total	481,693	477,500	483,630	100	101	1,933,220	1,929,821	100
Ducks	11,471	11,469	11,933	104	104	47,678	48,101	101
Other ¹	106	116	133	125	115	494	485	98
Total	3,992,482	3,940,606	4,123,618	103	105	15,990,471	16,117,142	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2018	March 2019	April 2019	April 2019 as % of		January to April		2019 as percent of 2018
				April 2018	March 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,978	10,169	10,140	102	100	43,382	42,330	98
Mature	651	673	570	88	85	2,927	2,556	87
Light	193	125	92	48	74	821	496	60
Heavy	458	548	478	104	87	2,106	2,060	98
Total	10,629	10,842	10,710	101	99	46,309	44,886	97
Turkeys								
Young	1,449	1,688	1,629	112	97	6,401	6,961	109
Old	47	19	23	49	121	177	145	82
Total	1,496	1,707	1,652	110	97	6,578	7,106	108
Ducks	51	67	64	125	96	230	294	128
Total ¹	12,176	12,617	12,426	102	98	53,117	52,288	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.22	0.21	95	95	0.24	0.23	96
Mature	0.99	1.07	0.89	90	83	1.14	1.00	88
Light	1.33	1.19	0.85	64	71	1.52	1.18	78
Heavy	0.90	1.05	0.90	100	86	1.05	0.97	92
Total	0.23	0.24	0.22	96	92	0.25	0.24	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.28	0.27	113	96	0.27	0.29	107
Old	1.00	1.31	0.60	60	46	1.08	1.15	106
Total	0.25	0.29	0.27	108	93	0.27	0.29	107
Ducks	0.32	0.43	0.39	122	91	0.35	0.45	129
Total ¹	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	96	0.25	0.25	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	April 2018	March 2019	April 2019	April 2019 as % of		January to April		2019 as percent of 2018
				April 2018	March 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	27,599	25,544	26,500	96	104	115,227	103,992	90
Mature	1,823	1,518	1,491	82	98	7,079	6,148	87
Light	455	409	390	86	95	1,751	1,548	88
Heavy	1,368	1,109	1,101	80	99	5,328	4,600	86
Total	29,422	27,062	27,991	95	103	122,306	110,140	90
Turkeys								
Young	6,900	7,075	7,495	109	106	27,277	28,618	105
Old	189	65	149	79	229	675	451	67
Total	7,089	7,140	7,644	108	107	27,952	29,069	104
Ducks	297	279	308	104	110	1,218	1,184	97
Other ¹	2	2	2	100	100	8	7	88
Total	36,810	34,483	35,945	98	104	151,484	140,400	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.79	0.74	0.73	92	99	0.83	0.74	89
Mature	4.08	3.51	3.38	83	96	4.06	3.50	86
Light	5.79	7.21	6.56	113	91	5.91	6.80	115
Heavy	3.71	2.95	2.89	78	98	3.68	3.01	82
Total	0.83	0.78	0.77	93	99	0.87	0.77	89
Turkeys								
Young	1.42	1.46	1.54	108	105	1.40	1.47	105
Old	5.05	5.57	4.83	96	87	5.19	4.50	87
Total	1.45	1.47	1.56	108	106	1.43	1.48	103
Ducks	2.52	2.37	2.52	100	106	2.49	2.40	96
Other ¹	1.85	1.69	1.48	80	88	1.59	1.42	89
Total	0.91	0.87	0.86	95	99	0.94	0.86	91

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: March and April 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,674	1,666	683,384	698,157
Mature	-	-	146	129	128,668	84,107
Light	-	-	100	100	83,813	54,190
Heavy	-	-	46	29	44,855	29,917
Total	-	-	1,820	1,795	812,052	782,264
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	29	52	18,292	16,046
Old	-	-	2	1	599	1,268
Total	-	-	31	53	18,891	17,314
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	598,195	538,693	2,164	2,240	19,739	18,819
Mature	9,596	7,580	220	270	30,472	29,087
Light	1,623	1,736	60	170	15,610	14,576
Heavy	7,973	5,844	160	100	14,862	14,511
Total	607,791	546,273	2,384	2,510	50,211	47,906
Turkeys						
Young	2,540	1,960	102	50	71	43
Old	174	304	1	1	29	71
Total	2,714	2,264	103	51	100	114
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	11,352	11,294	40,979	42,751	105,862	105,580
Mature	1,902	2,354	1,127	917	19,768	20,365
Light	1,637	2,145	326	367	13,805	16,121
Heavy	265	209	801	550	5,963	4,244
Total	13,254	13,648	42,106	43,668	125,630	125,945
Turkeys						
Young	73	77	446	399	811	792
Old	5	16	11	7	55	68
Total	78	93	457	406	866	860
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	28,988	37,011	782,276	771,296	2,274,613	2,227,507
Mature	252	437	59,428	60,868	251,579	206,114
Light	161	250	34,020	36,728	151,155	126,383
Heavy	91	187	25,408	24,140	100,424	79,731
Total	29,240	37,448	841,704	832,164	2,526,192	2,433,621
Turkeys						
Young	243	174	15,723	20,734	38,330	40,327
Old	5	26	325	331	1,206	2,093
Total	248	200	16,048	21,065	39,536	42,420

- 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: March and April 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	89,131	91,254	489,593	506,279	5.49	5.55
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	79,554	84,520	528,822	566,849	6.65	6.71
California	20,735	21,227	125,691	130,437	6.06	6.14
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	31,217	32,076	223,266	228,646	7.15	7.13
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	104,619	107,132	613,252	651,413	5.86	6.08
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,101	6,062	26,547	26,794	4.35	4.42
Iowa	2,143	2,088	11,270	10,866	5.26	5.20
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,048	24,082	143,889	152,230	6.24	6.32
Louisiana	15,497	15,411	92,919	95,643	6.00	6.21
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,215	11,210	61,838	70,406	6.05	6.28
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	59,762	59,589	371,674	374,993	6.22	6.29
Missouri	36,144	36,635	179,117	182,493	4.96	4.98
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	130	143	603	672	4.65	4.71
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,248	2,271	11,062	11,364	4.92	5.00
North Carolina	69,338	72,081	553,856	582,723	7.99	8.08
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	12,061	11,727	82,600	78,584	6.85	6.70
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,348	10,019	51,702	56,554	5.53	5.64
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,944	24,555	172,384	183,228	7.51	7.46
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,652	26,013	123,269	137,656	5.21	5.29
Texas	51,012	55,883	323,535	360,440	6.34	6.45
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,685	26,980	155,371	165,018	6.05	6.12
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	730,928	757,693	4,529,234	4,763,489	6.20	6.29

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2019

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	373,267	386,200	2,326	2,506	0.62	0.64
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	397,033	423,938	1,844	1,983	0.46	0.47
California	93,414	97,052	1,780	1,899	1.87	1.92
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	172,161	175,916	1,552	1,692	0.89	0.95
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	463,362	493,116	3,982	4,625	0.85	0.93
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	19,388	19,579	89	126	0.46	0.64
Iowa	8,156	7,865	430	445	5.01	5.36
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	109,328	115,468	1,208	1,180	1.09	1.01
Louisiana	70,195	71,615	279	300	0.40	0.42
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	45,969	52,014	596	504	1.28	0.96
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	283,407	285,451	1,761	1,702	0.62	0.59
Missouri	131,246	134,049	557	562	0.42	0.42
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	434	488	8	8	1.71	1.55
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,635	6,825	282	291	4.07	4.09
North Carolina	423,979	447,242	2,293	2,208	0.54	0.49
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	61,947	59,002	225	238	0.36	0.40
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	35,412	38,637	872	958	2.40	2.42
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	129,991	138,093	1,142	1,125	0.87	0.81
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	90,428	100,770	652	612	0.72	0.60
Texas	244,185	272,525	1,607	1,679	0.65	0.61
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	111,474	118,391	565	607	0.50	0.51
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,409,820	3,585,320	25,544	26,500	0.74	0.73

- 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: March and April 2019

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	314	333	44,055	44,716
Arkansas	-	-	45	45	51,085	61,469
Delaware	-	-	262	284	45,625	49,105
Georgia	-	-	28	29	62,912	63,058
Mississippi	-	-	97	75	15,079	16,121
North Carolina	-	-	94	70	55,014	55,192
Texas	-	-	99	100	53,384	58,014
Virginia	-	-	30	22	17,001	20,012
United States	-	-	1,674	1,666	683,384	698,157

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	30,681	39,041	121	187	1,727	1,855
Arkansas	18,894	19,284	101	101	1,114	1,141
Delaware	79,665	81,012	29	39	604	532
Georgia	178,754	166,746	309	343	2,205	2,205
Mississippi	9,311	10,557	156	152	846	847
North Carolina	26,721	17,682	47	45	1,198	1,204
Texas	16,222	18,912	115	131	980	1,008
Virginia	23,672	21,207	5	6	542	498
United States	598,195	538,693	2,164	2,240	19,739	18,819

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	649	570	3,968	3,842	16,990	15,717
Arkansas	214	212	4,181	4,237	4,510	4,331
Delaware	653	635	1,614	1,661	3,588	3,980
Georgia	554	608	11,968	11,456	23,886	27,868
Mississippi	743	847	2,622	2,881	1,738	1,900
North Carolina	448	398	3,769	3,872	3,106	2,964
Texas	299	373	287	280	3,585	3,931
Virginia	493	597	652	637	1,858	1,982
United States	11,352	11,294	40,979	42,751	105,862	105,580

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	753	1,676	35,419	45,878	134,677	153,815
Arkansas	1,855	1,874	101,637	99,752	183,636	192,446
Delaware	2,286	1,948	10,328	9,753	144,654	148,949
Georgia	6,663	4,706	90,270	90,223	377,549	367,242
Mississippi	298	375	10,872	13,367	41,762	47,122
North Carolina	2,873	2,889	41,592	43,778	134,862	128,094
Texas	881	1,242	14,803	15,117	90,655	99,108
Virginia	1,346	406	16,999	15,071	62,598	60,438
United States	28,988	37,011	782,276	771,296	2,274,613	2,227,507

- 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: March and April 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,678	2,772	51,549	54,591	19.25	19.69
California	475	490	15,430	16,862	32.51	34.40
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,868	1,937	76,143	79,304	40.75	40.94
Iowa	1,237	1,151	54,250	49,883	43.85	43.34
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,170	3,229	93,076	88,401	29.36	27.37
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	769	854	27,979	30,252	36.38	35.42
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	1,817	1,849	69,373	73,284	38.18	39.63
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	533	520	25,652	24,884	48.11	47.89
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	390	372	5,165	5,183	13.24	13.93
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,116	2,176	60,376	59,993	28.53	27.58
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	551	542	24,520	24,122	44.50	44.50
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,978	18,311	596,483	601,863	33.18	32.87

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2019

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(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	42,933	45,471	356	359	0.82	0.78
California	12,346	13,495	143	152	1.15	1.11
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	61,696	64,257	1,008	1,175	1.61	1.80
Iowa	42,760	39,251	600	615	1.38	1.54
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	74,350	70,460	1,023	972	1.36	1.36
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	22,626	24,464	123	180	0.54	0.73
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	54,595	57,626	367	377	0.67	0.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,486	19,882	351	348	1.69	1.72
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	4,423	4,392	38	33	0.86	0.75
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	48,096	47,829	812	824	1.66	1.69
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	19,455	19,087	216	260	1.10	1.35
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	476,399	480,697	7,075	7,495	1.46	1.54

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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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